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J. Randall Pope

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Klamath

Pope Ranches

Oregon Historical Society - Field Services  
CENTURY FARM & RANCH PROGRAM  
APPLICATION FORM

Deadline for filing application - July 1, 1999

(Please print or type)

Telephone: Redacted for Privacy

Your Name J. Randall Pope

Your Address Redacted for Privacy Klamath

(Street, Route or Box #, City, Zip, and County)

Location of Farm or Ranch Redacted for Privacy

To qualify as a Century Farm or Ranch, a farm or ranch must have a gross income from farm or ranching use of not less than \$1000 per year for three out of the five years immediately preceding application for Century Farm/Ranch honors. Does your farm/ranch meet this qualification? yes

Name of family members) who was founder or original owner of farm or ranch: \_\_\_\_\_

Fred L. Pope

Founder gained ownership of farm/ranch in (year) 1898

(Attach verifying documentation, see Rule 9)

Founder came to Oregon from California

Who farms or ranches the land today? Lynn R. Pope

Relationship to original owner great grandson

Are any of the original buildings still in use? yes

If yes, which ones? Two storage sheds. One was originally a portion of the first residence.

If you know crops or livestock were raised on farm/ranch one hundred years ago, please list:

cattle, sheep, hay

What do you raise on the farm/ranch today? Alfalfa, barley, wheat, potatoes, cattle and pasture

How many generations live on the farm/ranch today? three

Please list names J. Randall Pope, grandson; Lynn R. Pope; Jami, James & Leah Pope, great-great grand children

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

J. Randall Pope  
Signature of Owner

Please return form to: Century Farm/Ranch Program  
Oregon Historical Society - Field Services  
1200 S. W. Park Avenue  
Portland, OR 97205

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James F. Adams and Wife }  
Do } Deed.  
And R. Pope }

This Indenture, Made the Twenty-third day of Nov-  
ember, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight  
Between James F. Adams and Fannie E. Adams, his wife, of Merrill Klamath  
County, in the State of Oregon, the parties of the first part, and Fred R. Pope  
of the County of Modoc, Modoc County, State of California, the party  
of the second part, Witnesseth: That the said parties of the first part for and  
in consideration of the sum of Three Thousand Dollars, Lawful Money of the  
United States of America, to him in hand paid, by the said party of the second  
part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained  
and sold, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents do grant, bargain and  
sell, convey and confirm, unto the said party of the second part, and to his heirs  
and assigns forever all those certain lots, pieces or parcels of land, sit-  
uate, lying and being in the said County of Klamath, State of Oregon, and  
bounded and particularly described as follows, to-wit:

The East half of the East half (E<sup>2</sup> of E<sup>2</sup>) of Section Nine (9) the East  
half of the North East quarter (E<sup>2</sup> of NE<sup>2</sup>) and Lot Number Twelve (12)  
of Section Sixteen (16) Township Forty-one South, Range Eleven (11)  
East of the Will. Mer. containing 265 acres more or less.

Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and  
appurtenances therunto belonging, or in anywise appertaining, and  
the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and  
profits thereof.

To Have and to hold all and singular the said premises, together  
with the appurtenances, unto the said party of the second part, his heirs  
and assigns forever, and the said parties of the first part hereby cov-  
enant to and with the said party of the second part that they are seized  
of a good title in fee simple to said premises, that they are free  
of all incumbrance, and that they will forever warrant and defend  
the same against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever.

In Witness Whereof, the said parties of the first part have  
hereunto put their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Signed sealed and delivered  
in the presence of

Sam C. Traylor  
J. M. Hamaker

State of Oregon } ss.  
County of Klamath }

See U.S.P. Stamps duly canceled

James F. Adams (seal)  
Fannie E. Adams (seal)

On this the 23<sup>d</sup> day of November A.D. 1898, personally  
came before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State

The within named James F. Adams and Fannie E. his wife, to me personally known to be the identical persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, has acknowledged to me that they executed the same freely for the uses and purposes therein named. And the said Fannie E. Adams, wife of the said James F. Adams, acknowledged to me that she executed the same freely and voluntarily.

