

CFR 0552

Gorden K. Jernstedt and Carolyn L. Cook

APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM HONORS

OFR 0552

Deadline for filing application - May 1, 1990

Please type or print:

Carolyn L. Cook

Your name (Mr., Mrs., Ms.) Gordon K. JernstedtYour address Redacted for Privacy
Street, Route, or Box City ZIP CodeLocation of Farm Redacted for Privacy
Address County

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 _____
Frank Theodore Jernstedt

Founder gained ownership of farm in (Year) 1885 ATTACH VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION.
(see rule 9)

Founder came to Oregon from Sweden, via Kansas and ColoradoWho farms the land today? Ernest F. Jernstedt (grandson of founder)Relationship to original owner All of us are grandchildren of Frank JernstedtAre any of the original buildings still in use? NO If so, which ones?

If you know crops or livestock raised on farm one hundred years ago, please list:
Wheat, oats, hops . I'm told there may have been 60 acres of hops

What do you raise on the farm today? primarily wheat and crimson clover,
and occasionally oats and field peas.

How many generations live on the farm today? one Please list names: _____Carolyn Cook (granddaughter of founder)

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

PLEASE RETURN FORM TO:

Century Farm Program
Oregon Historical Society
1230 S.W. Park Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97205

Gordon K. Jernstedt
Signature of Owner

Gordon K. Jernstedt

18 March 1990

Narrative in support of application for Century Farm

Farm size: 100 acres

Gross Income: 1989: Redacted for
Privacy
1988:
1987:

This farm of 100 acres was originally purchased by my grandfather and grandmother, Frank and Anna Jernstedt in April, 1885, and has been continuously owned and operated by members of the Jernstedt family since that time. More farms were added to the original 100 at various times, but their ownership and operation is with my cousin, Ernest F. Jernstedt.

In my grandfather's old age two of his sons, Ernest F. Jernstedt (SR) and Maurice Jernstedt, farmed the land. When my grandfather died in 1925, the original 100 acres was then in my grandmother's name. My father came back to the farms in 1932. Both uncles died in the 1930's, and my father became the operating manager of the farms, including the original 100 acres. My grandmother died in 1942, and that portion of the farms in her name was inherited by all the surviving children and grandchildren. My father bought out all the other heirs in 1947 and continued to operate the farm. In the late 1940's my Cousin, Ernest Jernstedt (a grandson of Frank Jernstedt) associated with my father in the management of the other pieces of property, and assumed ownership of those other pieces when his mother died. My father continued in active operation until 1970 when he "retired". My cousin Ernest then included the 100 acres as part of the farm work. My father was always around and did much tractor work and grain hauling. My father built a house on the 100 in 1960 and lived there until his death in 1983.

Since 1983 I have been the decision making owner, although my sister is an equal owner of the farm. She lives in the house my father

built. I have worked on the farm each year since 1983, usually during the summer. My sister and I still own some items of equipment that are used in the farming operation. Actual farm work is done by my cousin, Ernest Jernstedt.

None of the original buildings remain. I can just barely remember the ruins of an old house, but even those disappeared when I was quite small. That house accessed onto Mineral Springs Road. Whether there were ever other buildings at that site I cannot of my own knowledge say, but would assume there must have been. The current farmstead ^{on Jernstedt Road} was started with the construction of a barn sometime around 1912 or 1914, and a small kitchen orchard was planted, with the idea that one of the uncles would probably build and live there. It was not until 1960 that my father built the house and machine shed. The barn was destroyed in the windstorm of 1962.

According to what my cousin remembers my father or my uncles saying, there may have been 60 acres of hops when my grandfather bought the farm. The hop yard was still in operation when my father was a child (certainly not long after the turn of the century). We have a picture of the hop picking crew from perhaps 1905 or a little later with my father sitting in one of the hop baskets.

I can remember the period from the 1930's. At that time there was one 55 acre field and a 4 acre field. The rest was in woods and pasture. The 4 acre plot had alfalfa for hay for a long time, and then went into the wheat/field peas rotation. The barn on the 100 was the main sheep barn. and most of the lambing was done there. We used to have to carry water up from the creek if there wasn't enough rainwater in the tank that caught run-off from the roof. Until 1951 there was a magnificent

stand of Douglas Fir along the west side of the farm. Some of the trees were as much as 4 to 8 feet across when the logs were taken off in 1951. Some of the timbered area was incorporated into the field system and the rest was replanted to trees.

Currently the 4 acre piece and some former pasture and wood lot are in conservation reserve. The original 55 acre field has been expanded and is now farmed in two pieces. At one time there was about 25 acres of grass for seed.

Although he officially "retired" in 1970, my father continued to do a lot of farm work, driving tractors, combines and trucks almost until he died. In his very last years he did not do much with the big tractors or the big combine, but if there was any activity, my father would be around. He did a lot of the grain hauling. In fact my father dropped dead of a massive heart attack just about 100 yards from my cousin's house, which stands on the site of the house where my father had been born. He was standing by the truck waiting to help the tractor driver refill the grain drill. She turned to concentrate on stopping the tractor. When she got off the tractor she couldn't see him. She ran back to the drill to find that he had fallen to the ground. Although she tried she couldn't revive him.

The farms were early mechanized. I do remember teams of horses in the early '30's, and the last team was sold in about 1940. The first machines I remember ^{were} was a 15' Holt combine, which was usually pulled by a Caterpillar 22. There was also a steel wheeled John Deere Model D. The "Cat" and the John Deere were replaced in about 1939 with a Caterpillar D-2 and another John Deere with rubber tires. Later tractors included a series of Allis Chalmers of various sizes and a Ford. There were a couple steam tractors sitting around, but I can only remember one being used just once, with the clover huller.

