

CFR 0678

Edwin Morten

APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM HONORS

Deadline for filing application - May 1, 1990

Redacted for Privacy

(please type or print)

telephone: Redacted for Privacy

Your name (Mr., Mrs., Ms., Miss) EDWIN MORTEN

Your Address Redacted for Privacy
street, route or box city ZIP code

Location of farm 1/4 MILE EAST OF COLUMBIA CO. FAIR GROUN

To qualify as a Century Farm, a farm must have no fewer than 10 acres with a gross income from farm use of not less than \$500 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 who was founder or original owner of farm: ERICK ^{AND MARY} MORTEN

Founder gained ownership of farm in (year) 1889
(ATTACH VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION, see rule 9).

Founder came to Oregon from SWEDEN

Who farms the land today? EDWIN MORTEN

Relationship to original owner SON

Are any of the original buildings still in use? YES

If yes, which ones? ALL OF THEM

If you know crops or livestock raised on farm one hundred years ago, please list: DO NOT KNOW

What do you raise on the farm today? CATTLE and HAY

How many generations live on the farm today? ~~ONE~~ TWO

Please list names: ~~ERICK MORTEN~~, EDWIN MORTEN

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

✓ _____
(signature of owner)

Please return forms to:
Century Farm Program
Oregon Historical Society
1230 S. W. Park Avenue
Portland, OR 97205

COLUMBIA

1-397-0594

I, Edward Morten, hereby affirm
(print name)

and declare that the farm which I own at Redacted for Privacy
(full address)

Stellen S, in Columbia County,

shall have been owned by my family as specified in Rule 2 of the
RULES FOR 1990 CENTURY FARM PROGRAM for at least one hundred years by
no later than December 31, 1990.

1859

Signature

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

STATE OF OREGON
County of _____

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this _____ day of _____,
19____, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for
said County and State, personally appeared the within named

known to me to be the identical individual described in and who
executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that _____
executed the same freely and voluntarily.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed my official
seal the day and year last above written.

Notary Public for Oregon

THEY CAME - WANTED TO TALK TO THEM

P H O N E M E M O	TO	Row B.	DATE	5-31	TIME	4:28	AM						
	FROM	EDWIN MORTON	AREA CODE	Redacted for Privacy									
	OF	ST. HELENS	NO.	Redacted for Privacy									
	EXT.												
MESSAGE	WANTS TO SEE YOU RE: CENTURY FARM. MADE A TENTATIVE APPT FOR 2:00 TOMORROW - THURS. CALL HIM IF NOT O.K. (THEY TALKED TO YOU LAST MONTH)												
	SIGNED (SW)												
PHONED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CALL BACK	<input type="checkbox"/>	RETURNED CALL	<input type="checkbox"/>	WANTS TO SEE YOU	<input type="checkbox"/>	WAS IN	<input type="checkbox"/>	WILL CALL AGAIN	<input type="checkbox"/>	URGENT	<input type="checkbox"/>

St Helens / 23/89

Dear Eliza & Geo.

Thanks so very much
for your letter and the information
from Oregon Historical Society.

It wont be possible to apply for
membership in the Society ~~at~~ because
of the 25 acres is the original land
bought in 1889 - of that 15 acres, only
7 acres are left. All of the "Morton
Lane" was part of the 25 acres. Also
the land I gave to Anne & children
Dad bought 50 acres Early in the

1900 - that is ~~an~~ about 32 acres that
we lets make up doubt if that could
be included in the application

So we will put it off for this year
But that ^{should} could not stop us to
have a Reunion of Relations & friends
this next Summer

We are very much in fever and
is out to have the Reunion before

too late. we all know it is
later for all ~~of~~ us than we think
Think about it.

I hope you are feeling well
~~that~~ my left hand simply wont
be here. I hope you can read this
Love

Geo

Redacted for Privacy

1033
Geo. SWANSON
FARM 4

Redacted for Privacy

(1) at B/O

OREGON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

1230 S.W. Park Avenue
(503) 222-1741



Portland, Oregon 97205
Cable: Histore

February 28, 1989

Mrs. George Swanson
Redacted for Privacy

Dear Mrs. Swanson:

I enjoyed having the opportunity to meet you and Mr. Swanson and hope we can spend more time on your next visit. And thanks again for the information concerning the Morton Farm. Attached is the Century Farm information for your interest.

