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Christine Tunstall

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APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM HONORS

Deadline for Filing Application - May 1, ~~1996~~ 1998

(Please print or type)

Telephone #: Redacted for Privacy

Your Name (Mr., Mrs., Ms., Miss) Christine Tunstall
Redacted for Privacy

Your Address Redacted for Privacy

Street, Route or Box # City Zip Code

Redacted for Privacy

Location of Farm Tualatin COUNTY: Wash.

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 Nyberg

Founder gained ownership of farm in (Year) 1895
(ATTACH VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION, See Rule 9).

Founder came to Oregon from Sweden

Who farms the land today? John and Arne Nyberg

Relationship to original owner grandsons

Are any of the original buildings still in use? yes House, woodshed

If yes, which ones? house, woodshed

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

onions, goats, milk cows, draft horses

What do you raise on the farm today? hay,

How many generations live on the farm today? one

Please list names: Kathryn Caworse Nyberg, Zira Nyberg Howard
Willis Nyberg & Jean Nyberg

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

Christine Tunstall
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, Christine Nyberg Tunstall,

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

in Washington County,

shall have been owned by my family as specified in Rule 2 of
the RULES FOR ¹⁹⁹⁸~~1995~~ CENTURY FARM PROGRAM ~~at~~ at least one hundred
years by no later than December 31, ~~1995~~. 1998.

Christine Nyberg Tunstall
Signature

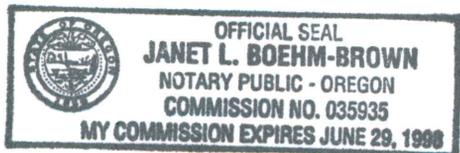
-----Acknowledgement (for use of Notary Public)-----

STATE OF OREGON

County of Washington

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 7th day of November,
1997, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for
said County and State, personally appeared the within named
Christine Nyberg Tunstall

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.

Janet L. Boehm-Brown
Notary Public for Oregon

Commission Expires June 29, 1998

Dear Rick

Here are the forms
on our Century Farm.
I am preparing a
history and should
have it typed, approved
and submitted before
the end of the year.
Please call me
about what comes
next.

Thank you,

Christine Lunsden

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8 February 1998

Mailed:
Application packet
20 Feb 98

Rick Reed
Century Farms Program
Oregon Historical Society
1200 SW Park Avenue
Portland, OR 97205-2483

RE: Nyberg Century Farm Application

Dear Rick,

I am enclosing a short summary of 103 years on our family's farm here in Tualatin. I plan to make copies of old photos to submit in a few months. Unfortunately, most of my fathers brothers and sisters have passed away, have Alzheimers, or are too "young" to remember much of the early history of the farm. So much of what I have written is what others have told me and the portion of that information I have remembered. The Barngrovers, my grandmother's family did not purchase land in Oregon until 1883. The earliest settlers, Sterling Willis, of my mother's family homesteaded a land grant in 1853. So my brothers and sister and our families have deep roots in Oregon. We are very proud to submit our farm for the Century Farm Award.

Sincerely,



Christine Nyberg Tunstall

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5 June 1998

Dear Christine,

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that your **Century Farm** application has been approved. Congratulations on receiving this prestigious honor for the John Nyberg Farm, founded in 1895. 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 Washington County Historical Society (645-5353) 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. Joan Smith, Washington County Historical Society

INDIRECT INDEX TO DEEDS.—WASHINGTON COUNTY.



