

CFR 0709

Margaret Lillie Pentecost

GILIAM

APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM HONORS

Deadline for filing applications - May 1, 1985

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT:

Your name (Mr., Mrs., Ms.) Mrs. Margaret LILLIE Pentecost

Your address: Box #25 Mayville 99830
Street, Route, or Box Town Zip

Location of Farm: 10 MILES South CONDON + 5 MILES N.W. Mayville
Address County GILLIAM

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. Does your farm meet this qualification? yes

Name of family member who was founder or original owner of farm Charles L. AND Josephine LLEWELLYN LILLIE

Year founder settled on farm 1882 Where did he come from? Charles
CAME from St Lawrence County N.Y. Josephine from Missouri
Who farms the land today? Margaret L. Pentecost
With help of Bernard Arnold - Living on adjoining Farm
Relationship to original owner? Granddaughter

Are any of the original buildings still in use? If so which ones? Old Shop +
HALF of Homestead House.

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

Crops - Wheat, Oats + Barley - Livestock - Chickens;
Turkeys, Guineas, Hogs, Sheep, horses + MULES + CATTLE

What do you raise on farm today? Wheat + Crested Wheat.

How many generations live on the farm today (Names)? Margaret L. Pentecost
WILL be left to my grandchildren - A grandson May
FARM it then.

How many times has the original farm been divided? NONE, 160 A More
Purchased

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

Please return form to:

Margaret L. Pentecost
Signature of Owner

Elizabeth W. Buchler, Field Historian
Oregon Historical Society
1230 S.W. Park Avenue
Portland, Oregon, 97205

CFR 0709

Mayville, Oregon
July 25, 1985

Charles Wellman
Oregon Historical Society
1530 S. H. Park Ave.,
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Wellman;

Your letter received,
stating that I have been
chosen to receive the Certifi-
cate for a Century Farmer.

Will this be a plaque
that can be placed on the
house or fence, like I have
seen on Century Farmers?
Also what will be the letter-
ing on it?

Should I let my family
know about this, so they
can be here also? They live
in Pendleton, La Grande & Depue.

I will be delighted to be
there and receive this award
for my Ancestor, family and
myself. Many thanks for
choosing me as a Century Woman.

Yours Truly,
Margaret L. Pentecost
Box #25

Mayville, Ore.

97830.

Mayville, Oregon
July 30, 1985

Charles W. Hellman
1230 S. W. Park Ave.,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:

Your letter received of July
29th, but you didn't state
in your letter, which I
asked about, what are
part of the lettering would
be on the matted certificate
I would like to know
and also what should be
put on the outside metal sign.

Thank you -

Margaret L. Pentecost
Box # 25
Mayville, Or.
97830

Sorry to be so
much bother, but
I want to get it
right.

8

July 29, 1985

Mrs. Margaret L. Pentecost
Box #25
Mayville, Oregon 97830

Dear Mrs. Pentecost:

Thank you for your letter of July 25 requesting information about the Century Farm awards.

You will be presented with a very nice matted certificate which has been signed by the Governor and by officials of the Oregon Historical Society. The certificate is suitable for framing but would not be good for outdoor use.

If you wish to order the metal sign you have seen on other Century Farms, you may do so through the Traffic Safety Supply Company at a cost of about \$50.00. I have enclosed their address and telephone number, should you wish to order one for yourself.

I am certain that your family and friends would be most welcome at the award ceremony, which as I understand it will be in conjunction with the dedication of the new depot museum in Condon.

Again, our congratulations to you for this special award. If you have any further questions, please be sure to let us know.

Sincerely,

Charles F. Wellman
Coordinator, Century Farm Program

8
August 4, 1985

Mrs. Margaret L. Pentecost
Box #25
Mayville OR 97830

Dear Mrs. Pentecost:

Thank you for your letter of July 30. The certificate itself will read "The Lillie Farm, 1882." But as far as the metal sign is concerned, you may put whatever you wish on it. It has an upper section that reads simply "Century Farm" and a lower section in which most people put their own names. You are not required to put the original owner's name on the metal sign.

I hope this answers your questions; please do let me know if you have other questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Charles F. Wellman
Coordinator, Century Farm Program

Mayville, Oregon
June 11, 1985.

(8)

Elizabeth M. Buchler
1230 S.W. Park Ave.,
Portland, Ore.

Dear Madam:

After talking with you on the phone June 10, I did find a letter from you dated Feb 3, 1983, enclosing the rules for Century Farms designation, as well as Appliance forms. I had kept your letter & as I remember, I filled them out and sent them in then.

Any way here is some more
and thanking you -

I remain,

Yours truly,

Margaret L. Pinterod

Box # 25

Mayville, Ore. 97830

Also enclosed is proof
of my grandparents establish-
ing themselves on this
place in 1882, as
well as Christopher
Childs letter.
M.L.P.

