

CFR 0546

Mr. and Mrs. John Hilderbrand

APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM HONORS

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Deadline for Filing Application - May 1, 1994<sup>5</sup>

(Please type or print)

Telephone #:

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Your Name (Mr., Mrs., Ms., Miss) Mr. & Mrs. John Hilderbrand

Your Address Redacted for Privacy

Street, Route or Box # City Zip Code

Location of Farm Redacted for Privacy

To qualify as a Century Farm, a farm must have no fewer than 10 acres with a gross income from farm use of not less than \$500 per year for three out of the five years immediately preceding application for Century Farm honors.

Does your farm meet this qualification? yes

Name of family member who was founder or original owner of farm: George W. Hilderbrand

Founder gained ownership of farm in (Year) March 2, 1894  
(ATTACH VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION, See Rule 9).

Founder came to Oregon from Hancock County, Illinois

Who farms the land today? John Hilderbrand / see attached letter

Relationship to original owner Grand son

Are any of the original buildings still in use? Yes

If yes, which ones? My home (1900) & chicken house

If you know crops or livestock raised on farm one hundred years ago, please list: Wheat and hay for horses

What do you raise on the farm today? Wheat

How many generations live on the farm today? 1

Please list names: John & Wanda Hilderbrand

Do you declare that the statements made above are accurate and correct to the best of your knowledge? yes

John Hilderbrand  
Signature of Owner

Please return forms to: Century Farm Program  
Oregon Historical Society  
1200 S. W. Park Avenue  
Portland, OR 97205-2483

STATEMENT FORM

I, John Ormand Hilderbrand,  
(Print Full Name)

hereby affirm and declare that the farm which I own at  
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(Full Address)

in Sherman County,

shall have been owned by my family as specified in Rule 2 of the  
RULES FOR 1994 CENTURY FARM PROGRAM for at least one hundred  
years by no later than December 31, 1994.

1895

John O. Hilderbrand  
Signature

- - - - - Acknowledgement (for use of Notary Public) - - - - -

STATE OF OREGON

County of Sherman

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 16th day of February,

1995, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for  
said County and State, personally appeared the within named

John O. Hilderbrand

known to me to be the identical individual described in and who  
executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he  
executed the same freely and voluntarily.

In Testimony Whereof, I have  
set my hand and affixed my  
official seal the day and  
year last above written.



Jenine Mc Dermid  
Notary Public for Oregon

Commission Expires 12-1-96



# JOHN & WANDA HILDERBRAND

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## EXPLANATION OF CURRENT OPERATION

We are now "leasing" the farming operation on a crop share basis. We have retained the management of the farm by being the one who makes the decision on what farm program to sign up for. We alone make the decision on the cultivation practises to be followed. We are consulted on the variety to be planted and we also decide on the seeding dates.

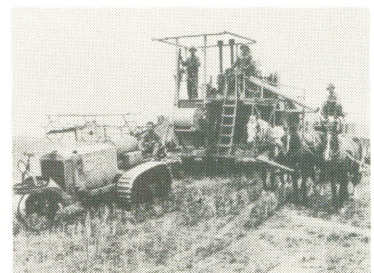
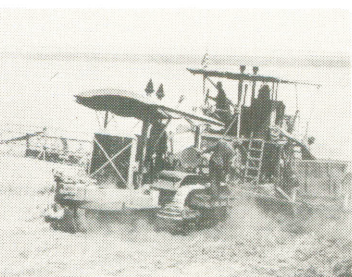
It is our duty as owners to spray for knapweed and some other special weeds with my tractor and sprayer. Also I have purchased a 6' trencher which I have used to stop the encroaching of tree roots, which have become a problem. The last several years we have paid for the building of many soil conservation terraces.

We know that this is not a normal lease but when you are brought up on and farmed a place all your life I will never give up control. Normally a lease in our area is on a crop share bases. In the Willamette Valley leases are one a dollar amount and the tenant has much more latitude in his operation.

Approximately 46 acres of this 1/2 section is owned by my brother and has not been in crop until this year. The remainder which Wanda and I own has been in a summerfallow wheat rotation except about 4 acres where our house, shop, etc. are.

