

CFR 0570

Mr. and Mrs. J. Donald Capon

APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM HONORS

Deadline for Filing Application - May 1, 1995⁹⁷

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(Please print or type)

Telephone #:

Your Name (Mr., Mrs., Ms., Miss) J. Donald Capon

Your Address Redacted for Privacy

Street, Route or Box #

City

Zip Code

Location of Farm North Fork of the John Day River--Grant Co. Kimberly, OR **

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:
Mr. John Urban Capon

Founder gained ownership of farm in (Year) 1897
(ATTACH VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION, See Rule 9).

Founder came to Oregon from Debenham, Suffolk--England

Who farms the land today? J. Donald Capon

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: Rye grain and hay, Wheat, beef cattle, hogs, turkeys, chickens, and vegetables for home use

What do you raise on the farm today? Hay (40 ton) \$3,200.00; Dryland Pasture worth \$200.00, Irrigated pasture \$560.00 nets \$3,960.00

How many generations live on the farm today? 3rd and 4th

Please list names: 3rd-J. Donald Capon; 4th-Four sons, Ryan Reichen, 22; Ross Robert, 21; Reid Raymond, 21; and Raymond Rho Capon, 18.

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

Signature of Owner

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

** Land description on concluding page of application.

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STATEMENT FORM

I, J. Donald Capon (Wife--Trudy)
(Print Full Name)

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

in Grant County,
shall have been owned by my family as specified in Rule 2 of the
RULES FOR 199⁷~~4~~ CENTURY FARM PROGRAM for at least one hundred
years by no later than December 31, 199⁷~~4~~.

J. Donald Capon Trudy Capon
Signature

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

STATE OF OREGON

County of Grant

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

1996, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for

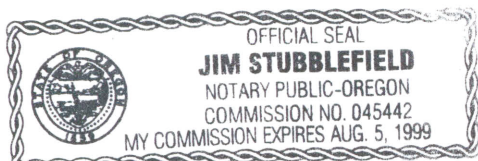
said County and State, personally appeared the within named

J. Donald Capon and Trudy Capon

known to me to be the identical individual 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
set my hand and affixed my
official seal the day and
year last above written.

Jim Stubblefield
Notary Public for Oregon

Commission Expires 8-5-99

The original 160 Acres of homestead land is as follows:

East half of the South West quarter, the South East quarter of the Northwest quarter and the South West quarter of the South East quarter of the Section Four in Township nine South of Range twenty-seven East of Willamette Meridian in Oregon, containing one hundred and sixty acres.

Homestead Certificate No. 4947

Application 11355 of the Land Office at La Grande, Oregon

I, J. Donald Capon, Grandson of John Urban Capon, have a copy of the Patent signed by President Theodore Roosevelt and recorded in the General Land Office, August 30, 1904.

This property has remained in the Capon family for three generations: namely, John Urban Capon; my father, Harry Harold Capon, March 4, 1903-1957, and John Donald Capon, May 5, 1946. **

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My mother, Lydia Capon Gertsen, has helped me compile this information and fill out my application. Her address is: 4224 Snoopy Ct. NE.
Salem, OR 97301 Phone: (503) 362-7628

These are my notes, taken during a visit with George Capon on April 1, 1973.

Nona Copeland, daughter of Nora(Capon) Boyer

1894 - March 17 - Were then living at the Franklin house, on the point just west of the George Capon place (about 3½ miles west of Monument)
Eva was born on that date.

Georgianna had been greatly concerned about having her first baby away from her native England and from doctors. Cordelia Cupper, the local mid-wife, came to be with her. Eva was born with a little growth of skin on her left cheek, which Cordelia tied with a piece of string from a flour sack so that it would dry up and fall off.