CHARLES L. AND JOSEPHINE LLEWELLEN RUSSELL LILLIE

This biography is taken from *The History of Central Oregon*, embracing Wasco, Sherman, Gilliam, Wheeler, Crook, Lake and Klamath Counties, published in 1905.

Charles L. Lillie started in life without capital but owing to his wise industry, is now one of the wealthiest farmers and stockmen in the County of Gilliam. This is a record of which he may justly be proud and it is with pleasure we are enabled to recount some of the salient points in his career, since the proper history of the county demands it and since it will be a stimulus to those who are entering on life's battle without means, but with a willingness to take hold and work. During his successful career, Mr. Lillie has also been careful to so conduct himself as to



Charles Lillie Family, Back: Charles and Bill Middle: Charles, Tonie, Josephine Front: Lonnie

win the confidence and esteem of all with whom he came in contact and he stands exceptionally well in this community today.

Charles L. Lillie was born in St. Lawrence County, New York, on August 3, 1849, and his father William Lillie, was born in the same place. The Lillie family is one of the early ones to settle in the colonies and they came from the stanch Welsh stock and did very much to open up various sections. The father married Hannah Edwards, who came from Scotch ancestry and died when our subject was small. When Charles was seven, the family came on to Iowa and in 1864, the father and son crossed the plains with ox and mule teams to the mines in Idaho. There they both worked for three years, and then a move was made to the Sacramento Valley, California, where

they settled on a farm and there the father remained until his death. Charles L. had received his education in Iowa and in other places where they had lived, gaining his training from the primitive schools then in vogue. He was with his father until 1882, when he came to Oregon and began the search for a suitable place to make a home. He finally selected the country about Mayville and secured a homestead and a timber culture claim. He has bought land since until he has now nine hundred and sixty acres, all choice land, and productive of bounteous harvest.

In 1882, Mr. Lillie married Mrs. Josephine Russell, a native of Missouri. Her father, Judge John Llewellyn, was a prominent man in that state, being circuit judge for many years. He was a native of Kentucky and married Miss Jane E. Trabue, whose mother was a cousin of Henry Clay. The Trabues were a very prominent family of Kentucky. Judge Llewellyn was a large planter and a good man. Four children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Lillie: Charles L., John W., Lonnie C., and Antone T., the last two being twins. Mr. Lillie has two brothers, Joel, a veteran of the Civil War and now a retired farmer in Sioux City, Iowa, and George, also a veteran of the Rebellion. He, also, has four sisters, all residing in California: Mrs. Lamira Reid, at St. Lucas; Mrs. Mary A. King, also of St. Lucas; Mrs. Eliza Buhrman of Chico; and Mrs. Elma Thompson, of Venado. Mrs. Lillie had two brothers and seven sisters, all of whom are dead, except one brother and two sisters, namely: Samuel E., of Mayville, Oregon; Mrs. A. J. Johnson, of Bodie, California, and Mrs. Robert Graham, of Mayville, Oregon. Mr. and Mrs. Lillie are good people, enterprising citizens and fine neighbors. They are popular and have many friends.

Charles L. Lillie passed away February 15, 1933 at the age of 82. Josephine Lillie passed away September, 1936 at the age of 87; they both are buried at Lincoln Memorial, Portland, Oregon. Submitted by: Margaret Pentecost

JOHN WILLIAM (WILL) LILLIE

Will Lillie, son of Charles L. and Josephine Lillie, was born January 23, 1886, at the family ranch near Mayville, one of four brothers.

He received his advanced education at McMinnville College (later Linfield College) and Portland Business College. He was active in athletics during his college years.

He was married in 1907 to Ethel Goff, born May 5, 1888, daughter of John B. and Della Goff, longtime residents of Lone Rock. They became homesteaders in the Buckhorn area of the County. Sons Elton and Byron were born in 1908 and 1912, respectively.

Will Lillie successfully ran for sheriff of Gilliam County in 1914, at 27 years of age, the state's youngest sheriff. Leaving the farm life, Will, Ethel, and sons moved to Condon, where he served as sheriff for three two-year terms, leaving the office in 1920. In addition to fulfilling the office of sheriff, Will was active in organization of the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association, and served as secretary of that body.

Will became assistant cashier of the Condon First National Bank in 1921, occupying the position for eight months, leaving to establish his own insurance and real estate office in Condon.

The family moved to Astoria, Oregon, in 1922, where Will became associated with a large real estate developer for a few months; he left in 1923 to accept appointment by then Governor Pierce to the position of deputy warden, and later warden, of the Oregon State Prison, at Salem; he was known as a strict disciplinarian at a time of considerable prison turmoil. He left the prison in 1927, upon the change of governors.

Will Lillie served for a time as business manager of Hot Lake Sanatorium, near La Grande, Oregon, and later as a Multnomah County welfare investigator, at Portland.

