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Mrs. E. Jane Woodward

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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 (Mr., Mrs., Ms., Miss) E. Jane Woodward

Your Address [Redacted for Privacy]

Street, Route or Box #

City

Zip Code

Location of Farm Wheeler Co. NE 1/4 Sec 15 - T12 R.20 East Oregon

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:

Abby Mulvhill

Founder gained ownership of farm in (Year) 1897

(ATTACH VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION, See Rule 9).

Founder came to Oregon from Ill.

Who farms the land today? E. Jane Woodward

Relationship to original owner Grand daughter

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: Hay, Horses & Cattle

What do you raise on the farm today? Hay and Cattle

How many generations live on the farm today? 2

Please list names: Jane Woodward, my son Jim & Charles Woodward

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

E. Jane Woodward

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, E. Jane Woodward,

hereby affirm and declare that the farm which I own at
the north east quarter of Sec 15 T12 S1R.20 E.
in Mitchell, Oregon - Wheeler County,
shall have been owned by my family, as specified in Rule 2,
for at least one hundred years by no later than December
31, 1998.

Signature E. Jane Woodward

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

STATE OF OREGON

County of Crook

BE IT REMEMBERED, that on this 4th day of April,
1998, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for
said County and State, personally appeared the within named

E. Jane Woodward

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.

Linda K. Smith
Notary Public for Oregon

Commission Expires 11-4-2001



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Know All Men by These Presents, That
We, Guy McTimmons and Ruby McTimmons, his wife

of Prineville State of Oregon,
in consideration of Ten Dollars,

and other value Elmer Emma
to them paid by Robert/Woodward and Jane

Woodward, husband and wife of Prineville
State of Oregon have bargained and sold and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and
convey unto said Elmer Emma
Robert/Woodward and Jane Woodward, husband and
wife, their heirs and assigns, all the following bounded and
described real property, situated in the County of Wheeler and State of Oregon:

The Northeast quarter of Section Fifteen in Township 12
South of Range 20 East of the Willamette Meridian

(It is intended hereby to create an estate by the entirety
in the above named grantees)

together with all and singular the
tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, and also
all their estate, right, title and interest in and to the same, including dower and claim of dower.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, the above described and granted premises unto the said
Robert/Woodward and Jane Woodward, husband and wife, their

heirs and assigns forever. And

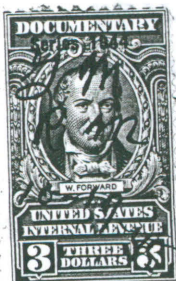
the grantor S above named do covenant to and with

the above named grantee s, their heirs and assigns that they are
lawfully seized in fee simple of the above granted premises, that the above granted premises are free
from all incumbrances,

and that they will and their heirs, executors and administrators,
shall warrant and forever defend the above granted premises, and every part and parcel thereof,
against the lawful claims and demands of all persons whomsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the grantor s above named, have hereunto set their
hand S and seal S this 19 day of October 1945.

EXECUTED IN THE PRESENCE OF



Guy Mc Timmons (SEAL)
Ruby Mc Timmons (SEAL)
(SEAL)
(SEAL)

STATE OF OREGON

County of

Crook,

ss.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 19 day of October A. D., 1945

before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public

in and for said County and State, personally appeared the within named

Guy McTimmons and Ruby McTimmons, husband and wife

who are known

to me to be the identical persons described in and who executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same freely and voluntarily.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and

official seal, the day and year last above written.

Edward Chapman
Notary Public for Oregon.

My Commission Expires

Sept 21 1949

Warranty Deed

GUY MC TIMMONS ET UX

TO

ROBERT ELMER WOOLWARD ET UX

STATE OF OREGON,

County of WHEELER

ss.

I certify that the within instrument was received for record on the 5

day of Nov A. D. 1945

at 3 o'clock P. M., and recorded

in Book 25 on page 18 Record

of Deeds of said County.

Witness my hand and seal of County affixed.

Recorder of Conveyances

By

Deputy

This Indenture, Made The 20th day of September, eighteen hundred and Ninety seven, at Mitchell, Crook County, Oregon, by and between S. A. Mealy, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Administrator of the Estate of Sarah A. Benham, deceased, late of said County and State, the party of the first part, and Abby Milvahlill of the County and State aforesaid, the party of the second part, Witnesseth:-

That whereas, on the fourth day of May, eighteen hundred and ninety six, the County Judge of the County Court of the State of Oregon for Crook County, made an order of sale authorizing the said party of the first part to sell certain real estate of the said Sarah A. Benham, deceased, situated in said County of Crook, State of Oregon, and specified and particularly described in said order of sale x

And which said order of sale, now on file and of record in the said County Court for said Crook County, Oregon, in Probate Journal No. 1 at Pages four hundred and thirty one, and four hundred and thirty two there-

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of, is hereby referred to and made
a part of this indenture.

And whereas, under and by virtue
of said order of sale, and pursuant to
legal notice thereof, the said party of
the first part, on the eleventh day of
May, eighteen hundred and ninety
seven, at Mitchell, County and State
aforesaid, offered for sale in one
parcel, judging it most beneficial
to said estate, at private sale, and
subject to confirmation by said
County Court, the real estate, situ-
ated in said Crook County, Oregon,
and specified and described in said
order of sale as aforesaid, and at
such sale the said party of the second
part became the purchaser of the
whole of said real estate hereinafter
particularly described, for the sum
of nine hundred and eighty dollars,
she being the highest and best bidder,
and that being the highest and best
sum bid therefor.

