

CFR 0603

Mapril June Easton Combs

COOS

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

(Please print or type) Telephone: Redacted for Privacy

Your Name Mapril June Easton Combs

Your Address Redacted for Privacy (COOS)
(Street, Route or Box #, City, Zip, and County)

Location of Farm Township 28 South, Range 11 WWM, Section 12
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? yes

Received
10 Apr 98

Name of family member(s) who was founder or original owner of farm: Robert Andrew Easton and Emma E Easton
Founder gained ownership of farm in (year) 1898
(Attach verifying documentation, see Rule 9) Documents attached.

Founder came to Oregon from Sacramento, CA
Who farms the land today? Mapril June Easton Combs
Relationship to original owner Grandaughter
Are any of the original buildings still in use? no
If yes, which ones? n/a

If you know crops or livestock raised on farm one hundred years ago, please list sheep & truck farming, including watermelons
What do you raise on the farm today? Beef and muskmelons

How many generations live on the farm today? Two
Please list names Mapril June Easton Combs and her son,
Andrew Easton Combs

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

Mapril Combs
Mapril J Combs
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, Mapril J Combs
hereby affirm and declare that the farm which I own at
Redacted for Privacy

in T28SR11WWMSection 12 Coos County 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 that December 31, 1998.

Mapril J Combs
Mapril J Combs
Signature

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

State of Oregon

County of coos
Be it remembered, that on this 6th day of APRIL
1998, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and
for said County and state, personally appeared the within
named Mapril J Combs
known to me to be the identical individual described in
and who executed the within instrument and acknowledged to
me that she 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.

Judy A. Krantz
Notary Public for Oregon

My Commission Expires 3-1-2000



Mapril June Easton Combs
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5 June 1998

Dear Mapril,

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that your **Century Farm** application has been approved. Congratulations on receiving this prestigious honor for the Robert & Emma Easton Farm, founded in 1889. 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 Coos County Historical Society (756-6320) 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 Redacted for Privacy

Sincerely,

Rick Read
Field Services Coordinator

cc. Ann Koppy, Coos County Historical Society

WESTERN SHORE



Painted by W. S. Stephenson for Grace Kruse Dement

Western Shore, built in North Bend in 1874, the fastest clipper ship of her time, from Oregon to Liverpool in 97 days. R. W. Simpson drew the sail plan, A. M. Simpson designed the hull, and John Kruse built her. See the portrait of Kruse in the page of North Bend pictures.

1. J. EASTON

A CENTURY OF *COOS and CURRY*

HISTORY OF SOUTHWEST OREGON

By
EMIL R. PETERSON
AND
ALFRED POWERS

ASSISTED BY MANY HANDS

COOS-CURRY PIONEER AND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
COQUILLE

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retired 1948 with R. R. annuity; now owns and operates a stock farm near Powers; city recorder of Powers.

Easton, Theodore S., b. 1893, son of Robert A. and Emma E. Easton; to Coos with parents 1896. After spending boyhood on the family homestead on the East Fork below Sitkum, he was graduated from Albany College, the Southern Oregon Normal School and the University of Oregon; in air service in World War I; taught in high schools; wrote "The Secret of Wallowa Cave". Married in 1924. Children: Forest, Canyon, Mapril. In recent years, besides farming, has followed surveying, logging, road construction. Present residence, his boyhood home, which he has named **Junglebank**—"Where the leafy gorges echo, To the torrent's boisterous peal, And the rippling waters sparkle, In the crystal clear Coquille".

Edwards, Charles E., b. Indiana 1853. To Coos 1875; steamboating as engineer and captain on Coquille River, Coos Bay and Coos River. Married Mary C. Roberts. Children: Daisy B., Mignonette, Elmer Herman, Florence A. County commissioner 1884-1888. Later in life Capt. and Mrs. Edwards located near Allegany, where his widow, and daughter, Mrs. Ott, still reside. Some of the pictures in this volume were loaned by them.

Eickworth, Ernest A., b. Germany 1849; married Guzisena Windler. Children: William H., Ernest A., Susan M. (Mrs. R. F. Gebhardt), Jennie (Mrs. R. E. Pinegor). Carpenter and cabinetmaker; worked in Fred Mark's cabinet shop in Marshfield; later took over and operated the shop. German Lutheran. Died 1926; Mrs. Eickworth 1921.

Eickworth, William H., b. Germany 1857, son of Ernest A.; to Coos with parents 1881. Married Elfreda H. Wirth 1902. Children: Blanche E., Lawrence W., Merle A., John R., Alice R., Mary E., Charlotte. Carpenter. Spanish War veteran. Died 1945. His widow resides near Cape Arago Light-house.

