

CFR 0720

Jack Blackwell

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) Jack Blackwell

Your address: Route _____ P.O. Box 236 Town Long Creek

Location of farm: 2 1/2 miles east of Long Creek in Grant County
(Address) (County)

Acres in your farm today: 1600 Acres in original farm: 160

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): _____

Clement Good Blackwell

Year founder settled on farm? 1876 Where did he come from? Tennessee and Arkansas

How many families have farmed this land? Three

Are any of original buildings still in use? Dwelling built about 1880

Who farms land today? You? _____ A renter? _____ A manager? _____ Other? x

If you own the farm but live in town, do you manage the farming operation? I live on the farm and manage it.

What relation are you to the original owner? a grandson

If you know crops or livestock raised on farm 100 years ago, please list hogs,
sheep and horses. sugar beets for hogs, grain and hay

What do you raise on farm today? Grain hay, alfalfa and pasture for cattle

How many generations live on the farm today? (Names) Jack Blackwell and wife

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? Yes.

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

Jack Blackwell
(Signature of owner)

Submitted by Jack Blackwell
(Name and Address)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Clement Good Blackwell was born near Centerville, Tenn. in 1826 and lived there until 1850 when moved with his parents to Franklin Co., Arkansas. He had married Miss Jane Morris Sept. 6, 1846 near Beardstown, Perry Co., Tenn. and they moved from Arkansas to Farrant Co., Texas where they lived two years, then returned to Arkansas, where they remained until April 5, 1875 when they started across the plains with teams.

By this time the Blackwells were the parents of ~~sixteen~~^{fifteen} children, ~~fourteen~~ living, twin boys having died in infancy. All the children started the journey westward and a son, Jesse and his family stopped in Oklahoma where they lived the remainder of their lives. In Idaho, Samuel and his family decided to stop and the remainder of the family came to John Day in the autumn of 1875.

A daughter, Perniece was married to William Carter and that family lived in John Day for a few years. Clement and wife and remainder of sons and daughters spent the winter in Fox Valley. The next spring, 1876 they moved to Long Creek Valley where they homesteaded the land still owned by the family. Besides her own children Mrs. Blackwell raised two children belonging to her son following the death of their mother.

While the Indians were on the rampage in 1878 the Blackwells stayed in the fort at Long Creek with other settlers for protection and the Indians captured all but one of their horses. A son, Henry acted as a dispatcher riding from John Day to Long Creek.

Later that year Henry Blackwell and Steve Harer found an Indian woman whom the Whites had scalped and brought her in a wagon to the Blackwell home where she spent the winter. Although she ate with the Blackwells she refused to sleep in the house preferring a small shack by herself.

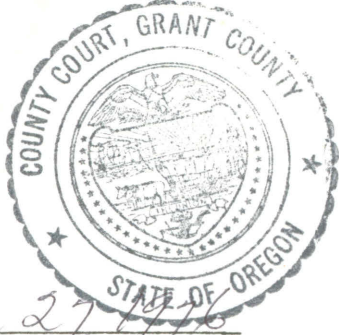
John Lyon Blackwell who was eight years old, being next to the youngest when he crossed the plains, spent most of his life on the original homestead to which he added more land. He married Miss Mattie Settle in 1903 and they were the parents of six children of whom five are living.

Their oldest son, Jack bought out the other heirs and also bought adjacent land. He and his wife are parents of two children and ~~grandparents~~^{grandparents} of four grandsons.

CERTIFICATION OF OWNERSHIP OF CENTURY FARM

I hereby certify that the farm for which Jack Blackwell
(Owner's name and address)
Long Creek, Oregon

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



John Lueira
* ~~County Commissioner-Recorder~~

April 27, 1976
(Date)

*Please strike office not applicable