Bought Cochran place (Roy Cork)
Sold to Ed McBroom

Bought George Hayward place
who relinquished to
John U. Capon

1896 or 1897 The log house had been at the Cochran place. After they bought the George Hayward relinquishment (that's the way George said it) they then were going to move the house to that place, but Georgianna would not allow them to move the part where Mr. Cochran had died; consequently, only the living room part and the bedroom off the living room were moved and the kitchen and small room off the kitchen were built on new.

1896 -1897 George Hayward died January 1, 1896, and his relinquishment was purchased by John U. Capon.

***** Summer of 1895 Note from Lydia Capon Gertsen

We went to the court house at Canyon City to search out the sale of George Hayward's relinquishment. We were unable to find any record. There was some material of his death but no land transactions.

Later in talking to Wayne Leathers, son-in-law of Morton Cupper, who remembered Henry Adams Cupper told me that the land in question reverted back to H. A. Cupper as the two men had been feuding over the ownership.

However, the Assessor did tell us that their records were not very complete anymore.

I do believe that it was at about this time that the Capons settled on this homestead site despite finding actual proof. As further entries will show, there is proof that a daughter, Nora Nellie Capon, was born here June 1, 1897. That is the date we wish to submit as the basis of our Century Farm.

1897 - Nora Nellie Capon was born June 1, 1897, in the log cabin moved from the Cochran place to her father, John Urban Capon, homestead site.

** See entry from diary of Margaret Elder.

1897 - Minnie Irvin (later Gamble), then 17 years old, began teaching at the school which was located by the spring at the Capon ranch. Minnie had completed two years of high school at Heppner, which was all that was offered. Minnie was very shy and bashful and the big boys of the school, including George Capon, used to grab her and try to kiss her which embarrassed her.

(THE FIRST AND LAST PAGES OF THE DIARY BOOK ARE MISSING AND PARTS
OF THE REMAINING PAGES ARE MISSING)

(First part of word missing)... abrador went down to the second cabin births and took our things off. When the waitress came and told us to come on deck to be examined by the Dr. we went up and waited about half an hour then were all examined and passed by the Dr. We came down and were told by the waitress to put our things into another birth then moved into first class birth, (half page missing)

Friday, February 12 1897. Got up at half past 7. Had a breakfast.

Tuesday May 18, 1897: Uncle H called in the morning on his way to Monument. Mrs. Paul came with the waggon in the afternoon and took some more of her things away. Uncle H called again in the evening on his way home. Mother had a letter from Miss Adams.

Wednesday May 19: Young Paul came in the morning to dinner. Fred C and Uncle John came to tea. Fred C stayed all night.

Thursday May 20: Uncle H and Auntie C came to dinner. Uncle went up to Monument in the afternoon and called for Auntie when he came back. May went home with them.

Friday May 21: Fred Page went to Uncle John's in the morning and was away all day. Not quite so hot.

Saturday May 22: Fred Page was away all day hunting horses. He stayed all night at Aunt Cordie's.

Sunday May 23: Fred C came in the morning and stayed to dinner. I wrote to Alice C. in the afternoon. Fred Page came home in the afternoon. _____ came to tea and spent the evening with us. I had a letter from _____.

Monday May 24: Uncle and Auntie C came in the morning and stayed to dinner. Fred C went to help Uncle in the afternoon and went home with him and stayed all night. I started to go to ride to Monument but it rained too fast so had to come back. Auntie took our horse and rode home about 3.

Tuesday May 25: Fred and Uncle John came in the morning. May came home. I rode to Monument in the afternoon. Fred went to Uncle H's. Ivy went with him to stay. Uncle John went home in the evening.

Wednesday May 26: Fred came home in the morning. Ivy came in the evening.

Thursday May 27:

Friday May 28: I rode to Auntie's in the morning. Fred Page came in the evening and took Ivy back with him.

Tuesday June 1: Uncle John came over in the morning. Auntie walked over to Aunt Georgie's and stayed all night. Fred Page came in the evening. I had a letter from GC and CG.