The house was remodeled and enlarged by us in the mid 1950's. We also own more adjoining land that was our grandfathers' but was purchased somewhat later. Please note the pictures of my Grandfathers' harvest pictures taken on this farm.

*John A. Hilderbrand*



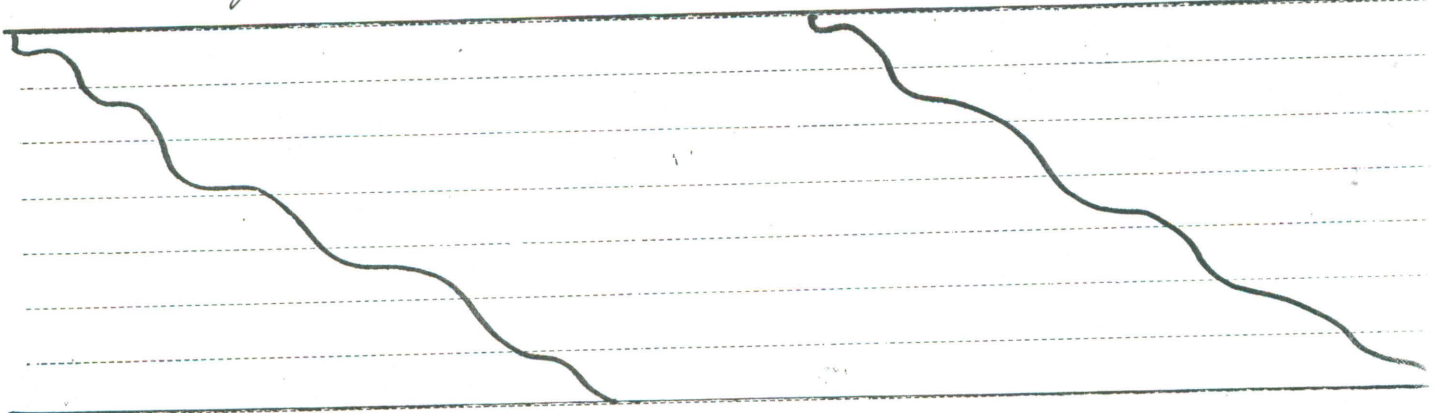


Know all Men by These Presents:

That We Jonathan Swayne, and Lizzie Swayne his wife of Knappa Clatsop Co. Oregon, in consideration of Five Hundred DOLLARS, to us paid by Geo. W. Wildebrand of Wasco Oregon

do hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey to said Geo. W. Wildebrand, his

heirs and assigns forever, the following described parcel of real estate, to-wit: The South East Quarter of Section No one in Township No 1 North of Range No 17 east, W. M. containing One Hundred and sixty acres and being and lying in Sherman County Oregon. Subject to a Mortgage of Two Hundred Dollars given to L. N. Mitchell, Dec 15<sup>th</sup> 1893.



TOGETHER with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging, or in any wise appertaining; and also all Our estate, right, title and interest, at law and equity therein or thereto, including dower and right of dower.

To Have and to Hold the Same to the said Geo. W. Wildebrand his

heirs and assigns forever. And We Jonathan Swayne<sup>3rd</sup> Lizzie Sway do covenant with the said Geo. W. Wildebrand,

and ~~his~~ legal representatives forever, that we are well seized in fee simple of said real estate, and the same is free from all incumbrances, and that we will and our heirs executors and administrators shall WARRANT AND DEFEND the title to the same to the said Geo. W. Wildebrand,

his heirs and assigns forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons whomsoever.