Since 1958, the Century Farm Program has honored nearly 900 farms in Oregon, recognizing and commending the tremendous achievement of many of Oregon's "first families" in keeping and working farms from generation to generation. The Century Farm certificate is an honorary award and does not confer legal or tax advantages. Qualifying farms receive the certificate, the right to post a metal Century Farm sign outside on the property, and (whenever possible) recognition at a local awards ceremony.

We hope that you will return the enclosed application to us any time before May 1, 1990, which is the deadline for the next award period. Please do not hesitate to ask for our assistance if you need guidance in filling out the forms.

Thank you again for your interest, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Ron Brentano
Coordinator, Century Farm Program

Enclosures



Oregon Historical SOCIETY

1230 S.W. PARK AVENUE, PORTLAND, OREGON 97205

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CABLE / HISTORE

June 6, 1989

Mr. Edwin Morten

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Dear Mr. Morten:

I was so sorry to miss you on your visit here last week. There was apparently a serious misunderstanding concerning my schedule and I was very dismayed to learn you were told to see me on a day I was scheduled to be far out of town. Please accept my apologies for this extreme inconvenience to you.

I really enjoyed having the opportunity to meet you and your brother Arthur at our meeting here in April, and I was especially pleased to see that you decided to submit the application for the historic **ERICK MORTEN FARM** in light of your concerns. From the information you shared with me during our meeting, I see no problem in completing the application. All that is now needed is to fill in the blank spaces and have the "Statement Form" notarized and returned to me. I will then see to it that you will receive the certificate signed by the governor of Oregon, and both the president and executive director of the Oregon Historical Society.

I would be honored if I could come visit you at your historic farmstead at a mutually agreeable time, perhaps in September or October, or some other time convenient for you. Since the deadline for this round of Century Farm applications is not until May 1, 1990, there is still plenty of time to complete the details of the application.

I'm very much looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Ron Brentano
Coordinator, Century Farm Program



100 Years

You're Invited
To Participate
in a
Centennial Celebration
of the
Morten Place

Join Us In A
Family Style Picnic
Saturday, August 5th, 1989
two o'clock in the afternoon
at the
Edwin Morten Residence

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Regrets: Art Morten
Redacted for Privacy

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CABLE / HISTORE

April 26, 1990

Mr. Edwin Morten

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Dear Mr. Morten:

It seems hard to believe that almost a whole year has gone by since I last dropped you a line.

On checking through my Century Farm file, I noted your application for the historic 1889 **Erick Morten Farm** and I see that all that needs to be done to complete the application is to answer the two questions I noted in red, sign the application, and have the statement form notarized.

I thought you would be pleased to know that the application deadline has been extended to May 31st, so there is still time to return your application. Enclosed is a stamped, addressed envelope for your convenience.

I'm really looking forward to presenting to you this well deserved honor. We will have an attractive certificate for you signed by Governor Goldschmidt, and inscribed **Erick Morten Farm, 1889**.

Sincerely,

Ron Brentano
Coordinator, CENTURY FARM PROGRAM



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Century Farm Program

January 28, 1991

Mr. Edwin Morten
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Dear Mr. Morten:

We are pleased to enclose your Century Farm Certificate honoring the historic Erick Morten Century Farm.

Although we were unable to coordinate a program in cooperation with a local historical agency to publicly honor this achievement, we thought you would enjoy having your certificate at this time.

The attention given to the Century Farm Program this year by the news media has been overwhelming and is commensurate with the number of successful applications received- 86! This brings a total of almost 900 Century Farms in Oregon since the program was founded in 1958. And the important value in the information provided with Century Farm applications has captured the imagination of academic institutions and researchers alike: the State Historic Preservation Office has used the Century Farm data to produce a report for the National Park Service entitled "OREGON'S AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT HISTORIC CONTEXT, 1811-1940". At the end of the report, SHPO notes that "The Century Farm Program thus has important information concerning historic resources and should be used when conducting research on agricultural themes in Oregon". And we were delighted when we heard from several professors at Oregon State University who announced their proposed study based entirely on Century Farm data- "We will look for correlations among agronomic, economic, and social factors and sustainability. From these relationships, we will hypothesize how these factors may influence or be influenced by the Sustainability of modern farms in Oregon".

