

CFR 0730

Richard and LaVeta M. Howell

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~~) Richard L. and LaVeta M. Howell

Your address: Route 301 Buckhorn Road P.O. Box _____ Town Ashland 97520

Location of farm: 301 Buckhorn Road Ashland, Oregon 97520 Jackson
(Address) (County)

Acres in your farm today: 90.46 acres Acres in original farm: 240

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): _____

Andrew and Livonia Dosier

Year founder settled on farm? 1876 Where did he come from? California

How many families have farmed this land? A. Dosier, P. Dosier, E. Baer, R. Howell

Are any of original buildings still in use? The barn built in 1880

Who farms land today? You? X 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? LaVeta Howell is the Granddaughter of

Andrew Dosier.
If you know crops or livestock raised on farm 100 years ago, please list Apples, pears,
plums, berries and garden to supply the family needs.

What do you raise on farm today? oat and alfalfa hay, family use garden

How many generations live on the farm today? (Names) one. Richard and LaVeta Howell

Has the farm ever been rented? no How many times has original farm been divided? 2

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

Richard L. Howell
LaVeta M. Howell
(Signature of owner)

Submitted by Richard L. and LaVeta Howell 301 Buckhorn Rd. Ashland Ore. 97520

(Name and Address)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

On Jan. 15, 1876, for the sum of \$1,100.00, Andrew Dosier and his wife Livonia, Purchased two parcels of land from Micheal Murphy and his wife Annie. The first parcel containing 80.67 acres, the Murphys had bought from John Devlin in 1864. The second parcel containing 160 acres, the Murphys had homesteaded. May 27, 1876 the Dosiers moved on the property, living a house that was there. In the fall of 1880 a barn was built and still is in use. The house was replaced in 1938 and that is the house presently in use. The well that is used now is the original well.

April 22, 1887, the Dosiers sold a total of 110.32 acres to William H. Leeds for \$1,175.00.

Later, approx. 3 acres were taken for right of way for Oregon 66. A right of way was granted to Calif. Ore. Power Co. in 1925 and April 25, 1958 a right of way granted to the U.S. of America to be used for irrigation canal and access.

May 29, 1964, a parcel of land (approx. 30 acres) was sold to Elmer D. Hopkins.

In 1906, a water right was obtained to irrigate 19 acres.

Andrew and Livonia Dosier had eight children: Lottie, Philander, Lydia, Mattie, Hugh, Lilly, Carrie and George. Andrew and Livonia granted a deed to the farm to the eldest son, Philander, Oct. 9, 1926 with a life lease to the grantors. Andrew died June 10, 1927 and Livonia died Oct. 10, 1936. Lydia Dosier Walker and George Dosier also lived on the farm until their deaths in 1957 and 1944.

March 14, 1938, Philander granted a deed to Edward I. Baer, husband of Mattie Dosier Baer. Mr. Baer bought the first tractor to be used on the farm, it is still in use.

Ed. Baer died March 4, 1949, Mattie Baer died May 18, 1965 leaving the farm to their daughter LaVeta Baer Howell and Richard L. Howell.

Andrew Dosier was an avid gardener and kept a careful diary on the weather and the success or failure of his crops. He planted several unusual trees on the farm: Sugar Maple, Linden, White Mulberry and Persimmon, all are still living.

Form A - Century Farm Program

Oregon Department of Agriculture
Oregon Historical Society

CERTIFICATION OF OWNERSHIP OF CENTURY FARM

I hereby certify that the farm for which Richard L. and LaVeta M. Howell
(Owner's name and address)

301 Buckhorn Road, Ashland, Oregon 97520

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

Jon D. Olson
* County Commissioner-Recorder

6-23-76
(Date)

*Please strike office not applicable

This Indenture Witnesseth, That we Michael Murphy
 and Annie Murphy, his wife, for the consideration of the sum
 of Eleven Hundred (\$1100.00) DOLLARS,
 to them paid, have bargained and sold, and by these presents do es bargain, sell
 and convey unto Andrew Sosier the following
 described premises, to-wit:

The W 1/2 of the N.E 1/4 of Section
No Three (3) in Township No 40 S of Range
No 2 E containing Eighty acres and sixty seven
hundredths of an acre,

Also the South East quarter
of Section thirty-four in Township thirty-nine
South of Range two East in the district of lands
subject to sale at Astoria Oregon; Containing one
hundred and sixty acres.