In Witness Whereof, We have hereunto set our hands and seals this 2<sup>d</sup> of March A. D. 1894

Signed in Presence of L. A. Mitchell, L. N. Mitchell

Jonathan Swayne (SEAL) Lizzie Swayne (SEAL)



to all Men by These Presents:

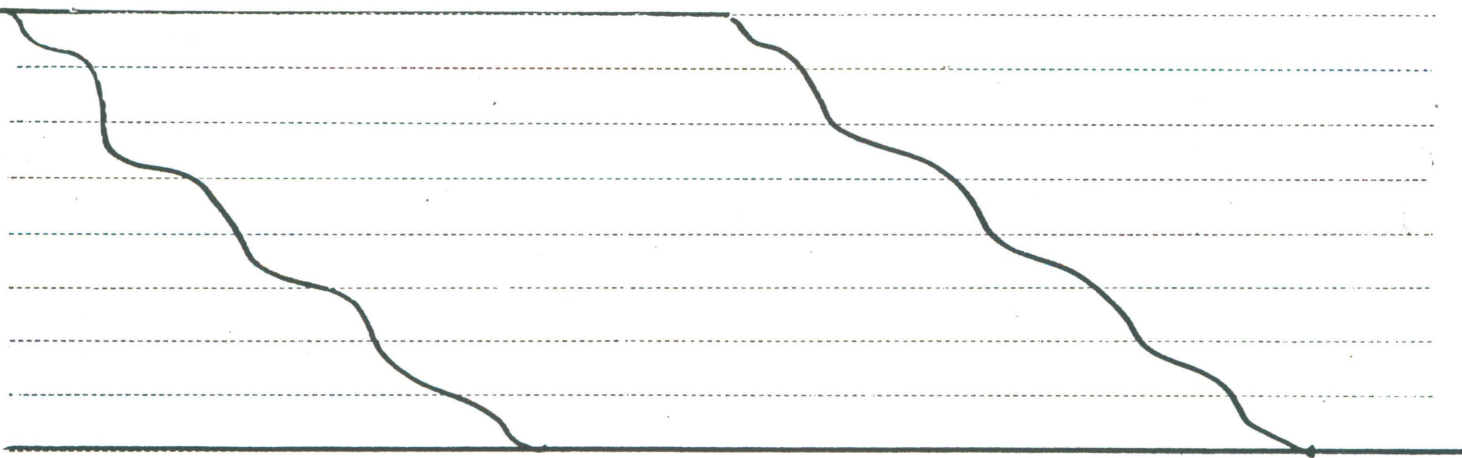
That We Lizzie Swayne, and Jonathan Swayne, of  
Wasco Wasco County, Oregon,

in consideration of Nine Hundred DOLLARS,  
to us paid by Geo. W. Hildebrand, of Wasco  
Oregon,

do hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey to said Geo. W. Hildebrand  
his

heirs and assigns forever, the following described parcel of real estate, to-wit:

Lots Two, Six, and Seven, and the North East  
Quarter of the North West Quarter of Section 5  
Six in Township No 1 North of Range No  
eighteen East containing One Hundred and  
forty acres and  $\frac{60}{100}$  and being and lying in  
Sherman County, Oregon,



TOGETHER with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging, or in  
any wise appertaining; and also all Our estate, right, title and interest, at law and  
equity therein or thereto, including dower and right of dower.

To Have and to Hold the Same to the said Geo. W. Hildebrand,

his  
heirs and assigns forever. And We Lizzie Swayne and Jonathan Swayne  
do covenant with the said Geo. W. Hildebrand

and ~~his~~ <sup>his</sup> legal representatives forever, that We well seized in fee simple of said real  
estate, and the same is free from all incumbrances, and that We will and Our heirs,  
executors and administrators shall WARRANT AND DEFEND the title to the same  
to the said Geo. W. Hildebrand

his heirs and assigns forever, against the lawful claims and demands of  
all persons whomsoever.

In Witness Whereof, We have hereunto set our hands and seals this 2 day  
of March A. D. 1894

Signed in Presence of

L. A. Mitchell  
L. N. Mitchell

Lizzie Swayne (SAL)  
Jonathan Swayne (SAL)



AFFIDAVIT.

State of Oregon,  
County of Sherman, s.s.

I, Geo. W. Hilderbrand, being first duly sworn upon my oath, depose and say that I am a citizen of the United States and over the age of 21 years: that I am the identical grantee named in the attached deed from Lizzie Swayne and Jonathan Swayne to Geo. W. Hildebrand of Wasco, Oregon, dated March 2d, 1894, which said deed purports to convey to said grantee Lots 2, 6 & 7, and the N.E. 1/4 of the N.W. 1/4 of Section 6, in Township 1 North of Range 18 East of W.M. in Sherman County, Oregon.