Ellingsen, Arthur R., b. San Francisco 1871; to Coos with parents 1872; carpenter, boat and ship builder; built and owned several business

blocks in the Coquille Valley; during later years engaged in undertaking business. Married Hulda O. Roy. Children: Denton, Dena (Mrs. Pierce).

Ellingsen, Edwin P., b. Lampa Creek 1882, son of Capt. O. P. Ellingsen. Married Pearl Sweet, daughter of John B. Sweet. Children: Herman, Pauline, Grace, John Theodore. Ship carpenter and building contractor; sheriff of Coos County; died from injuries in auto accident 1925.

Ellingsen, Ole Peter, b. Norway, Europe, 1845; sailed as cabin boy at age 16; advanced to captain before coming to U. S. 1871; to Coos 1872; settled on farm on Lampa Creek; continued as sea captain till 1896. Married Amelie Caroline Hansen 1870. Children: Arthur, Amelia, Jennie, Edwin, Ellen, Rose Lilly, Belle, Chester, Maude, Ruby. Both Captain and Mrs. Ellingsen died 1922.

Elliott, Fred, b. Jackson County 1865, son of Hiram; to Coos with parents 1865; settled on South Slough. Married Sarah May Wiley 1887. Children: Lenore Maude (Mrs. Erwin Broilner), Hiram Claude, Walter Clyde. A violinist; had his own family orchestra and at one time operated "The Oakes" in Powers.

Elliott, Hiram, b. Ohio 1812. Married Abigail Rosalie; one daughter, Mary R. died while crossing the plains in a covered wagon. Children born after arrival in Oregon 1849: Alice M., George H., William, Milton, Sarah, John F., Fred, Minnie M., Leland E. To Coos 1865; farmed and logged on South Slough, rafting logs to Empire. Died 1888; Mrs. Elliott 1911.

Elliott, Milton, b. Benton County son of Hiram; to Coos 1865; farmed and logged on South Slough. Married Frances E. Talbot. Children: Warren, Elizabeth, Abigail, Clara, Ada M., James R., Pearl. Died 1934.

Elrod, Mary (Madden), b. Nova Scotia 1861. To Coos 1877, to live with her sister Mrs. William Weir. In 1878 married William Elrod, a butcher for the H. P. Whitney meat market. Children: Mary Etta (Sacchi) and Francis S. (McLeod) 1880, first twins born in Coos County; Stella G. (Denning), Iris A., Mary Elrod. Died 1943.

Erdman, George, b. Germany 1874.

To Bandon 1908; operated meat market from 1909 until his death 1939. Married Annie Waldvogel 1911. Two children.

Evernden, T. S., b. New York 1851. To Coos 1873; homesteaded on Rock

Creek. Built up a stock ranch. Noted as an expert judge of cattle and horses. Married Susan J. Applegate 1873. Children: James T., Ernie E., Fred, Alice Zoe, Lessie L., Jesse, Susie D., Joseph L., Charles.

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Antonio Flores, old Spanish pilot of Aguilar's ship, at Cape Blanco January 19, 1603, created a great mystery that is still a mystery—they found a good-sized river. Now the geographical question is—was Flores Creek and Flores Lake named for him so that it should be spelled that way? Or was it named for Fred Floras who in 1852 was employed to cut a trail from Fort Orford to Rogue River? This book says Flores Lake and Flores Creek.

Fahy, Edward, b. Ireland 1826; to Port Orford 1854; followed sawmill work. Later moved to Coquille River and operated ferry near the bar in partnership with Chris Long, 1957-1858. Purchased water-power sawmill from Fundy, Stacey & Wasson 1858, which he operated for many years, rebuilding and enlarging it two or three times. Married Sarah Spoonheimer 1860. Children: Edward W., Florinda, Henrietta, Isidore P., S. W. Mary E., Francis J., Charles G., Sarah. Homesteaded near Bullards; followed sawmilling, cattle and sheep raising. Died 1906; Mrs. Fahy 1915. Members of the family still reside on the old home place.

Fahy, Florinda, b. Coos County 1862, daughter of Edward and Sarah; worked at dressmaking trade in Coos many years, besides ten years in Portland at same trade. Still resides in the old Fahy home near Bullards; treasures a large collection of agates and Indian gems in the form of arrow heads, baskets and other works of native handicraft.

Fahy, Francis J. b. 1872, son of Edward and Sarah. In early life worked in sawmill; graduate of Healds Business College, San Francisco; bookkeeper and store manager Coquille Mill and Tug Company at Parkersburg. To Bandon 1904; with others, organized the Bank of Bandon, of which he was cashier for years and still is a director. Now residing with members of the family on the old Fahy homestead near Bullards.

