

CFR 0694

Miss Mildred Kanipe

To qualify as a Century Farm a farm must have not less 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.

APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM HONORS--1974
(Rules Attached)
Deadline for filing application: July 1, 1974

PLEASE PRINT

Your name (Mr., Mrs., Miss) MISS MILDRED KANIPE
Your address: Route 1 P.O. Box _____ Town OAKLAND
Location of farm: OAKLAND, OREGON DOUGLAS
(Address) (County)
Acres in your farm today: 1100 Acres in original farm: 164
Does your farm comply with the definition at top of page? YES
Name of family member who was founder or original owner of farm (please print):
THOMAS BAIMBRIDGE
Year founder settled on farm? 1872 Where did he come from? ENGLAND
How many families have farmed this land? THREE
Are any of original buildings still in use? YES THE HOUSE
Who farms land today? You? YES A renter? NO A manager? NO Other? NO
If you own the farm but live in town, do you manage the farming operation? LIVE HERE
What relation are you to the original owner? GRAND DAUGHTER
If you know crops or livestock raised on farm 100 years ago, please list
SHEEP AND WOOL AND MILK COWS - BUTTER
AND CHEESE
What do you raise on farm today? SHEEP AND CATTLE AND HAY
FOR STOCK FEED
How many generations live on the farm today? (Names) ONE
MILDRED KANIPE
Has the farm ever been rented? NO How many times has original farm been divided? 0
Please list on separate page attached other historical facts you know about this farm.
Do you declare that the statements made above are accurate and correct to the best of your knowledge? _____.

Mail to: Oregon Dept. of Agriculture
Agriculture Bldg., Salem, OR 97310

Mildred Kanipe
(Signature of owner)

Submitted by Mildred Kanipe, Oakland, Oregon
(Name and Address)ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

My grandfather, Thomas Baimbridge, came, with his wife and five young children, from Derbyshire England to Oakland, Oregon in the year 1870. It took them three weeks to cross the ocean from Liverpool to New York. From there they came by train to Astoria and then by boat up the Columbia and up the Willamette to Marysville (now Corvallis). Then on to Oakland by way of horses and freight wagon. They lived on a large ranch nearly for two years and then moved on this ranch in 1872. Some members of the Baimbridge or Kanipe family have lived here and operated this ranch continuously ever since then. My grandfather raised mostly sheep, a few cows.

After my grand parents death my mother, Sarah A. Baimbridge, inherited this part of the ranch. She lived here and operated it, raising sheep, until her marriage.

My grandfather, John A. Kanipe, came with his wife and small son, from North Carolina to Oakland, Oregon in the 1880's. They lived on different ranches in the vicinity until my father, John H. Kanipe was grown and then they moved on the Dr. Langley Hall ranch which is about

three miles from here. They lived there for a number of years and my father raised grain and Percheron horses and hay for stock feed.

After my mother and father were married they lived here and he continued raising grain and horses for years. Later he raised mostly sheep, a few horses and cows and hay for stock feed.

After the death of my father I inherited this part of the ranch. I have lived here and operated it since that time. I raise sheep and cattle and hay for stock feed. I was born here in this house on this ranch. I have lived all my life here. I intend to always stay here.

The house where I live was built in 1851 by Winslow Powers on his homestead. It is built of hand hewed wood timbers, mortised together with wooden pegs and whip sawed lumber nailed with square steel nails. The original roof was made of hand shaved cedar shingles nailed on with little square steel shingle nails. It lasted some 75 years. This is the oldest house in the country still in practically its original state.

CERTIFICATION OF OWNERSHIP OF CENTURY FARM

I hereby certify that the farm for which Miss Mildred Kanipe
(Owner's name and address)

Rt. 1 Oakland, Oregon

is applying for Century Farm Honors, has been in ^{her}~~his~~ family continuously for
100 or more years.

G. D. Myllesbeck
* County ~~Commissioner~~-Recorder

June 27, 1974

(Date)

*Please strike office not applicable

Family History Traced

Ranch Acquired In 1872

By DON AUCUTT
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OAKLAND — In High summer, the fields of Miss Mildred Kanipe's ranch north of Oakland are golden, glossy, polished products of the hot sun in July and early August.

Under a hazy midday sky, Miss Kanipe's 1,100-acre ranch in what some still know as the English Settlement resembles an aging quilt. Many things contribute to the design — the dull, unpained wood of a 120-year-old house and old barns; tin roofs; red and yellow flowers; green maple trees; cedars; roads outlined in the 19th century.