Witness my hand and official seal this 23<sup>d</sup> day of November, 1898.



J. M. Hamaker  
Notary Public for the State of Oregon

Filed for Record and Recorded  
Dec 1, 1898, at 1-50. 0916.

A. H. Morrow.  
County Clerk.

## TRIBUTE TO THE POPE FAMILY

By Elva Anson

Angus family, Lynn, Randall, and Leland Pope, have been cattlemen for four generations. In 1870 the first of these four generations, Fred Pope, drove the lead cow of a herd of cattle from Modoc County to Sacramento, California. He had to force the cattle to swim the Sacramento River, because there was no bridge strong enough to hold the herd.

Fred's son, Leland, was born September 23, 1894 at Canby, California. At the age of four he went to Oregon with his parents who had purchased land near Merrill from J. Frank Adams.

"The deed read 265 acres and the boundary went to the river," laughs Leland. "Dad didn't know where the river was because the waters of Tule Lake were flooding 225 of the 265 acres. It was only about a half-mile to the lake shore. I would swim there and hunt ducks. There was no limit to the number killed."

In those days the ranchers in the area ran their cattle together on the range in Northern California between Mt. Dome and the Lava Beds. At branding time there would be six or eight different branding irons in the fire. There were no government regulations.

"No wonder those were the good old days!" says Randall.

"Cattlemen using the range regulated the number of cattle," says Leland. "There was no over-grazing. There was mostly grass on the range; no cheat or bronco grass then.

"There were no veterinarians then. There were only doctors, but there weren't many livestock diseases either."

In the fall of the year cattlemen rounded up two-year old and older steers and drove them to Monatque, California, the nearest rail point. The route taken was via Mt. Dome, over Bald Mountain and then to Shasta Valley. The trip lasted approximately four days and it was a test of survival for both man and cattle.

"Back in those days," Pope adds, "the cows were mostly mixed breeds and all that mattered to the rancher was having calves to sell. Purebred cattle were just starting to show up in the larger herds of the West."

Leland began his education in country schools near his home. He graduated from Merrill High School. He remembers attending the 1910 celebration of the pioneer Czechoslovakians who settled in Malin.

"I ran a greased pig into Tulelake to catch it. I sold that pig for \$5 and it was the most money I had ever made," he says.



Lynn, Leland (seated), and J. Randall Pope

In 1915 Leland married Mary I. McGilvray of Canyonville, who was teaching at Merrill Elementary School. She died in 1967. 1939

In October 1930, Leland started raising the black Angus cattle for which Pope Ranches are known today. The first registered Angus were 10 cows and one bull of Congdon and Battles, Rosemere breeding. Of those cows, two are the ancestors of a very large number of cows in the herd today. Registered cows now number about 180, commercials about 125 head. The Popes also raise potatoes, alfalfa hay, and barley — feed and malting varieties and for seed.

In the early 1920's the Forest Service took over the range land and closed out many cattle operations. Today, cattle are run primarily on Bureau of Land Management and deeded land.

Leland remembers that some of the cattle buyers would buy Angus "before anything else." He also remembers that wages were low. He paid his hired man \$18 a month and board. Leland purchased the ranch from his mother in 1935, following the death of his father.

In 1968 Leland married Faye Ballard of Alturas in Reno, Nevada. He retired in 1975.

His eldest son, Randall, began farming with his father and in 1960 became a partner. He firmly believes that

to be successful in farming "you have to like it and be dedicated."

Randall attended Purdue University in Indiana and in 1944 graduated from Oregon State University in agriculture. That same year he married Virginia June Lee of Chicago, Illinois. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Lynn Pope is following in his father's footsteps as a dedicated farmer and cattleman. He is a 1967 graduate of Oregon State University in food science and in 1969 received his master's degree in food science at Michigan State University. He became a partner with his father that same year.

Pope Ranches began a performance evaluation program in the fall of 1969 with the weighing of part of the spring calf crop. In 1970 the Popes joined the American Angus Association's American Herd Improvement Record program and have participated ever since.

