

CFR 0695

Mrs. James (Welcome) Combs

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--1976  
(Rules Attached)  
Deadline for filing application: July 1, 1976

PLEASE PRINT

Your name (Mr., Mrs., Miss) Mrs. James (W Welcome) Combs

Your address: Route 1 P.O. Box 205 Town Camas Valley

Location of farm: Route 1, Box 205 Camas Valley Douglas

(Address) (County)

Acres in your farm today: 40 Acres in original farm: 320

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): \_\_\_\_\_

Alston Martindale

Year founder settled on farm? March prior to 1853 Where did he come from? Indiana Switzerland County

How many families have farmed this land? three generations

Are any of original buildings still in use? No.

Who farms land today? You? We are retired but Harold Bright farms it under our control.  
A renter? \_\_\_\_\_ A manager? \_\_\_\_\_ Other? \_\_\_\_\_

If you own the farm but live in town, do you manage the farming operation? \_\_\_\_\_

What relation are you to the original owner? Granddaughter

If you know crops or livestock raised on farm 100 years ago, please list cattle, horses  
hogs and poultry; hay, grain (oats and wheat) corn, garden and  
orchards.

What do you raise on farm today? different hay crops, gardens and orchard.  
pasture cattle.

How many generations live on the farm today? (Names) two.

Has the farm ever been rented? Just the farm ground but under owner's management.  
How many times has original farm been divided? 6

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? yes.

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

Welcome Martindale Combs.  
(Signature of owner)

Submitted by Welcome Martindale Combs Route 1 Box 205, Camas Valley,  
Oregon 97416 (Name and Address)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Alston Martindale was born February 28, 1829 in Switzerland County in Indiana; married Nancy Katherine Fitzhugh on September 1, 1855. He came to Oregon via the plains in 1850 and took up a Donation Land Claim in Camas Valley.

Nancy had one daughter, Austria (Aussie) Shambrook by a former marriage. Children of Alston were: Ella Mira, Tulla Ann, Henry, Robert Lee, William Alston, Nettie Jane, Nancy Violet, James Dickey, and Rolla (Pete).

Alston gave his log cabin to be the first school house in the Valley. He later donated land to the school district, and he set aside an acre to be a cemetery. When he moved from the cabin he built a stockade about one hundred feet square where the people of the community gathered during Indian attacks. Some of the Martindale children were born in this fort.

The Alston Martindales kept the stage station at their home for many years, and Alston was the postmaster for the Valley from June 12, 1879 to December 3, 1898.

CERTIFICATION OF OWNERSHIP OF CENTURY FARM

I hereby certify that the farm for which Mr. + Mrs. James Combs  
(Owner's name and address)

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is applying for Century Farm Honors, has been in his family continuously for  
100 or more years.

John J. Smith  
\* County Commissioner-Recorder

4/26/76  
(Date)

\*Please strike office not applicable