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Daral K. Pearson

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APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM HONORS

Deadline for Filing Application - May 1, 1996

(Please print or type)

Telephone #:

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Your Name (Mr., Mrs., Ms., Miss)

Your Address

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Street, Route or Box #

City

Zip Code

Location of Farm 5 Miles S. Hillsboro 2.4 Miles West on Firdale Rd

To qualify as a Century Farm, a farm must have a gross income from farm use of not less than \$1,000.00 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:

Henry Caswell Pearson

Founder gained ownership of farm in (Year) 1892

(ATTACH VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION, See Rule 9).

Founder came to Oregon from England

Who farms the land today? Daral K. Pearson

Relationship to original owner Grandson

Are any of the original buildings still in use? No

If yes, which ones? \_\_\_\_\_

If you know crops or livestock raised on farm one hundred years ago, please list: cleared timber to raise

potatoes - Cows - Pigs + chickens

What do you raise on the farm today? Timber

Grain Filberts

How many generations live on the farm today? 1

Please list names: Lauretta Pearson + her husband

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

Daral K Pearson

Signature of Owner

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

STATEMENT FORM

I, Daral K Pearson,  
hereby affirm and declare that the farm which I own at  
Redacted for Privacy,  
in Washington County,  
shall have been owned by my family, as specified in Rule 2,  
for at least one hundred years by no later than December  
31, 1996.

Signature Daral K Pearson

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

STATE OF OREGON

County of Washington

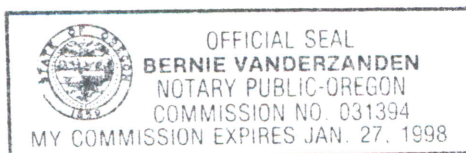
BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February,  
1996, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for  
said County and State, personally appeared the within named  
Daral K Pearson

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.

Bernie Vanderzanden  
Notary Public for Oregon

Commission Expires 1-27-98



# 1880 - 1899

1882, Apr or July	Willis Waggoner (Wegner) homesteader - This farm lays 1/2 mile above the road. It has a 3/4 circle view.	160		2.8 mile, South side
1883, May 23	George Graham (from Waggoner) George was a batchelor, lived here eight years and probably built the house.	160	\$1,000	2.8 miles, South side
1885	Miller Homesteader, or bought the land from the railroad. Built the first house by a spring, later, the existing house by the road.	160		2.1 miles, North side
1885 ?	Williams Haase Married 4-24-1896, homesteader, from the German family on Robinson Road. Brothers Fred and Henry and sister, Annie, would soon settle on our Road. Williams was called the Goat Man because he cleared land with wild goats.	80		Across road, West end
1885, Sep 12	J.S. Waggoner & Melinda Homesteader	160		3.1 miles, North side
1885, Sep 15	Mutual Insurance Company The railroad reserved all mineral rights except coal and iron. Later they lost this land for deliquent taxes.	120		2 miles, South side
1886, Mar 5	Donald and Jan MacKay Bought from Oregon/California railroad.	80		2.4 miles, North side
1886, Dec	Robert Unbrie Bought for deliquent taxes.	120	\$7.60	2 miles, South side
1888	Annie Austin (Lived at or near J.W. Waggoner's)			
1888, May 23	Lawrence C. Brown & Jennie They bought this portion from J.S. and Melinda Waggoner. Brown's owned 80 acres on the south side of the Road. Children: Percy, Lawrence, Earl, Eugene, William.	40		2.6 miles, North side
1888, May 26	Herman & Ann Boge (from Donald & Jan MacKay) Lived here 14 years, and raised several children. Mother Minnie died Feb 19, 1899. Boys moved to Portland, worked as street car conductors.	80		2.4 miles, North side
1889, Nov 2	Thomas H. Smith (from Wasserman's)	160	\$1,140	.75 miles, South side
1889, Nov 6	Home Mutual Insurance Company (from Unbrie's) Back half of property, mortgage?	80	\$56	2 miles, South side
1890 before	Henry & Meta Haase (from Miller) There was 1/2 acre cleared and a good house near the Road. In the front stood two large locust trees and an elderberry tree. Children: John and Harold	80	\$500	2.1 miles, North side
1890, Oct 11	R.K. & E. Ennes (from Thomas Smith)	160	\$1,680	.75 miles, South side
1891, Jun 15	John & Loadica Landess (from R.K. Ennes)	38	\$570	.75 miles, South side
1891, Jun 15	Lewis Ennes (from R.K. Ennes) Children: Jim, Ward, Mary Owned the sawmill.	42	\$441	.75 miles, South side