Farr, Chester C., b. Washington 1890; graduate of Washington State College. Married Iva D. Haines 1913. Children: Donald H., Edythe (Thompson), Dorothy, Leonard C. County agricultural agent 1919-1921. Resigned; bought out Elwood-Collier Transfer-warehouse, storage, hauling, feed and seed. In 1924, Elwood rejoined, incorporated as Farr & Elwood (now Farr's). In 1926 added store and warehouse in Marshfield. Elwood died 1941. The Farr family bought out the Elwood interests. Ownership then apportioned, one sixth each to the father, the two sons Donald H. and Leonard C. and to the wife of each.

Farrier, George b. Arkansas 1842; to Curry 1886; dairying. Married Nancy Counts 1866. Children: Lucus, Charles, Andrew, Walter, Daisy. Second marriage to Mary J. Woodruff; her children by a previous marriage: Calvin, Chancey, Carrie, Carnie.

Felsher, John, b. Germany 1869; to Coos 1896; settled on dairy farm near Myrtle Point. Married Blanche Pohl. Children: Walter, Blanche, Florence, Albert, Stanley (died in the "Death March" in the Philippines in Second World War). Mr. Felsher was a chief gunner on the Battleship Oregon during the Spanish-American War and was in the thick of battle in the sinking of Cervera's fleet. Later the Oregon went to the Philippines; Mr. Felsher served there and was present at the surrender of the Islands.

Felter, J. W., b. Iowa 1848; served in Civil War; to Oregon 1884; resided

Dora History

Written by the English classes of the Seventh
and Eighth Grades of the Dora School 1960-1961.

Seventh Grade

Eighth Grade

Randal Brown Evelyn King

Allen D. Smith Laura Kirsch

Butch Dunlap Pat M. Cuddy

Darrelsen Hoodman Lester Newberry

David Mast

Terry Staman

Mrs. Helen Mast, teacher

EASTON

Robert Andrew Easton was born in New York in 1854. Emma Hyde Easton was born in Massachusetts in 1859. They settled in Coos County in 1896, on the East Fork in 1897, and to the present Easton place in 1898.

They travelled from San Francisco to Empire by steamboat. It took them about three days to make the trip.

Mrs. Easton taught at Dora many years. She started teaching in 1897 and taught her last year in 1922. She taught children of these families: Minard, Krantz, Howe, Easton, Abernethy, Stemmler, and others. She taught in her own home when it was too muddy for the children to walk to the Dora School. She taught her own children and the neighbor children nearby. She died in 1945 and Mr. Easton died in 1946.

Theodore S. Easton, a son of Robert and Emma Easton was married to Mildred Neely in 1924. Mildred also taught school in Dora both before her marriage and afterwards.

They have three children; Forest, Canyon and Mepiril.

T. S. and Mildred Easton are civic-minded people who always are ready to help in community projects. They donated the property where the present Dora School is located.

Mr. Easton has published a book, "The Secret of the Wallowa Caves" and a book of poems.

Mr. and Mrs. Easton have shown interest in preserving history of the area. They have both been active

A few Facts from
Life of Emma E. Hyle.

Written by herself she
~~will~~ feel at liberty to
omit episodes which she
feels should not be a
matter of record.

With four young and lively children in addition to Hollis and Theda who were there often, not once did she show even a trace of impatience during the year and a half they were in her home.

Mrs. Welch later sold her house and bought in the mission. The earthquake destroyed her home. The man who had bought her house on Seary street found her wandering around in a dazed condition, took her to his own home.

Glady's saw her there the year she attended Pomona College, said the children called her Grandmother and she would probably stay there as long as she needed a home.

While Beth was a baby, Effie took the four children on a visit to her old home in Illinois.

Marcus had no trouble with new acquaintances on the train as he took a great fancy to the

negro porter who was kind and helpful to them all.

While Effie was away, Mother's life here ended. She had not seemed really sick, only too tired to leave her bed. One morning, when Emma looked in to see if she was awake, she appeared to be sleeping soundly. Looking again, not long after, she had not stirred, but her face was white.

While Warren was a baby, the other family moved to Oregon, going by boat, all except Robert and Theodore becoming searicks.

Robert had a fine time. He had his pigeons along and the captain told him they would get web feet in Oregon.

Before the first year was ended, they left the coast and moved to the East Fork where they later took up a homestead and spent many years.

Emma's next boat trip was when she went to Santa Rosa during Effie's last illness.

* Warren Hyde, Emma Easton's nephew, born Dec. 27, 1895