During the World War II years, Will engaged in the hotel and apartment house business in Portland. Near the conclusion of the War, the family purchased a farm near



John William Lillie

My oldest Uncle Charles L. Lillie was born 1849 and all four sons were born on this place.

CERTIFICATION OF OWNERSHIP OF CENTURY FARM

I hereby certify that the farm for which MARGARET (LILLIE) PENTECOST

Margaret Lillie Pentecost Box #25 Wapville, Ore
(owner's Name and Address)

is applying for Century Farm Honors has been in ^{her}~~his~~ family

continuously for one hundred or more years (see attached letter from
Gilliam County Land Title Co.)

Christopher Mulds
(County Recorder/Clerk)

March 16, 1983
Date

Application
for
Gilliam County Centennial and Pioneer Farm honors
Deadline for filing applications July 1, 1985

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT:

Name Margaret LILLIE Pentecost

Address Box #25 Mayville 97830
Street, route, box Town Zip

Location of farm 10 Miles South Condon & 5 Miles N.W. Mayville

Name of family member who was the original operator of farm

Charles L. AND Josephine Llewellyn LILLIE

Year founder settled farm 1882 Where did founder come from? Chas. was from

St Lawrence County, N.Y. Josephine was from Missouri

Who farms the land today? Margaret L. Pentecost

Relationship to original operator of farm Granddaughter

Are any of the original buildings still in use? 2 If so which ones? old shop & half of the old Homestead House.

If you know crops or livestock raised on farm in past years, please list: Crops was

Wheat, Barley & Oats - livestock - chickens, turkeys, guineas, hogs, sheep, horses, mules & cattle

What do you raise on the farm today? Wheat

How many generations live on the farm today (names)? Margaret L. Pentecost

will be left to my grandchildren - a grandson ~~MAX~~

How many times has the original farm been divided? None FARM is then

Any additional information pertinent and of interest about the farm. _____

Letter & History enclosed.

(You may use a separate sheet of paper for this additional information)

The statements made above are accurate and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Please return form to:

Gilliam County Historical Society
P.O. Box 377
Condon, OR 97823

Margaret L. Pentecost
Signature of applicant

Ack 5/27

Charles L. & Josephine Lillie

My grandparents, Chas & Josephine Lillie met and were married in San.

Francisco and came on to Oregon, by train to Portland & purchased a wagon and team and came to 5 miles N. W. of Mayville, what is called Mayville Flatt and secured a homestead.

They broke up the sod by the primitive method and put in a timber culture, also an orchard later, when the well was drilled. Till that was done, they had to haul water from Nehalem Springs, about 4 miles down the road toward Corvallis, also hauling for the stock, which they had acquired by law. They also purchased through the years more land, till they had around 900 a.

They started in life without Capital, my grandmother was a teacher, before getting married. Owing to their wise industry and willingness to work, they proved to be very successful

in the farming industry. They raised four sons and educated them, sending them on to Portland to College.

They retired in 1913 and moved to Portland and are buried in Lincoln Memorial.

My father, Torrie Lillie went to Missoula on a visit and met and married my Mother, Mayme Bainbridge, when they returned in 1913 they took over the ranch. My Mother passed away in 1942, from an accident on the farm and 1943 my father retired to The Dalles and my husband, James Pentecost, myself and two sons moved from Kinqua, Ore and took over the farm and have run it since. My husband passed away in 1980 and I still live out here, and run it with a neighbors help.

There has been 3 generations born here in the old house, that part is still standing.

Submitted by:
Margaret L. Pentecost

May 27, 1985

Mrs. Margaret Lillie Pentecost
Box #25
Mayville, Oregon 97830

Dear Mrs. Pentecost:

Thank you for your letter received last week. Mrs. Buehler has asked me to respond.

Your farm does appear to qualify for Century Farm honors, and we have made a copy of the enclosed Gilliam County application form even though it appears to be for a separate award. (Our application form requests substantially the same information so we will use the one you sent instead.) Our farm does require either a Certification of Ownership form, signed by your local County Clerk, or some other form of documentation, such as a copy of the original deed or land claim papers.

I have enclosed a copy of the Certification of Ownership form if you wish to use it. And in the meantime you may wish to submit your original application form to the Gilliam County Historical Society as specified on the form.

Thank you very much for sending the expanded written history of your farm to us. We will preserve it carefully in our archives.

If you need further information or assistance please call me or Elizabeth Buehler at 222-1741.

Sincerely,

Charles F. Wellman
Coordinator, Century Farm Program

encl.

Elizabeth H. Buchler, Field Historian

Dear Madam:

I have been gone on a month's trip to Australia and New Zealand, so your letter came while I was gone, so this is the reason I am late getting in my History. I didn't get back till May 10th. I'm sorry I am late.

I did put in a History in 1982, which you will probably find in your files. I have done more on this one, hoping it explains a little more, for our History.

Thank you very much.

Margaret L. Pontecost