

CFR 0602

Ralph Keasey

COLUMBIA

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APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM HONORS  
Deadline for Filing Application - May 1, 1998

(Please print or type)

Telephone

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Your Name

Ralph Keasey

Your Address

Redacted for Privacy

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

Location of Farm

Redacted for Privacy

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

Name of family member(s) who was founder or original owner of farm: Eden W. Keasey

Founder gained ownership of farm in (year) 1896

(Attach verifying documentation, see Rule 9)

Founder came to Oregon from Texas

Who farms the land today? Keasey Family Corporation

Relationship to original owner Great Grand Children

Are any of the original buildings still in use? Yes

If yes, which ones? House, Barn, Storage Bldg.

If you know crops or livestock raised on farm one hundred years ago, please list Hay, Cows, Sheep, Goats

What do you raise on the farm today? Trees

How many generation live on the farm today? 1

Please list names Ralph E. Keasey and Marjorie E. Keasey Wysonq

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

Ralph E. Keasey - President, Keasey Family Corp.  
Signature of Owner

Please return forms to: Century Farm Program, Oregon  
Historical Society, 1200 S. W. Park Ave., Portland, OR 97205  
Telephone (503) 306-5215

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Century Farm Program 1998  
STATEMENT FORM

I, Ralph E. Keasey  
hereby affirm and declare, that the farm which I own at  
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in Columbia County,  
shall have been owned by my family as specified in Rule 2  
of the RULES FOR 1998 CENTURY FARM PROGRAM for at least  
one hundred years by no later than December 31, 1998.

Ralph E. Keasey  
Signature

-----Acknowledgement- for use of Notary Public-----

State of Oregon

County of Columbia  
Be it remembered, that on this 13 day of April  
1998, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and  
for said County and state, personally appeared the within  
named Ralph E. Keasey  
known to me to be the identical individual described in  
and who executed the within instrument and acknowledged to  
me that HE - Ralph E. Keasey 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.

Derl Roberts  
Notary Public for Oregon

My Commission Expires 1-21-99

Century Farm Program  
Oregon Historical Society  
1200 SW Park Ave.  
Portland, OR 97205-2483

4/27/98

Dear Sirs:

I respectfully submit our application under the Century Farm Program for Century Farm Honors.

Included is a copy of the original homestead Certificate No 4537, Application No. 7922.

Our Great-grandfather, Eden W. Keasey, born in 1828 in Indiana, migrated west to Nebraska, Texas, and then to Oregon in 1888. His daughter Abigail (Keasey) Frankel was already in Portland. In 1889, he found a homestead applicant who wanted to sell his interest in the southwest quarter of Section 26, T5N, R5W, located on the Rock Creek branch of the Nehalem River. He purchased that interest and proceeded to build a two-room cabin, largely of split cedar and fir timbers and boards, with the help of his grown sons, Dorr, Dow, and our grandfather Carroll Colfax Keasey. Over the next several years, a two-story house was constructed attached to the original cabin. The material for this house was purchased from a mill operating at Pittsburg, five miles north of Vernonia on the Nehalem River.

Our Grandfather married Bertha Detrick, the daughter of Isaiah Detrick, one of the operators of that mill. They moved on to the farm in 1904. Eden W. Keasey died in 1905 and is buried in the Lone Fir Cemetery in East Portland.

Due to the fact that the homestead was mostly covered by large old growth timber, except for a few places next to Rock Creek, farming ground was very limited. With a growing family our grandfather was forced to move off the farm in 1911 and relocated in Corvallis, OR.

The farm was rented out until our father and mother, Theodore Keasey and Hilda (Tucker) Keasey, just married in 1923, moved on to the farm and it was here that my brothers, sisters and I grew up.

In 1971, because my brothers and sisters all had a strong attachment to the farm, our father formed a family corporation.

My wife Carolyn and I and children moved back to the farm in 1973 and built a new house.

Our father passed away in 1974.

In 1996, my sister Marjorie (Keasey) Wysong and her Husband, on agreement with the family corporation remodeled the old house and now also live on the farm.