1891, Dec 2	Benedict & Lina Thurnher (from George Graham) This family lived on the Road until 1975. Children: Hans, Rudy, Lydia, Bill. Bill & Lydia lived in California. Hans & Rudy farmed here.	160	\$2500	2.8 miles, SE side
1891, Dec 12	Grant Landress & Mary (from Landress)	19	\$285	.75 miles, South side
1892 before	Henry & Emily Hutchins (Oregon/California Railroad?) Their house is high on the crest of the ridge, halfway up the Road, on the Lafayette-Portland Road. Later it was moved down.	120		2.3 miles, South side
1892 before	Benson's Lived up the hill from H.C. Pearson.			
1892 before	Christianson's Lived at the east of the Road, possibility across the intersection.			
1892 before	Austin's lived above H.C. Pearson's, may have rented from someone. (Annie and Ed)			
1892 before	William (Bill) & Bertha Hoener's Above H.C. Pearson's place? They build a house in 1892.			
1892 before	Gertrude C. Hayward (Mrs. Farmer)	45		.75 miles, North side
1892 before	William G. Irvine	80		.5 mile, North side
1892 before	A.S. Sholes & C.S. Russell	240+		.5 mile, North side
1892 before	Charles Feldenheimer	80		West end of Road, South side
1892 before	R. Linton (Hinton?)	35		1.2 miles, North side
1892 before	Fayette Sheldon	55		Lower East End, SE corner
1892 before	C.E. Deichman	10		Lower East end, SE corner
1892 before	Minnie B. Crawford	15		Lower East end, SE corner
1892 before	Robert Alexander	20		Upper East end, NW side
1892 before	Bell & Henry Mathews (renters on Hoener's place?) Baby born Jul 4, 1896)			
1892	Henry & Ursella (Lucy) Boge (Oregon/California Railroad?) This is a large family originally from Illinois. Children: Elmer, Lester, John, Harry G., Mary Anna, Charles Edwin, and Frank Henry.	80		1.5 miles, North side
1892, May 5	H.C. Pearson (Later, Feb 13, 1893, married Polly) (from Morgan) There was a house on this place, and a little clearing. Children: Donavan, May 24, 1898, Gladys, Dec 3, 1893	80		2.4 miles, South side
1892, Aug 31	J.R. Ennes (from R.K. Ennes) The Ennes' owned 122 acres in 1892.	40	\$700	.75 miles, South side
1892, Dec 12	J.R. Ennes (from Grant Ulysses and Mary Landress)	19	\$420	.75 miles, NW corner, South side
1893 before	Charles Wilcox's place (Herman Becker's lived here. House and barn were once here.)	40?		1 mile, North side
1893	Messinger's opened store at Farmington.			
1893, Mar 7	J.R. Ennes (from John & Leodica Landress)	19	\$350	.75 mile, South side

Henry and Polly Pearson — 1892



*Easter 1898*



*Polly Pearson in her kitchen*



*H.C. Pearson*



# LIFE ON THE ROAD

Including excerpts from H.C. Pearson's Diary

The pioneer families who cast their lot on the Road and stayed (for eighty years or longer) were:

Before 1891: Henry and Meta Haase  
(mentioned earlier)  
1892: Benedict and Lina  
Thurnher (Turner)  
1892: Henry and Lucy Boge  
1892: Henry and Polly  
Pearson

December 2, 1891: Benedict and Lina Thurnher bought George Graham's place, one-hundred sixty acres. This was a wonderful homestead along the very crest of the hill, above the southwestern side of the Road. High above the rest of the homesteads soft winds blew daily and quiet prevailed. Quiet, unless of course, you discount the screeching of Gladys Pearson and Lydia Thurnher when they got caught slipping out the upstairs window to go to a barn dance. But that happened at a later time.

Thurnher's were quiet, hard-working people, good people who eventually had four children.

May 5, 1892: Henry C. Pearson, a young, upperclass English bachelor, bought eighty acres on the Road. A year later he sent for his new bride, Polly, who was his family's maid back in England. Perhaps it was not wise for upper and lower classes to marry in a time when people were influenced by the fact.

Now Pearson's pioneer life began in earnest. Absolutely no money, no tools, no stock, an old, small house - - -.

But survive they did, because they were people to whom home meant everything. They were tenacious. Henry faithfully kept a diary for many years in which he recorded events and the passing time, as well as his bookkeeping.

1892: Henry John and Ursella Schunk (Lucy) Boge came from Illinois with Henry's family. This couple settled on a farm east of Haase's. Henry, born February 11, 1858, was thirty-four years old and Lucy, born 1862, was thirty. They were young, strong, and excited about starting a new life here.

1892: "What an unbelievably hot summer, and then, lots of snow in December."

The Road was still barely a wagon trail winding from farm to farm, mostly bordered on either side by a huge, dense forest or burned-over brush land. Occasionally, small, hard-earned clearings force the forests back, and reveal the industry and dreams of each pioneer family.

How unique these people were. They and their families mostly stood alone, created a home, kept themselves well, planned and worked for the future, thought independently and were set in their ways. They were agitated, interested in, and opinionated about government, schools, and their neighbors doings. Their need was for space, time, and freedom to make their own choices. They survived.

Most of their days were spent alone. Although their psychological

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