

CFR 0609

Gerald Peterson

Morrow

APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM HONORS

Deadline for Filing Application - May 1, 1998 Redacted for Privacy

(Please print or type)

Telephone #: Redacted for Privacy

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

Your Address Redacted for Privacy

Street, Route or Box #

City

Zip Code

Location of Farm Redacted for Privacy

COUNTY: Morrow

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:

John E Peterson

Founder gained ownership of farm in (Year) 1891

(ATTACH VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION, See Rule 9).

Founder came to Oregon from SVENARUM, SWEDEN

Who farms the land today? Gerald Peterson

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: Cattle, wheat

What do you raise on the farm today? Cattle, wheat

How many generations live on the farm today? 1

Please list names: Gerald Peterson

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

Gerald Peterson, Donald & Eunice
Signature of Owner

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

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STATEMENT FORM

I, Gerald Peterson,

hereby affirm and declare that the farm which I own at

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(Full Address)

in Morrow County,

shall have been owned by my family as specified in Rule 2 of
the RULES FOR 1995 CENTURY FARM PROGRAM ~~for~~ at least one hundred
years by no later than December 31, 1995.

Gerald Peterson
Signature

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

STATE OF OREGON

County of Morrow

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 26th day of May,
1998, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for
said County and State, personally appeared the within named

Gerald Peterson

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.

Mardean H. Patton
Notary Public for Oregon

Commission Expires 6-17-98



John and Louise Peterson

THE JOHN EDWARD PETERSON CENTURY FARM

by Jean Nelson

John Edward Peterson and his twin brother, Carl Frederic Peterson (later known as Dr. Carl Frederick Carlbert) came from Svenarum, Smalland, Sweden, to America in 1868. They stayed with an uncle named Johanson in Lafayette, Indiana, for a time. In 1882, John traveled with the uncle's family to Denver, Colorado, continuing on west to Kent, Washington, and then to Eugene, Oregon. He didn't like the wet weather in the valley so decided to come to eastern Oregon to an area of Swedish settlers in Morrow County. He took the train to Alkali (now Arlington) but since there was no public transportation beyond that point, he started out on foot for a Swedish settlement in the Eightmile area (now known as the Valby area). He stayed with the Charlie Anderson family herding sheep and raising and hauling wheat in both Umatilla and Morrow Counties. He filed on 160 acres south of the Anderson place. While he was working in the wheat harvest and hauling wheat to Walulla, Washington, that summer, a man took over his claim and ran John off with a shotgun when he came back to his claim.

On January 23, 1890, it is recorded that he bought 160 acres in the lower Eightmile area (this is signed by Benjamin Harrison who was U.S. President at the time). He later bought the Will Morgan land which joined that property, and that is where Oscar's family lived for many years. Besides the homestead land John also had a pre-emption claim and a timber



Ture, Richard, and Victor Peterson, nephews of John worked on the ranch when they were not "horsin' around."



Old John E. Peterson home where the family lived while the children attended school at Fairview

culture.

John and his wife, Louise, married in Denver, Colorado. They had four children - Carl (1891-1974), Oscar (1894-1982), Emma (1895-1983) and Lydia (1901-1926), who attended elementary school at Fairview until John decided that they needed more educational opportunities than were offered in this rural area. Therefore, he moved the family to Portland. Oscar attended Washington High School and Reed College there and later spent one year in college at Coeur D'Alene, Idaho, before coming back to the ranch in about 1918.

Oscar operated the ranch for about sixty years. He and Esther Engstrom were married in 1924. Esther had come from Kansas to visit relatives in the area. Oscar and Esther had three children - Donald Edward in 1925, Eunice Ann Louise in 1927 and Gerald Frederick in 1932.

Oscar was very much involved in community life. He will be remembered for his work in helping to bring better service to rural communities through establishment of the Port of Morrow, Waterways organizations, Rural Electric Associations, Bonneville Power Dam and Electric, Wheat League, Masons, Lions, Valby Lutheran Church (now 112 years old) and many other worthwhile groups.

At the present time (1998) the ranch is owned by Don, Eunice Kvistad, and Gerald. Gerald farms the homestead land.



Third John Peterson house, which was added onto as the family grew, with Emma (eight years old) standing on the balcony

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Certificate
No. 1838 }

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas John E. Peterson of Morrow County Oregon
has deposited in the General Land Office of the United States a Certificate of the Register of the Land Office at The Dalles Oregon
whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said John E. Peterson
according to the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "An Act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," and the
acts supplemental thereto, for the South West quarter of Section thirty two
in Township two South of Range twenty four East of Willa-
mette Meridian in Oregon containing one hundred and sixty
acres

according to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said Lands, returned to the General Land Office by the Surveyor General, which said Tract has been purchased
by the said John E. Peterson

Now know ye, That the United States of America, in consideration of the premises, and in conformity with the several Acts of Congress in such case made
and provided, have given and granted, and by these presents do give and grant, unto the said John E. Peterson
and to his heirs, the said Tract above described: To have and to hold the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities, and appurtenances,
of whatever nature thereunto belonging, unto the said John E. Peterson 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.

In testimony whereof, I, Benjamin Harrison, President of the United States of America, have caused these
letters to be made Patent, and the Seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, the twenty third day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and ninety one, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and fiftieth

BY THE PRESIDENT: Benjamin Harrison

By M. M. Keane, Secretary.

M. M. Keane, Recorder of the General Land Office.

Timber-Culture Certificate No. 733
 APPLICATION 2215

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas There has been deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the United States a CERTIFICATE OF THE REGISTER of the LAND OFFICE at The Dalles Oregon, whereby it appears that, pursuant to the Acts of Congress approved March 3, 1873, March 13, 1874, and June 14, 1878, "To encourage the Growth of Timber on the Western Prairies," the claim of John E. Petersson has been established and duly consummated, in conformity to law, for the North half of the North East quarter and the North half of the North West quarter of Section six in Township three South of Range twenty four East of Willamette Meridian in Oregon, containing one hundred and fifty nine acres and fifty-one hundredths of an acre.

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 John E. Petersson the tract of Land above described: To have and to hold the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said John E. Petersson 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.

In testimony whereof I, William McKinley, President of the United States of America, have caused these letters to be made Patent, and the seal of the GENERAL LAND OFFICE to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the CITY OF WASHINGTON, the eleventh day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-eight, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and twenty-third.

By the President:

William McKinley

By

L. M. McKean, Secretary.

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W. M. McKean, Recorder of the General Land Office.