Over the years we have added to the original homestead and now own 390 acres, which we are converting to forest for timber production.

It is our hope that future generations of this family will continue to find the attachment to this farm that our generation has found, and this might continue, just as families in Europe have maintained ownership of their farms and forests for hundreds of years.

Sincerely,



Ralph E. Keasey  
President  
Keasey Family Corp.



Ralph Keasey  
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5 June 1998

Dear Ralph,

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that your **Century Farm** application has been approved. Congratulations on receiving this prestigious honor for the Eden W. Keasey Farm, founded in 1896. A total of 23 farm and ranch owners submitted applications this year and *all* of them met the requirements for Century Farm status. This brings our grand total of Oregon Century Farms to 921 (recognized since 1958 when the program started).

Now that all 1998 applications have been reviewed, we can begin the process of creating the award certificates. These special documents, signed by Gov. Kitzhaber and dignitaries from the Oregon Historical Society, will be available in the late summer or fall.

To recognize your family's accomplishment, it's customary that the certificate be presented in a meaningful way. If you already have an event in mind—such as a special family reunion—please share that information with me so I can have your Century Farm certificate ready by that date (and attend if you wish). The Columbia County Historical Society (429-3713) may be interested in hosting a certificate presentation ceremony, perhaps during a regular meeting or event, when you and other family members can officially receive your Century Farm certificate. These are just some of the options available to you.

If you are interested in sharing recognition of your honor, you may want to purchase a distinctive "CENTURY FARM" sign for your property. Please see the attached fact sheet for the details. The Oregon Historical Society *does not* sell these signs.

Thank you for participating in this popular, and important, heritage program. If you have any questions about the Century Farm Program, please feel free to call me at (503) 306-5215.

Sincerely,

Rick Read  
Field Services Coordinator

cc. Robb Wilson, Columbia County Historical Society

STATE OF OREGON, }  
Columbia County, } ss.

I certify that the within instrument  
writing was received for record on the  
5 day of Dec  
11 o'clock Am., 1902 and re-  
corded on page 335 in Book  
7 Records of Deeds  
said County.

Witness my hand and Seal of County  
Clerk.

H. Henderson  
County Clerk.  
W. L. Harris Deputy





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## THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Homestead Certificate No. 4537Application 7922OF THE LAND OFFICE at Oregon City Oregon, whereby it appears that, pursuant

to the Act of Congress approved 20th May, 1862, "To secure Homesteads to Actual Settlers on the Public Domain," and the acts supplemental thereto, the claim of

Eden W. Keasey has been established and duly consummated, in conformity to law, for theSouth West quarter of Section twenty-six in Township five North of Range five  
West of Willamette Meridian in Oregon, containing one hundred and sixty acres

according to the OFFICIAL PLAT of the Survey of the said Land, returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the SURVEYOR GENERAL:

Now know ye, That there is, therefore, granted by the United States unto the said Eden W. Keasey

the tract of Land above described: To have and to hold the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances

thereof, unto the said Eden W. Keasey and to his

heirs and assigns forever; subject to any vested and accrued water rights for mining, agricultural, manufacturing, or other purposes, and rights to ditches and reservoirs used in connection with such water rights, as may be recognized and acknowledged by the local customs, laws, and decisions of courts, and also subject to the right of the proprietor of a vein or lode to extract and remove his ore therefrom, should the same be found to penetrate or intersect the premises hereby granted, as provided by law. And there is reserved from the lands hereby granted, a right of way thereon for ditches or canals constructed by the authority of the United States.

Testimony whereof I, Grover Cleveland, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these letters to be

the seal of the GENERAL LAND OFFICE to be hereunto affixed.

GIVEN under my hand, at the CITY OF WASHINGTON, the twentysixth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight  
hundred and ninety six, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and twentieth

BY THE PRESIDENT:

Grover Cleveland

By

W. W. Keasey, Secretary.L. L. C. Lamar

Recorder of the General Land Office.

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