Jan. 1, 1895 To June 1, 1901

Sec.	TIME OF RECEPTION	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	NATURE OF INSTRUMENT	VOL.	PAGE.	REMARKS	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF TRACT
1	July 27 1880	John Nyberg & James S. Smith	John Backus	W.G.	42	268		1/2 part 24 S. 2 R. 1 W.
	May 4	John Joseph Muschhammer	Anna Maria Muschhammer & husband	W.C.		466		3/4 a. of Sec. 35, S. 2 T. 2 R. 2 W.
	July 11 1899	John S. Northrop	Alice A. Hoffman & husband		43	174		Tract of land 21, S. 2 T. 2 R. 2 W.
	Apr. 22 1897	John & Nellie Northrop	F. Beauchamp and wife	W.G.	45	169		part of Lot 5 and Black Mt. Hill
	Oct. 4	Mark L. Noble	Mary A. Noble		50	70		part of Blk 25, in Forest Hill
	Dec. 2	Malissa Jane Kolaud	Maxim Kolaud		45	305		1/2 a. of Sec. 3, S. 2 T. 2 R. 3 W.
	March 26 1898	John Nyberg et al.	Philip Bauer			414		1/2 a. of Sec. 7, S. 2 T. 2 R. 1 W.
	May 21	John S. Northrop	United States	Patent	41	117		1/2 a. of Sec. 21, S. 2 T. 2 R. 2 W.
	Mar. 21 1899	John Nyberg et al.	Industrious Real Estate Com.	W.G.	53	155		Tract of land 22, S. 2 T. 2 R. 2 W.
	Apr. 19	John Northrop	Herman Backus & s. b.	W.G.		237		1/4 a. of Sec. 24, S. 2 T. 2 R. 1 W. & other lands
	Jan. 27 1900	John Nyberg	James S. Wirth & s. b.	S. C.	54	262		Tract of land 24, S. 2 T. 2 R. 1 W.
	March 30	Mary Sofia Nordlund	Olaf Nordlund	W.G.	51	435		Tract of land 24, S. 2 T. 2 R. 1 W.
	Nov. 1	John Nyberg	E. J. Oddy et al.	"	53	246		7/8 Sec 24 S. 2 T. 2 R. 1 W.
	Sept. 22 1896	Rachel Northrop	O. S. Northrop	W.G.	45	29		1/2 a. of Sec. 25, S. 2 T. 2 R. 3 W.
	June 22 1899	Pleasant L. Kolaud	Alexander Cochrane & s. b.		52	349		Lot 51 in subdivision of land 24, S. 2 T. 2 R. 1 W.
	July 21 1900	Nathanial P. Nye	Cephas S. Clapp & wife		54	302		Part of H. Clark & s. b.

John Rankin & wife vs James S. Welch & John Nyberg

Know all men by these presents, that I, John Rankin & Sophia Rankin, his wife, in con- sideration of seven hundred & twenty dollars to me paid by James S. Welch & John Nyberg, have engaged & sold & by these presents do hereby grant, bargain, sell & convey to said James S. Welch & John Nyberg heirs & assigns forever, the parcel of real estate situate lying & being in Washington County, State of Oregon, bounded & particularly described as follows, to wit: being composed of part of Section Twenty four (24) of Township two South of Range one west of the Willamette Meridian, & more particularly described as the eight acre(s) of land, immediately adjoining and east of five acres of land a part of said Section 24, & such five acres is described in a deed thereof to one John McManis & son, from the Duvalton Real Estate Company, bearing date the 4th day of November, A. D. 1892, and recorded, the 9th day of Nov. 1892, in Book 25, page 412, being the property ac- quired by deed dated the 7th of April, 1891, from the Duvalton Real Estate Company to John Rankin said deed is of Record in Washington County, in Book 25, on page 261.

Together with the tenements, hereditaments & appurtenances thereto belonging, or in anywise appertaining, & also all my estate, right, title & interest, at law and equity therein or therein including downy, right of down, to have & to hold the same to the said James S. Welch & John Nyberg their heirs & assigns forever. And we John Rankin & Sophia Rankin, do covenant with the said James S. Welch & John Nyberg their heirs, assigns & their legal representatives forever, that the said real estate is free from incumbrances, except a mortgage to the Duvalton Real Estate Company, for (\$1000) four hundred & forty dollars, which said Rankin agrees to pay, & that we as the owners or fee simple have a good right to sell & convey the same & that we will and our heirs, executors & adm- inistrators shall warrant & defend the same to the said J. S. Welch & John Nyberg, their heirs and assigns forever, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons whomsoever with whose claims we have heretofore set our hands, seal this 14th day of January, A. D. 1893.