"Early sire selection, prior to the initiation of performance testing, from the herd of the late Scott Warren at Algoma turned out to be most fortunate," says Lynn. "At that time, performance-proven cattle were very scarce and the type of cattle being promoted did not meet the needs of the market for beef. Those Algoma

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**YAKIMA VALLEY  
ELECTS OFFICERS**

The Yakima Valley Angus Association held it's Annual Meeting March 13, 1980.

The following are the new officers and Board of Directors of the Yakima Valley Angus Association:

President: Floyd Lewis, Rt. 2, Box 1255, Ellensburg, WA 98926

Vice President: David Savage, Rt. 1 Box 1114 B, Selah, WA 98942.

Secretary-Treasurer: Jim Shields, Jr., Rt. 4, Box 4221, Wapato, WA 98951.

**Board Members:**

Earl Elkington, Rt. 2, Box 890, Ellensburg, WA 98926.

Joe Favilla, Rt.1, Box 103C, Cowiche, WA 98923.

Joe Jacobs, Rt. 1, Box 401, Yakima, WA 98901.

Henry Young, Rt. 1, Box 148, White Swan, WA 98952.

**THE POPE FAMILY**

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cattle were on the right track."

As the program developed the Popes made refinements including testing the rate of gain, testing bulls under feedlot conditions, testing birth weights to evaluate calving ease, and the adoption of artificial insemination in 1973.

The Pathfinder cow and sire recognition program conducted by AAA lists 17 qualifying cows bred by Pope Ranches and one bull, Algoma Bardolieremer 5023, bred by Warren and used extensively by Pope Ranches.

Lynn feels the future is exciting with many opportunities for producing better cattle. He is president of the Klamath Cattlemen's Association and has served on the county fair board.

"The right combination of breeds for each production situation, coupled with performance evaluation, will help counter the popular theory that beef is an inefficient food producer," he says. "Naturally, we feel Angus should be a part of most production situations."

**ANGUS ACTIVITIES CONTINUED**

- Oct. 24-Nov. 2** Grand National Exposition, Cow Palace, San Francisco, CA
- Oct. 24** Shasky Angus Ranch Production Sale, Haines, OR
- Oct. 25** CBCIA Bull Sale, Oakdale, CA
- Oct. 27** Seven Springs "Blend of the Best" Sale, Richland, MO
- Oct. 28** Prairie Progress Sale, Cottonwood, ID
- Oct. 30** Powerline Farms "Stamp of Approval" Sale, Ellensburg, WA
- Oct. 31** Meadowmere Farms Production Sale, Deer Park, WA
- Nov. 1** Burch "Genetic Performance Herd Building Sale," Tishomingo, OK
- Nov. 3** Nelson Angus Ranch "Genetic Edge" Sale, Salmon, ID
- Nov. 3** Windy Acres Fall Sale, Harrison, NE
- Nov. 8** Western Female Parade, Galt, CA
- Nov. 14-15** Stockton Bull Sale, Stockton, CA

**WESTERN STATES ANGUS ASSOCIATION TOUR**

August 16 and 17, 1980 have been chosen as the dates for the first annual Western States Angus Association Tour to be based around Boise, Idaho.

Early plans call for the tour group to gather in Boise on Friday evening August 22. Buses will then leave early Saturday morning for Oregon, with visits to the Thomas Angus Ranch and Shasky Angus Ranch planned as well as an evening program of rest and recreation. Sunday's itinerary will include visits to Lettunich and Sons at Payette, Idaho, and Foote Acres Angus near Melba, Idaho.

Everyone is invited to attend. Watch for more details in the July/August issue of the WSA and return the coupon below to make your reservation to participate.

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Yes, I want to attend the WSAA Tour

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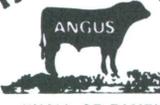
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- June 2 Ozark Classic, Volume III, Diamond, MO (Night)
- June 5 Mel Cordes' Organic Angus Seedstock Sale, Henning, MN
- June 7 Diamond S "Sayre Patriot Review," Willow, OK
- June 14 Alabama State Sale, Briarhill Farms, Union Springs, AL

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Tom Burke, Chairman Joe Bill Meng, Manager

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