That the description of the land contained in said deed is erroneous in this: Said land should have been described as Lots 6 and 7, and the North-east quarter of the South-west quarter of said Section 6, which said last described tract was the land then actually owned by the said grantors, Lizzie Swayne and Jonathan Swayne, and was the land which ~~it~~ they intended to convey by said deed to this affiant. That I have examined the United States patent for said land, which is on record in the County Clerk's office in said Sherman County, State of Oregon, and that the description of said land so patented by the Government to the said Lizzie Swayne is stated as Lots 6 and 7, and the N.E. 1/4 of the S.W. 1/4 of Section 6, in Township 1 North of Range 18 East of W.M.

That said error occurred through inadvertence and was purely unintentional on the part of anyone, but that it is causing this affiant some embarrassment and inconvenience in the handling and disposition of his said land: and that I am advised by my attorney that it is necessary for me to obtain a Quitclaim deed of said premises, as described in said Government patent, from the said Lizzie Swayne and her husband to me, in order to cure the mistake in the former deed.

Wherefore, this affiant requests that the said Lizzie Swayne and Jonathan Swayne execute and deliver to the said Geo. W. Hilderbrand a Quitclaim deed, as above set forth.

Geo. W. Hilderbrand

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of May, 1919.

J. B. Hasford

My commission expires

Notary Public for Oregon.

May 1, 1920.

and ~~legal~~ <sup>us</sup> legal representatives forever, that We well seized in fee simple of said real estate, and the same is free from all incumbrances, and that We will and Our heirs, executors and administrators shall WARRANT AND DEFEND the title to the same to the said Geo. W. Hilderbrand

His heirs and assigns forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons whomsoever.

In Witness Whereof, We have hereunto set our hands and seals this 2 day of March A. D. 1894

Signed in Presence of

L. A. Mitchell  
L. N. Mitchell

Lizzie Swayne (S) (AL)  
Jonathan Swayne (S) (AL)



## GENERAL OREGON.

was married to Lenora Ritchey, born in Ohio, April 12, 1863. Her parents were Emanuel and Rebecca (Zimmerman) Ritchey. The mother was a descendant of an old Pennsylvania Dutch family of distinguished lineage. Emanuel Ritchey, the father of our subject's wife, served in the Civil war. Mr. Simpson has three brothers and six sisters; James, at Salt Lake, Utah; David, a merchant in Oak Shade, Ohio; George, in Wyoming; Annie, wife of William Bath, of Sandhill, Erie county, Ohio; Maggie, wife of William Cook, a merchant in Huron, Ohio; Mary, wife of Charles Cleveland, a carpenter in Huron; Jennie, wife of Christopher Cleveland, of Marion, Ohio; Lizzie, wife of Dudley Morrill, a merchant in Stockton, California; and Clara, wife of John McQuillan, of Delta, Fulton county, Ohio. Mrs. Simpson has two brothers and two sisters; John and Burt, the latter living in Spokane; Bertha, wife of Eugene Sindel, of San Juan, California; and Estella, who is single.

Mr. and Mrs. Simpson have two children; Fay, a girl of sixteen, and Linn, a boy aged eleven years. Politically, Mr. Simpson is a Republican, but is not particularly active in the campaigns. He has been school director of his district. He is a man of sterling integrity and one who has been very successful in financial circles.

Mr. Simpson has, without doubt, one of the most handsome farm residences in Sherman county. It is a strictly modern, eight-room structure, finished throughout in hard oil, and is of exceptionally beautiful architectural design. All his other buildings are in keeping with his residence, and his is one of the choice and beautiful places of this prosperous country. Mr. Simpson, also, has the distinction of bringing the first automobile to Sherman county. Being of a mechanical turn of mind, he is adding a machine shop to the other improvements of the estate, not, however, for commercial purposes, but that he may have at hand the necessities for the pursuit of his desires as his inclinations have always been in the direction of inventions and mechanical investigations.