Executed in the presence of
John Rankin
Sophia Rankin

John Rankin
Sophia Rankin

State of Oregon, County of Washington ss.

I, the undersigned, Notary Public in and for said County, State of Oregon, do hereby certify that the within instrument, signed by John Rankin & Sophia Rankin, his wife, is one known to be the identical per- sons described in & who executed the within instrument, & acknowledging to me that they executed the same freely & voluntarily for the uses & purposes therein mentioned. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & official seal this day and year last above written.

James S. Welch
Notary Public for Oregon

Witness my hand & seal this 27th day of January, A. D. 1893.

E. L. McManis, Recorder of Commercial

JOHN NYBERG CENTURY FARM 1895-1997

John Nyberg bought the first 8 acre parcel of the Nyberg family holdings in Tualatin January 14, 1895 with James S. Werth. The deed was notarized February 27, 1895 in Multnomah County and recorded July 27, 1895 in Washington County. Nyberg farmed the rich flood plain with row crops such as onions, lettuce, and carrots. Grandpa Pop raised peppermint in the flood plain and distilled it and sold it for use in making chewing gum. He used the proceeds from the row crops to purchase additional parcels in March 1898, March 1899, and in January and November of 1900. He continued to purchase property until the farm was 126 acres in size. The property stretches 3/4 mile along the Tualatin River.

John Nyberg (born Johannes Ersson in Sweden), requested permission from the King of Sweden to emigrate. He came to America in 1893, spending about a year in Minnesota. He was sponsored by the Hobart and Langley families in Silverton to settle in Oregon. While working for them, he was herding sheep from Silverton to the Portland shipyards. His intentions were to accompany the shipment of sheep to New Zealand. He met Ora Barngrover at her parents farm in Tualatin in 1895 (land presently owned by Earl Sagert and Larry Lee). He settled in Tualatin and married Ora Barngrover in 1897 at Oregon City. Their first home was a log cabin where they started their family.

"Nyberg operated Billy Greenwood's old blacksmith shop with Jim Werth and then ran the log flume for Oregon Iron & Steel. He bought 126 acres along the Tualatin river when the company dispersed its holdings, property that included the old Thompson onion swamp....Nyberg was Tualatin's second mayor, following Thadius Sweek, a post he was to hold from 1918 to 1944." (1-p.92) "He was county road supervisor, and when road surfaces changed from logs and planks to gravel, he took advantage of the quarry on his farm. He blasted the rock, crushed it and sold the gravel to the county and later the city for road building. (see photo #23637 at the Oregon Historical Society) His hand became infected in 1928, and he lost the good use of it, but continued to farm. He raised onions and mint in the bottom land along the ditch, keeping the ditch dredged with dynamite; one year the price of mint was so low he stored it until the next year when it sold for \$2 an ounce. He also developed a large dairy. He worked with draft horses and bred his mares to Julius Martinazzi's Percheron stallion. He never lost his Swedish accent. During one election, he said to Burl Ladd, "I question your wote!" Burl's reply; "You question my wote! @#%, If I'd lived in this country as long as you have, I would have learned to speak English!" (1-p.129)

In 1905 a three story house with gas lights and indoor plumbing was built. The house has a foyer, two parlors, two stairways on the first floor, a pantry, and a kitchen large enough to be a family room. There is a wonderful Home Comfort wood stove in the kitchen. The house has a huge attic and four bedrooms, and a sleeping porch for summer use. Wilbur's daughter, Orrie Ann, was married in the foyer. On the property there was an onion barn, a feed store, a chicken house, a dairy barn, and a wood shed. When Interstate-5 was constructed, the house and 11 of the farm buildings were moved. A full basement was built under the house when it was relocated West of I-5 at the

Nyberg Road exit. Only the large dairy barn was not relocated. There was a walnut orchard and a fruit grove that still exists today.