NOTE: Nora Nellie Capon was born June 1, 1897

Sunday June 6: We all rode over to Mother's and had dinner then went to Monument. Fred Page went back with them in the evening.

Monday June 7: Fred P, Uncle H went to Heppner. I wrote to GC and GE.

Tuesday June 8: Mother not very well. I rode to _____ in the afternoon, and wrote to _____ in the evening.

Wednesday June 9: May and I walked to Monument in the afternoon. Uncle John came in the evening and Ez Burrnow.

Thursday June 10: Very hot. Nothing fresh happened.

Friday June 11: Fred C came in the morning then went up to Monument and came back to dinner and tea then went away in the evening. It was very hot.

Saturday June 12: Not quite so hot. Had some rain.

Sunday June 13: I wrote to Mrs. K in the morning. Fred Page came home in the evening. Alice C. came back with him.

Monday June 14: Uncle and Auntie C came in the morning to dinner. Mother and Auntie and Uncle went up to Monument in the afternoon. Fred Cupper came in the morning on his way to Murpheys. I rode to Uncle John's in the evening and stayed to tea. We had a little rain.

M Y D I A R Y

AGES OF THE TWO CAPON SISTERS, THEIR BROTHER, AND THEIR FAMILIES IN THE SPRING OF 1897:

1. <u>Cordelia (Capon) Cupper, b. 1846</u>	50
Henry Adams Cupper, b. 4/1/45	52
Frederick William, b. 9/26/74	22
Cordelia Ethel, b. 12/27/75	21
Percy Alferd, b. 12/18/82	16
Morton Capon, b. 9/24/90	6

Above family came from Framlingham, Suffolk, England to Ashland, Oregon via Redding, California (end of rail line) in 1877, and to the North Fork of the John Day River, via Bend, Prineville, Lonerock, and Heppner, in April 1878.

2. <u>John Urban Capon, b. 12/24/55</u>	43
Georgianna Marion (Garnham), b. 3/21/67	30
Alice Kate, b. 8/5/79	17
Ida Agnes, b. 2/4/81	16
Mary Millicent, b. 7/26/90	6
George Garnham, b. 12/17/91	5
Eva Ellen, b. 3/17/94	3
Nora Nellie, b. 6/1/97	

This family came to Monument, Oregon in March 1893, from the Ipswich-Debenham area of Suffolk, England.

3. <u>Lenora Caroline (Capon) Page, b. 1850</u>	46
William Miles Page, b. 1855, d. 1894	
✓ Fred, b. 1879	16
Margaret, b. 1881	14
May, b. 5/5/85	12
Ivy, b. 5/12/91	6

Nora Page, a widow, and her four children arrived at the Cupper ranch from Framlingham, Suffolk, England on March 6, 1897.



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April 17, 1997

Mr. & Mrs. J. Donald Capon

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Dear Mr. & Mrs. Capon:

I just wanted to confirm that we have reviewed your application for Century Farm honors and would like to express our congratulations once again to you and your family on achieving Century Farm status for the historic JOHN URBAN CAPON FARM.

I deeply regret to say that because of a conflict in scheduling a major medical appointment, I will not be able to attend the festivities scheduled for May 31st as I originally hoped to. However, I will, of course, be sure to have the presentation certificate completed and sent to you in time.

Sincerely,

Ron Brentano, Coordinator
Century Farm Program

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Mrs. Lydia Gertsen

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Dear Mrs. Gertsen:

I couldn't remember if I had sent you an expression of gratitude for your warm and welcome note of last December, but I wanted to let you know how much I appreciated you kind thoughts.

I have just sent Mr. J. Donald Capon a note confirming the Century Farm status of the historic JOHN URBAN CAPON FARM. Because of a recently scheduled medical appointment in late May, I will not be able to attend the festivities scheduled for May 31st as I had hoped to. My sincerest apologies and regrets. I will, of course, make sure that the certificate is completed and sent out in time.

Sincerely,

Ron Brentano, Coordinator
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