All of the above lands
being situated in Jackson County State of
Oregon

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said premises with their appurtenances, unto the said
Andrew Sosier his heirs and assigns forever.
 And the said Michael Murphy & Annie Murphy do hereby covenant
 to and with the said Andrew Sosier his heirs and
 assigns, that he is the owner in fee simple of said premises: that they are free
 from all incumbrances, and that they will warrant and defend the same from
 all lawful claims whatsoever.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto set our
 hands and seals this fifteenth day of
January A. D. 1876

Michael Murphy {SEAL}

Annie Murphy {SEAL}

Done in Presence of

John W. Mark
P. Le Peato

by her Attorney in fact
Michael Murphy

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

STATE OF OREGON,

County of Jackson

SS.

On the 15th day of January A. D. 1876 personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for said County, the within named Michael Murphy and his wife, to me personally known to be the identical person described in, and who executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that...he...executed the same freely, for the uses and purposes therein named. ~~And the said~~ ~~on examination~~ ~~separate and apart from her said husband, acknowledged to me that she executed the same freely, and without fear or compulsion from any one.~~

WITNESS my hand this 15th day of January A. D. 1876.

L. De Peato

Notary Public

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FROM

Michael Murphy & wife

Andrew Davis

STATE OF OREGON,

County of Jackson

SS.

I certify that the within was received and duly recorded by me in Jackson

County Oregon, Book of Deeds

Page 1274 on the 19th day of

January A. D. 1876.

L. D. Peato

County Clerk.

Filed

January 19th 1876.

At 8 o'clock, A. M.

L. D. Peato

Clerk.

State of Oregon County of Jackson Notary Public L. De Peato Notary Public for the County and State agencies. The within named Andrew Davis by his Attorney in fact: the within Andrew Davis Murphy, to me known to be the identical person described in and who executed the within conveyance. for and on behalf of the said Andrew Davis and acknowledged that the execution of same was on 15th day of January 1876

1.50 for fee 2.00 for recording 3.00 for attestation

Dosier home designated as Century Farm

When Andrew and Livonia Dosier bought a farm on the banks of Emigrant Creek in 1876, they established a home place — a home place that has just been designated a Century Farm by the Oregon Department of Agriculture and the Oregon Historical Society because it has been in the family for 100 years.

The Century Farm document will be awarded Aug. 31 at the Oregon State Fair.

In May, the family held a birthday party for the farm that is on Buckhorn Road at the narrowing end of pastoral Emigrant Creek Valley, at the foot of the Green Springs Mountain east of Ashland.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Howell, who live there now, greeted about 35 relatives, neighbors and friends. Homer Grow, 84, Ashland, son-in-law of Andrew and Livonia Dosier, was there. So were four of the Dosiers grandchildren, LaVeta Howell, Phyllis Huffman of Bonanza, and Mable Bush and Bessie Hardin of Ashland. Great-grandchildren present included Donna Long of Aloha, and Juanita Mayfield of Medford; and great great grandchildren were Bill Hopkins of Ashland, and Jeff and Candi Mayfield of Medford.

"It was then I decided I wanted to file for Century Farm status," said Juanita (Mrs. Craig) Mayfield. "I knew the water rights went back to 1906, and I knew that the barn was built in 1880, but I wanted to know more."

Mrs. Mayfield researched records in the Jackson County Courthouse and relied on a little book in which her mother and her grandmother Mattie Baer had written down what family history they knew.

The land was homesteaded by Michael Murphy and John Devlin, the Devlin filing recorded in 1864. Murphy apparently bought out Devlin in order to sell the Dosiers the 240 acres they bought on Jan. 15, 1876.

There was probably more activity in the diminutive valley then than there is today. The Southern Oregon Wagon Road that carried all the traffic to Klamath Falls and points east, ran right by Andrew and Livonia's front door. Just up the road was Buckhorn Mineral Springs — the water was said to be medicinal — and Wagner Soda Springs, a popular place with Ashland people who would drive their buggies out on Sundays to picnic in the country.

Mrs. Mayfield said her greatgrandparents probably started farming with little more than energy and determination. Andrew and his brother, John, had come from Missouri, via Texas and California. They married sisters, Livonia and Millie Powell, whose parents, Philander and Lydia Powell, arrived in the valley on April 27, 1865, after spending their last \$1.50 to pay toll on the Siskiyou Mountain Wagon Road.

Andrew was especially interested in horticulture. He tried sweet potatoes and peanuts on his farm, and he imported linden, persimmon, mulberry and sugar maple trees that still flourish on the place today. He planted an orchard, and he kept a careful diary, always trying to predict the weather.