The Nyberg children were Claude, Ruby, identical twins Velma and Elma, Cecil, Ruth, Zira, Clayton, Wilbur and Willis. Cecil, Willis and Zira live in Tualatin, and Wilbur lives nearby in Sherwood. Ruby and Zira lived in the Nyberg home their whole lives. Eight children lived most of their lives in the metro area except during the war. Willis, Wilbur, and Walter John Eames served in the Navy during WW II along with Ruth's husband Jean Richards, and Wayne Howard, Zira's husband. Willis and his wife, Jean lived most of their life in Sweet Home, but are presently caring for Zira at the home place. The third generation includes 15 living cousins. There are 28 great grand children and fifth generation descendants. The annual Nyberg family reunion is held at the home place the third Sunday in August.

John Nyberg celebrated his birthday on July 4th even though Swedish records show he was born in March. The family held a big Independence Day and birthday party each July fourth. During the summer, Swedish relatives and friends would come out and camp by the Tualatin River. Zira recalled that one year she helped her mother put up 1,000 jars of fruit, vegetables, and meat. "The three youngest, Clayton, Wilbur (Red), and Willis, helped their father farm and were active in 4-H. Their nephew Walter John Eames (Elma's son) was nearer them in age and was part of the young Nyberg clan. The Nyberg house was a frequent gathering place for the youngsters and their friends." (1-p.130) The Nyberg boys, their nephew Walter John, and brother-in-laws played on the Tualatin baseball and basketball teams. The girls all played musical instruments. The family had many parties and gatherings in the home place. Five of the Nyberg children graduated from Tualatin High School between 1917 and 1936 before the high school was closed. Wilbur and Willis graduated from Tigard High School, as well as eight Nyberg grandchildren.

During the depression of the 1930's, \$5,000 of debt was attached to the land that was incurred as a result of the failure of a customer to pay for a large delivery of onions. This debt remained with the property for over 50 years and forced the Nyberg family to work extremely hard farming the property, to service the debt. John Nyberg served as Tualatin's mayor for 24 years and also served as a Washington County Commissioner. After John Nyberg's death, his land holdings passed to his son Clayton and the house and 7 acres were given to Zira. Zira married Wayne Howard and lived in the house her whole life along with her sister, Ruby. Clayton married Kathryn Cawrse in 1945. Kathryn's nephew, Steve Cawrse farms her family's century farm north of Hillsboro.

The Nyberg property was farmed with row crops until 1952 when the State of Oregon condemned 28 acres for the construction of the Baldock freeway now known as Interstate 5. The construction caused severe soil erosion that rendered the remaining nearby flood plain unfit for growing row crops. Due to the loss of land quality, the Nybergs were forced to move from growing row crops in the rich flood plain to raising dairy cattle.

Clayton and his sons developed a fine herd of Guernsey cattle. Clayton was active in the Guernsey Breeders Association. In 1956 our Guernsey bull, Wadermere Rose King,

was Grand Champion at the Oregon State Fair. The income from the sale of the property to the state and timber harvested from the trees cut for the highway was used to build a state of the arts milking parlor, lounging shed and silo. The milking parlor was a Surge horseshoe two on a side raised parlor that was the first of its kind in Oregon. Clayton enlisted the help of OSU agriculture engineering department to assist in design setup. A mill was set up on site to saw and plane the wood for the farm buildings and the home Clayton and Kay built for their four children John, Christine, Arne, and Ellen. The original buildings and Clayton's home can be seen from I-5.

In February 1955 Christine and John accidentally started a fire in an old onion barn that had been moved into the midst of the new farm buildings. Clayton and the rest of the Tualatin Fire department spent Sunday afternoon and into the night saving the buildings except the onion barn itself. Seven heifers never freshened and 100 chickens were destroyed as well as the hay stored in the barn. All the new buildings were saved, but the silo was weakened.