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Again, please accept our congratulations for your noteworthy achievement, and our very best wishes for the future. We really hope your Century Farm will be among the first of Oregon's Bicentennial Farms, one-hundred years from now!

Sincerely,

Ron Brentano
Coordinator,
CENTURY FARM PROGRAM

p.s. An outdoor metal CENTURY FARM sign can be ordered from
the following source: TRAFFIC SAFETY SUPPLY CO.
2324 S. E. Umatilla Street
Portland, OR 97202

Myron Boyer is the contact there
at 235-8531.



Thank You

March 4 1991

Mr. Ron Brentano
Oregon Historical Society
Portland, Oreg.

Thank you so very much
for Century Farm Certificate honoring
Erik Møsten Century Farm.

The farm would not have
been eligible for a Certificate
that could Publicly honor this
achievement.

Enclosed a check for Dues for 1991
Sorry so late.

One Request - I would like, if
possible, a copy of the request
for the Certificate.

Thank you again and hope to
hear from you soon

Sincerely

Eduard Møsten

Redacted for Privacy

Wanted to write
left handed

Morten family celebrates centennial of purchase of Bachelor Flat home

Descendants of one of the original seven bachelors that gave Bachelor Flat area its name, gathered for a picnic Saturday commemorating the centennial of the purchase of the family farm.

More than 150 family members met at the home of Edwin Morten, 34431 Bachelor Flat Rd., some from as far away as Georgia.

Edwin Morten, 90, was born in the original home, and still resides there.

Also hosting was his brother and wife, Art and Yvonne Morten of St. Helens and a committee of family members, Margaret Slagel of Lake Oswego, Elsie Swanson of Portland, Douglas Morten of Portland and Mary Heumann Adams of Corvallis, who put together a chronology of the family history for the celebration.

The Morten farm was purchased in 1889 by one of the Bachelor Flat's original bachelors, Erik Morten who had immigrated from Sweden to the area. He and

Charlie Wickstrom purchased 50 acres and land and divided it.

In 1892 Erik Morten built a home and 1895 gave up his bachelorhood to wed Mary Petersen who had also come to the United States from Sweden.

In 1897 the area began to be called Bachelor Flat and in 1907 50 more acres were purchased north of the original acreage, making a total of 75 acres owned by Erik and Mary Morten.

Edwin Morten was born in the house in 1899 and has lived in the home all his life. He cared for his parents until they died in 1945 and 1947.

Art Morten was born in the family home in 1913. He married Yvonne Greene in 1940 and they built their first home on the Morten property. They moved to Eugene in 1962. They returned to build a new home at the end of Morten Lane and Southview Drive in 1980.

Two other children, no longer living, were born to Erik and Mary Morten. Hilma Margaret (Heumann) was born in 1897 and Oscar was born in 1902.

Mary Morten's niece Anna Richter Daily, came to live in the Morten home with three small children, in 1945. She still resides in the Morten home with her sister, Vera Richter.

Special guests at the picnic were nieces of Erik and Mary Morten, Maria Matson of Petaluma, Calif., and Alma Mickelson of Atlanta Ga.

"We had a wonderful time," said Mary Heumann Adams. "The picnic we had was typical of what the grandparents would have served," she said. There was fried chicken and potato salad and sliced meats, all which would have come from the farm produce.

Decorations were wild flowers in antique milk cans that had been used on the farm. Other decorations were Swedish and American flags.

Adams said a cake was decorated with a picture of the old house.

The guest list included all those who knew Erik and Mary Morten and many second, third and fourth cousins.



FESTIVE — Flags and wildflowers decorated the Morten home for the celebration of the purchase of the land 100 years ago.



ORIGINAL BACHELOR — Erik Morten, one of the original seven bachelors after which Bachelor Flat Road is named, is pictured in the late 1920s with the woman who ended his bachelorhood, Mary Peterson Morten, outside their original home which is still standing along Bachelor Flat Road.



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Thanks Erik - is Swedish
Erick - is American
I think (2)
Ella J.

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