The Holt combine was replaced by a Massey Harris Self propelled combine in 1944 or 1945. That was when we went from sacking all the grain to bulk hauling. We also had a succession of small combines including a couple Allis Chalmers 66's and a Case 8', some Baldwins and now my cousin's current New Holland. The earliest truck I can remember was a Model T. It was replaced by a GMC in 1935, a Reo in 1946 and a Chevrolet in about 1970 or so.

My father raised some sheep for breeding and market. When I was growing up they were purebred Hampshires and later Suffolks. Most of the males were sold for breeding rams for many years, and a truckload of lambs or two would be taken to market each year. The pasture areas of the farm were used for forage, and the sheep were put on the fields after harvest.

For a long time the land was posted against hunting and the State released Chinese Pheasants on the land. We occasionally saw deer as they roamed through the creek bottoms and occasionally came up to sample the apples in the small orchard. Even after the house was built in 1960, deer would come through the yard and garden, sometimes nipping my mother's flowers and young plants. That was when they ceased to seem quite so beautiful and interesting to watch. Once in a while we would see a red fox or coyote.

knownedged to me that they executed the same freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

And

Elizabeth A Alder

vi. 22 of the said

Emmitt Alder

on an examination made be me, separate and apart from her said husband acknowledged to me that she executed the same freely and voluntarily, and without fear, coercion or compulsion from any one.

I whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial Seal the day

and

Brushy King
Notary Public for Oregon in said Co

WARNING

Emmitt Alder

Elizabeth Alder

TO

James H. Pennington

State of Oregon,

Malheur County, } ss.

I certify that the within instrument of writing was received for record on the 28th day of April at 11 o'clock a.m., 1885, and recorded on page 616.14 in Book 46 Records of Deeds of said County.

Witness my hand and seal of County af-
fixed.

E. A. W. Wehner

County Clerk.

By W. H. Thompson
Deputy.

From the Office of

W. H. Thompson
Notary Public Oregon
\$1.25 fee

Know all Men by these Presents,

That The Emmitt Olds and Elizabeth A. Olds
his wife

in consideration of Twenty Eight Hundred and no/100 Dollars,

to me paid by Frank J. Pernstedt

do hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey to said Frank J. Pernstedt

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

Situate lying and being in Yamhill County
State of Oregon and being a part of the Donation
land claim of Ruel Olds and Elizabeth Olds his
wife and children No 1548 Claim No 70 in Section 2
No. Twenty and Thirty Twp. 31N, in Town-
ship No 3 South of Range No 1 West of the Will-
amette meridian described as: Beginning at
the South East Corner of said Donation land claim
and running thence due West along the South
boundary line of said claim thirty one (31) chains
and sixty two and one half (62 1/2) links; Thence due
North thirty one chains and sixty two and one half
(62 1/2) links; Thence due East thirty one (31) chains
and sixty two and one half (62 1/2) links to the East bound-
ary line of said claim; Thence South along said East
boundary line thirty one (31) chains and sixty two
to the place of beginning and
containing about 1600 acres of land

Together with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging, or in any wise appertaining;
and also all 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 Frank J. Pernstedt

heirs and assigns forever. And the said Emmitt Olds and Elizabeth A. Olds
do covenant with the said Frank J. Pernstedt

and his legal representatives forever, that the said real estate is free from all incumbrances, and that they
will and their heirs, executors, and administrators, shall WARRANT AND DEFEND the same to the said

STATE OF OREGON,

County of Yamhill

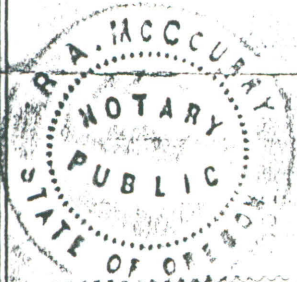
ss.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 15th day of July, A. D. 1947, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared the within named Fred C. Jernstedt and Mae Jernstedt, his wife; Singhe Scott and Walter A. Scott, her husband; Emma N. Jernstedt, unmarried; Ernest Jernstedt, Jr., unmarried, and Annabelle Jernstedt, unmarried, who are known to me to be the identical individual s. described in and who executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same freely and voluntarily.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal the day and year last above written.

Notary Public for Oregon.

My Commission expires Oct. 18, 1947.



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WARRANTY DEED

FORM No. 3

Fred C. Jernstedt, et al.,

TO

Leonard R. Jernstedt and
Bessie O. Jernstedt,
husband and wife.

STATE OF OREGON,

ss.

County of Yamhill
I certify that the within instrument was received for record on the 15th day of July, A. D. 1947 at 5:02 o'clock P. M., and recorded in book 17 on page 714, Record of Deeds of said County.

WITNESS my hand and seal of County affixed.

County Clerk,
Recorder of Conveyances,
By [Signature] Deputy.

STEVENS, NESS & LAW PUBL. CO., PORTLAND

STATE OF OREGON,

County of Lane.

ss.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 21st day of August, 1947 before me the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County

L.R. Jernstedt
[Signature]

CARLTON

0-6-6

B 230

33⁰

42¹

B 213

F wheat

12³

Sp. ⑤
Oats

Sp. Oats. ④

23⁸

B 138

MINERAL
SPRINGS
RD

26 25

F wheat

F wht

To Lafayette

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