And whereas, the said County Court
for the County and State as aforesaid,
upon the due and legal return of

his proceedings under the said order of sale, made by the said party of the first part on the second day of July eighteen hundred and ninety seven, after making said sale, and upon due and legal proof as by law required, and no objections having been made thereto, did on the seventh day of July eighteen hundred and ninety seven, make an order confirming said sale, and directing conveyances to be executed to the said party of the second part. And which order of confirmation is now on file and of record in said Court, in Probate Journal No. 1 at Page four hundred and sixty six thereof, is hereby referred to and made a part of this indenture.

Now, therefore, the said S. A. Muley, as administrator of the said Estate of Sarah A. Benham, deceased, as aforesaid, the party of the first part, pursuant to the order last aforesaid of the said County Court for Crook County, Oregon, for and in consideration of the said sum of nine hundred and eighty dollars, to him in hand paid by

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the said party of the second part, The receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained, sold, and conveyed, and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said party of the second part, her heirs and assigns forever, all the right, title, interest, and estate of the said Sarah A. Benham, deceased, at the time of her death, in and to all that certain lot, piece, or parcel of land situate, lying, and being in said Cook County, Oregon, and bounded and described as follows, to wit:—


The North East quarter of Section fifteen, Township Twelve South of Range Twenty East of the Willamette Meridian, together with all water ditches and water rights belonging to said said estate.

Together with the tenements, hereditaments, and appurtenances whatsoever to same belonging, or in anywise appertaining.

To have and to hold, all and singular, the above mentioned and

described premises, together with the appurtenances, unto the said party of the second part, her heirs and assigns forever.

In witness whereof, the said party of the first part, the Administrator as aforesaid, has hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Done in presence of } S. A. Mealey 
 R. E. Wisener } As Administrator of
 J. L. Gable } The Estate of Sarah A. Benham, deceased.

State of Oregon }
 County of Crook } S.S.

On this 20th day of Sept. A.D. 1897, before me, the undersigned, ~~Notary Public~~ ^{ex. S. Commissioner}, in and for said County and State, personally came the within named S. A. Mealey, as the Administrator of the estate of Sarah A. Benham, deceased, to me personally known to be the identical person described in and who executed the above and foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same freely, for the uses and purposes therein named.

A. C. Palmer, U.S. Commissioner

~~Notary Public~~ for Oregon

Administrator's Deed

From
S. A. Mcaley, as admin-
istrator of the Estate of
Sarah A. Benham, deceased,

To
Abby Mulwahill

FILED

or

Arthur Hodge

Recorded in Vol. 6,
Page 306, of Deeds for
Grant County, Oregon,
Sept. 24, 1897.

Arthur Hodge,
County Clerk.

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London Times Journal August 20, 1998
Mulvahill-Woodward ranch honored as Century Farm

A celebration took place on the Abigail (Abby) Mulvahill ranch on West Branch Sunday, August 16, that marked over 100 years of one family's existence in the Mitchell area. The ranch is now owned and operated by the Jane Woodward family, which includes her three sons -- John, Jim and Charles.

Back in 1896, Abby Mulvahill rode horseback from her home at Summit Prairie to Mitchell to place a bid on the 160-acre estate of Sara Ann Bingum. Her bid of \$980 was successful and the deed was finalized in September 1897.

Abby spent four years on the ranch with her husband Mike before she died in 1901. Mike Mulvahill continued to farm the place until his death in 1926. Their youngest daughter, Ruby McTimmonds, operated the ranch for the next 19 years.

In 1945, Bob and Jane Woodward bought the property from Ruby, and Jane and her sons continue to raise cattle and hay there. Bob Woodward died in 1990.

"I love every minute of it," said Jane Woodward at Sunday's celebration of ranching at West Branch. "It makes my heart feel good."

Long-time family friend Dan Cannon, whose roots are also along West Branch, read a tribute he had composed of the area and of the Mulvahill-Woodward families, the text of which can be found on page 4 of this issue.

Jerry Brummer, president of the Crook County Historical Society, made the presentation of the formal Century Farm certificate. It was fitting that Brummer should make the presentation for two reasons --



The Mulvahill and Woodward families were honored last weekend when the ranch they have farmed for over 100 years at West Branch near Mitchell was named a Century Farm. At the sign installed at the ranch are brothers, John, Charles and Jim Woodward, with their mother, Jane Woodward.

the first is that the ranch was in Crook County when Abby Mulvahill bought it in 1897; and the second is that Brummer and his wife Eloise were married at the ranch, the first wedding performed by Justice of the Peace Jane Woodward over 20 years ago.

To commemorate the occasion, the family barbecued a pig and

served up a bounteous potluck meal for the crowd of family and friends who attended the event. And the celebration also honored the 53rd birthday of Charles Woodward, Jane Woodward's youngest son.

On display was a family heirloom, a quilt that had been made by Abigail Mulvahill sometime between 1850 and 1880.

E. Jane Woodward

5 June 1998

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Dear Jane,

It gives me great pleasure to inform you that your **Century Farm** application has been approved. Congratulations on receiving this prestigious honor for the Abby Mulvahill Farm, founded in 1897. 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 Fossil Museum (763-4481) 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. Donna Hopper, The Fossil Museum

From:



Ms. Jean Nelson
Redacted for Privacy

Zip:



Called
Jean Nelson on
30 June 98
Due to circumstances involved
with this application, it will
be accepted in 1998 cycle.
Rick Reed

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JUN 29 1998

Oregon Historical Society

To:



Oregon Historical Society
1200 SW Park Avenue
Portland OR
40 Rick Reed

Zip: 97205