Along with operating the family farm — cutting wood, irrigating pastures, keeping chickens, milking cows, planting and raising a garden, harvesting fruit and vegetables and putting them away for winter — Andrew and Livonia reared eight children: Lottie, who married Grant Bilderback; Lydia, who married Milo Walker; Mattie, who married Ed Baer; Carrie, who married Sam Kennedy; Lilly, who married Homer Grow; Hugh, who married Lucille Wells; Philander and George, neither of whom married.

The Dosiers lived their lives out on the farm. Andrew died there in 1927, Livonia in 1936. Daughter Lydia moved home to take care of her parents and to cook for her brother George who continued to farm the land.

"Aunt Lydia used to tell me stories," Mrs. Mayfield said. "She told me about Livonia, who was about as wide as she was tall. She smoked a pipe that she would hide in her apron pocket if someone came. . . ."

George died on the farm in 1944, and Lydia in 1957. The property had been purchased earlier by Mattie and Ed Baer, who lived on a nearby ranch and used the farm for additional pasture. They built a second house — the present house — on it in 1938.

"It was Grandfather Baer who bought the first tractor to use on the place," Mrs. Mayfield said. "All the previous work had been done without the help of mechanical equipment."

The Baers had a son, Buck, and a daughter, LaVeta. LaVeta married Dick Howell and they moved to the farm on July 30, 1939. It was here they reared their daughter, Donna (Long) and Juanita (Mayfield).

Personal stories, passed down through the years, are perhaps one of the best ways we have to tell us what kind of people our ancestors were, what kind of personal strengths — or weaknesses — they developed.

Mrs. Mayfield has the following story about Livonia:

"She was just a little girl when her parents came West in an emigrant train," she said. "One day as she tried to climb down from the moving wagon, she fell. Two wheels ran over her breaking her leg in three places above the knee. A man in the train set it as best he could and tied it in a wooden barrel stuffed with prairie grass to hold it firm — then the train moved on."

Mrs. O'Harra is a special writer for the Mail Tribune.

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Jackson
County

Farm awarded 'century' tag

One hundred years ago Andrew Dosier and his wife Livonia came from Missouri and settled near Ashland. Today their place is one of Oregon's official "century farms."

The 85-acre farm at 301 Buckhorn Springs Road was one of 66 given the century designation this month by the State Department of Agriculture and the Oregon Historical Society.

The place is the home of Richard L. and LaVeta M. Howell. Andrew Dosier was Mrs. Howell's grandfather. The century designation is given to farms that have been owned and operated by the same family for 100 years or more.

Mrs. Howell said it was a 100 years ago on May 27 that her grandfather settled on the place. Since then the farm has been home to four generations of her family.

The Howells have two daughters who grew up on the farm. They are Juanita Mayfield, of Medford, and Donna Long, of Aloha.

The Howells both will turn 70 this year. Mrs. Howell still occasionally works for Bear Creek Corporation, packing fruit or vegetable seed. Her husband retired in 1971 after working for 32 years in maintenance and as an equipment operator for the State Highway Division.

The Howells produce hay on their farm, although Mrs. Howell said it "doesn't amount to much because it's dry in the summer." They also keep four burros — no other animals.

Two buildings put up in the early days of the farm are still in use. One is the barn, built in 1880. The other is an outbuilding formerly used as a woodshed and a sleeping place. The Howells use it for storage.

Their home on the farm was built in 1938 by Mrs. Howell's father.

While the farm isn't overly large at 85 acres, "it's too much when it comes to paying taxes," Mrs. Howell said.

The Howells' place is one of two century farms designated in Jackson County this month. The other is that of Lola Iris Saltgaver on Blackford Lane near Central Point. It was settled by John W. McKay in 1875.

Addition of the 66 latest century farms brings to 630 the number of Oregon farms so designated since the program was started in 1958.

Owners will receive parchment certificates in the name of the ancestors settling the farms. The certificates are provided by the Oregon Historical Society.

The registration period for the 1976 century farms closed July 1, 1976. Registrations will not be opened again until 1980. The program was started by the Oregon Historical Society and Department of Agriculture in 1958 as a preliminary event for Oregon's observance of its 100th year as a state.

For the first three years registration was on a yearly basis. After 1960 it was on an every five-year basis and 1975 was skipped so the program could be part of Oregon's bicentennial observance.

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