GEORGE W. HILDERBRAND, a prosperous and successful farmer of Sherman county, resides three and one-half miles east of Wasco. He was born in Hancock county, Illinois, February 19, 1865. His father, Michael, was a native of the Keystone State, of Pennsylvania Dutch descent. He died in Illinois, April 28, 1876. The mother, Rebecca (Royce) Hilderbrand, was born in McDonough county, Illinois; her father in

Indiana, and her mother in Tobias county, North Carolina. At present she lives near Klondike Sherman county, with the family of her son-in-law, John A. Walter.

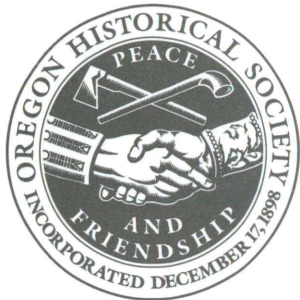
Until he had attained his majority, our subject was reared in Illinois on the home farm where he attended the public schools. In 1886 he migrated to Yuba county, California, where he remained one year near Marysville. Thence, with slender capital, he came to Sherman county where he purchased land on credit. At present he owns one thousand or more acres of land, a fine, two-story brick house, good outbuildings, threshing outfit, etc.

He was married May 17, 1897, at The Dalles to Rebecca Chamberlain, a native of Missouri the daughter of Joseph and Ruth (Corell) Chamberlain. Her father was a native of England, and died at Lyle, Washington, in June, 1902. Her mother, a native of Missouri, now lives at Lyle on the homestead. They moved from Missouri to Lyle about 1889 and secured a homestead where the mother now lives.

Our subject has one brother and five sisters Douglass, a farmer living ten miles east of Wasco Ellen, widow of John Bailey; Lillie, wife of William Lyons, a farmer in Illinois; Josephine, wife of Byron W. Anson, living near Klondike, and mentioned elsewhere; Lutherie, wife of Cyrus Lofton, of Tygh Valley, Wasco county, and Fannie, wife of John A. Walters, a farmer near Klondike postoffice. He had three sisters, now deceased: Annie E., wife of George Strand, died October 6, 1902, aged thirty-five years; Laura wife of William Harding, died in Yuba county California, February 6, 1880; Martha J., died in Hancock county, Illinois, aged two years. Mrs. Hilderbrand has two brothers and five sisters Robert and Fred, at Lyle, Washington; Nettie wife of Clark McCarty; Fanny, wife of John Spitzenberger, of Salem, Oregon; Emma, single living with our subject; Neta, aged sixteen, and Minnie, aged twelve, with her mother at Lyle. Mr. Hilderbrand is a member of the M. W. of A. of Klondike, and politically is a Democrat, and serving his fourth term as clerk of his school district. Mr. and Mrs. Hilderbrand have four children, Vestia, Ormond, Joseph, and Roscoe. Mr. Hilderbrand is a genial and popular member of his community, and one who has won and retains the confidence of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances.

WILLIAM I. WESTERFIELD is the proprietor of the Grass Valley Journal, a bright and newsy sheet of Sherman county, the product of his skill and brain. He was born in Lafayette

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March 13, 1995

Shirley Miller, Coordinator  
SHERMAN COUNTY CENTURY FARM PROGRAM  
66255 Douma Road  
Moro, OR 97039

Dear Shirley:

Very best greetings from OHS. Here's my first opportunity to relate to you a Sherman County Century Farm that has come my way- I'm not sure if you already are aware of this or not. Hope I haven't done too badly on my first try!

As you can see on the application, this comes from the Hilderbrand family in Wasco- the historic George W. Hilderbrand farm, established March 2, 1894. Mr. & Mrs. Hilderbrand had questions regarding the extent of their management of the farm to allow them to achieve Century Farm status.

Their application and accompanying letter "Explanation of Current Operation" has sufficiently satisfied the OHS requirements for a Century Farm designation, and I have forwarded to them our letter of approval.

Attached for your records is a copy of the Hilderbrand Century Farm application, their letter of operations, and a copy of our approval notification.

I hope this is all sufficient information for your needs as Sherman County Century Farm coordinator. Please let me know.

Enclosed also for your information is a copy of the Manitoba Historical Society's application for "Centennial Farm Awards". It looks familiar, hmmm. Any ideas? (How about an International Century Farm Association and newsletter?).

Best to everyone,

Sincerely,

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