The Columbus Day storm was very memorable to me as a child. We had a stranger stay over night in our basement with us since he couldn't get home. We lost power for four days. The morning after the storm, we went to Aunt Zira's to have hot oatmeal cooked on her wood stove. Lots of friends helped to milk 25 head of cattle by hand, but then we dumped the milk since we didn't have refrigeration. The pigs were in hog heaven with gallons of milk to drink. Dad said the old barn would have blown down if the hay stored inside had not been there. More than 20 fir trees were blown down throughout the property. My brother John cut his ear with an ax. (memories of Christine Tunstall)

The Nybergs raised dairy cattle until 1972 when they again changed their farming operation to raising predominately Angus beef cattle. Again, the state condemned 10 more acres of property in order to build I-205 and widen I-5. The family used proceeds from the state to purchase a 14 acre filbert (hazelnut) orchard of 1,000 trees from Clayton's nephew, Walter John Eames. Several crops from the orchard yielded 5.5 clean dry tons of filberts per acre. After harvesting 20 crops of hazelnuts, the Nybergs traded the orchard property for the Sweetbrier Inn building which is located on a portion of the property. At the height of the family's land holdings, the Nybergs owned approximately 130 acres of prime farmland in Tualatin. There is a large chestnut tree between south bound I-5 and the exit ramp to Nyberg Road (exit 289). The tree was going to be destroyed during the expansion of I-5, but Clayton contacted Gov. Tom McCall. He arranged for the chestnut to be trimmed and given a treatment of fertilizers to stabilize it. The tree no longer produces chestnuts.

Clayton attended Oregon State University before the war, and worked on the development of hybrid seed corn with OSU. The Nybergs raised alfalfa for winter feed. Row crops were planted until the 60's which included sweet corn, field corn, and hybrid seed corn. E.R. Jackman did tall fescue research for OSU in our fields. Clayton led a 4-H cattle club for 28 years. Some of his 4-Hers are still farming in Tualatin and Tigard. He was one of the founders of the Tualatin Volunteer Fire Department and served as a volunteer fireman for 30 years. Clayton served on the Washington County fair board, was Washington Co. Commissioner for 12 years, and served on CRAG (now called METRO).

He served in the Oregon House from 1971-73. He was active in senior citizen affairs, serving as president of the Tigard Senior Center and Washington County Senior Services. He was a member of the Governor's Committee on Senior Services for eight years. He also served on the Executive committee of the Loaves and Fishes council and the boards of the Meridian Park Hospital Foundation, the Tigard Rotary Foundation and the Oregon State University Foundation.

All his children continue the family commitment to community service. His son, Arne, served on the Tualatin City Council for four years, and was involved in the development of the Tualatin Commons. Arne and Christine have both served as officers of the Tualatin Historical Society, Arne as president. Ellen works in Economic Development, work force development at the State of Oregon. John is a 4-H club leader, serves on the Yamhill County Sheriff's Mounted Posse and Search and Rescue, and is a member of the Newberg volunteer fire department. He also is a member of the Yamhill County Livestock Association and ODA livestock market committee. John also served as president of the Western Oregon Livestock Association. The beef barn at the Yamhill County fairgrounds is named after him in recognition of his many years of service. Christine is presently serving as co-chair and treasurer of Provider Resource Organization, an Oregon association of child care providers. Clayton and Kay Nyberg have 9 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

John and Arne continue to harvest hay. As traffic increased, services were needed at the Tualatin interchange with I-5. At one time there were three gas stations at the Nyberg Road exit. A portion of the farm has been leased to Mercury Development where the K-Mart, Safeway, US Bank, Wendys and several other businesses are located. Nearby condos prevented aerial crop dusting of the filbert orchard, so the high crop yields began to decrease. It became impossible to maintain the electric fences around the beef cattle due to daily vandalism, so the last round-up was held in 1989. The rich flood plains and onion flats now are called "wetlands" and will never be plowed again. So many changes in a hundred years.

(1) Tualatin...From the Beginning, By Loyce Martinazzi and Karen Lafky Nygaard

Submitted by Christine Nyberg Tunstall, February 1998