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Jerome W. and Ona Fitzgerald

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APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM HONORS

Deadline for filing applications - May 1, 1985

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT:

Your name (Mr., Mrs., Ms.) Jerome W. Fitzgerald & Ona Fitzgerald

Your address: 1766 Holcomb Springs Road, Gold Hill, Oregon 97525  
Street, Route, or Box Town Zip

Location of Farm: 1766 Holcomb Springs Road, Gold Hill, Jackson County  
Address County

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 Nathaniel D. Fitzgerald and Amanda L. Fitzgerald

Year founder settled on farm 1877 <sup>-1832 purchased</sup> Where did he come from? New York

Who farms the land today? Jerome W. And Ona Fitzgerald

Relationship to original owner? grandson

Are any of the original buildings still in use? If so which ones? No

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

Grapes, figs and some pear trees

What do you raise on farm today? fruit and livestock

How many generations live on the farm today (Names)? Two (2)

Jerome Fitzgerald (father) and Walter Fitzgerald (son)

How many times has the original farm been divided? once

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

Please return form to: Ona D. Fitzgerald, wife  
Signature of Owner

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

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April 29, 1985

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome W. Fitzgerald  
1766 Holcomb Springs Road  
Gold Hill, Oregon 97525

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald:

Thank you for your application for the Century Farm Program. Based on the information given in your application, your farm would appear to be qualified for the certificate.

As specified in the rules, however, we will need some additional supporting evidence as to the date the farm originally came into your family. This can be in the form of the certification of ownership statement (copy enclosed) which may be signed by your county clerk, or it may be a copy of the original deed or land claim papers, or it may be informal documentation such as a copy of a reference in a family bible.

Sincerely we have received your application in plenty of time, we will be glad to give you a few more days past the May 1 deadline to furnish additional documentation. Please let us know if you need additional information or assistance.

Sincerely,

Charles F. Wellman  
Coordinator, Century Farm Program

May 2, 1985

Mr. Charles F. Wellman  
Coordinator, Century Farm Program  
1230 S. W. Park Avenue  
Portland, Oregon 97205

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of April 29, 1985. In seeking admissable evidence that the property of the Fitzgeralds had been in the family for one hundred years, I went to the county clerk's office where I verified that Amanda L. Fitzgerald purchased the property (160 acres for \$600) on December 28, 1882. (Book #10, page 142).

I have the original Homestead Certificate No. 194 where John G. Zachary originally was granted the land by Ulysses S. Grant on May 20, 1862.

In July 22, 1912 Amanda L. Fitzgerald deeded the property for \$10.00 to her three sons, Charles B. Fitzgerald, D. Walter Fitzgerald and Francis H. Fitzgerald. On April 23, 1922 Charles B. Fitzgerald deeded his share to his brothers for \$1.00. In August 1936 D. W. Fitzgerald deeded his interest to Frank Fitzgerald and wife, Delia Fitzgerald and Jerome W. Fitzgerald (son of Frank and Delia).

In 1950 Jerome Fitzgerald and wife Ona bought out his mother's interest and she moved to town. We still own the ranch and our oldest son, Walter Delos runs the ranch as Jerome is now handicapped.

When I was verifying the original purchase the ~~ladies~~<sup>ladies</sup> in the recorder's office told me that they did not as a matter of policy sign anything to verify any deed or purchase of property. All I can tell you is that there was a deed issued to Amanda L. Knight Fitzgerald on December 28, 1882 and recorded in Book #10, page 142.

Hoping this will help.

Sincerely,

Ona Fitzgerald  
1776 Holcomb Springs Road  
Gold Hill, Oregon 97525