One evening this month, Miss Kanipe, who is now in her 60s, sat down in the grass next to one of the many barns on her ranch and talked about the property which has been in her family since 1872 and is now designated as an Oregon Century Farm.

She brought out a notebook — one like school kids use — in which she had briefly, but carefully traced her family's life on the property.

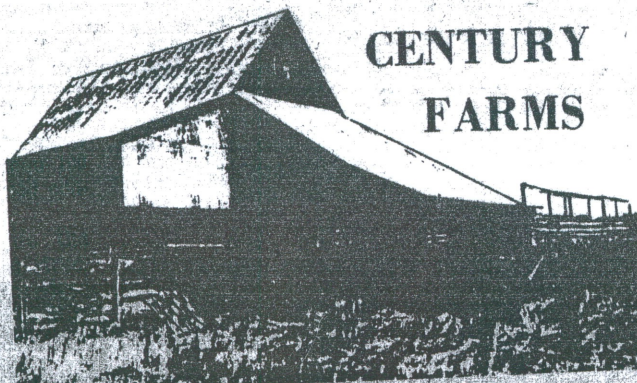
On the simple tablet paper,

along with dates and names and places, she had written: "I was born on this ranch. I have lived all my life here. I intend to always stay here."

Her grandfather, Thomas Baimbridge, bought part of the

Willamette River to Marysville, near Corvallis. From there, they came by horse and wagon to Oakland, where there were relatives.

In England, Baimbridge had a small place — three to five



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ranch just over 100 years ago from Winslow Powers, who built the house Miss Kanipe lives in.

Baimbridge, with his wife and five children, left Derbyshire, England, in 1870. Departing from Liverpool, the family crossed the Atlantic Ocean on a three-week trip to New York, then came by train to Astoria, boarded a boat for a voyage up the Columbia and then the

acres, his granddaughter says. In America, he would have many, many times that number of acres.

When Baimbridge died, part of the ranch went to his daughter, Sarah, his sixth child who was born on the ranch and would be Mildred Kanipe's mother. Her father was John H. Kanipe.

Miss Kanipe inherited the ranch in 1940, when her father died. After 1940, she and a maiden aunt, Mary Baimbridge — from whom she got her recollections of Thomas Baimbridge — lived on the property, and for the past 15 years or so, following Mary's death, Miss Kanipe has lived alone.

Running sheep, keeping milk cows, turkeys, peacocks, guinea hens, dogs and some cats, she works the place mostly by herself, with hired help "off and on."

"I sure like it," she said. Nearby, a turkey flew heavily to the top of an old fence to perch. One of the eight to 10 peacocks she keeps "cause they're pretty" sat near the turkey.

"When you've had one home all your life and lived there, it's a home," she explained, saying how a person gets "rooted down, and all these trees. I just love trees." Big maples and cedar trees planted by her grandfather surround her home.

She went to school at the one-room English Settlement school, which served the children, mostly of English descent, of the area. Now abandoned, without windows, bordered by blackberry bushes and a leafy plant that seems to favor unused buildings, the school is down the road from Miss Kanipe's ranch.

She has spent nearly her whole life on the ranch.

"If you got cows, you got to be here to take care of 'em," she said. Relaxing, after what seemed to have been a typically busy day, Miss Kanipe wore blue jeans, a work shirt, rubber boots, a straw hat.

"I suppose I never thought about moving off of it," she said.

When she was a girl, she was her "daddy's only boy," Miss Kanipe recalled. "I helped him all the time. He raised grain and those big Percheron horses." She had one sister, now dead, and no brothers.

The long, sad thick soprano cry of the peacock broke into her conversation.

Ready to tell what she knows about her ranch's past and quick with answers about her life there, Miss Kanipe is not so happy about the way things are today, when people no longer remember that the area was called the English Settlement and when farms and ranches are broken up into smaller acreages.

"All these darned trailer houses get stuck under every tree," she said. About a property to the north which has been

cut up, she commented, "All of them's got no water at all. I don't know what they're doing."

She talked about the country being ruined, becoming a place "where there's no place for stock" and eventually no place for producing food.

The conversation ended. Somewhat bent, grey, she led the way to her house — a landmark on a ranch named this year as one of Oregon's Century Farms. Century Farms are those which have remained in one family for more than 100 years and have been used continuously.

Lights glowed inside the house, a simple wooden structure built in 1851. Flowers edged it. Looking at her home, Miss Kanipe told a story about how Winslow Powers who built it lost some sheep he was driving to Eastern Oregon and ended up selling the ranch to her grandfather.

Then, Miss Kanipe, bucket in hand, walked away in the darkening evening to feed the sheep.