

CFR 0746

Albert W. and Darlene Humphrey

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~~) Albert W. Humphrey & Darlene <sup>Wife</sup>

Your address: Route 39931 Reuben Leigh Rd. <sup>P.O. Box</sup> Lowell <sup>97452</sup>

Location of farm: 39931 Reuben Leigh Rd, Lowell Lane  
(Address) (County)

Acres in your farm today: 120 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):

George W. Humphrey

Year founder settled on farm? 1872 Where did he come from? Philadelphia, Penn.

How many families have farmed this land? 3

Are any of original buildings still in use? No

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? Grandson

If you know crops or livestock raised on farm 100 years ago, please list Wheat,

OATS, Corn - CATTLE - My Grandfather

RAISED his own Tobacco

What do you raise on farm today? HAY - CATTLE

How many generations live on the farm today? (Names) one - Albert

W. Humphrey and His Wife, Darlene

Has the farm ever been rented? No How many times has original farm been divided? 1

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

Albert W. Humphrey  
(Signature of owner)

Submitted by Albert W. Humphrey - 39931 Reuben Leigh Rd.  
(Name and Address) Lowell, OR 97452

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

My Grand FATHER'S Name WAS  
George W. Humphrey but on The  
original Land Grant it was spelled  
(Humphries). My Father, Palmer K.

Spelled it Humphrey. The  
original property Description was  
S.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec 34 T18S 1W.

In 1962 The Army Engineers purchased  
Aprox. 40 Acres OF SAID  $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec.

To use For Fill in The Fall Creek  
Dam on Big Fall Creek. (Lane Co.)

I have 2 aunts Living in Salem, OR.  
THAT were Born on This place.

(1890) Anna Hoven OF 1165 Barnes AVE.

(1898) And Marcia Humphrey  
542 N.E. Statesman

(over)

Several additions were made to  
The original 160 acres in years  
Following 1872, But all but 30 acres  
of the additional acres were purchased  
By the Army Engineers in 1962, so  
that the 120 acres of the original  
Farm is still in the Humphrey  
Name.

CERTIFICATION OF OWNERSHIP OF CENTURY FARM

I hereby certify that the farm for which Albert W. Humphrey  
(Owner's name and address)

39931 Reuben Leigh Road Lowell, Oregon 97452

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

Robert C. Wood

\* County Commissioner-Recorder  
(Lane Co.)

June 29, 1976  
(Date)

\*Please strike office not applicable



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Allen's P. C. B Est. 1888

# View from the top 5064 100 years beautiful

By WARREN HILL

In 1873, George W. Humphrey chose a small clearing near the top of a hill overlooking Fall Creek as a homestead.

Most of his 160 acre claim was brush and timber and few places were open. That's probably the reason he built where he did, although it proved to be a long way from water and the location had other disadvantages.

One hundred years later, his grandson, Albert Humphrey, has just about the same view of verdant forests and distant hills, but he looks down from a modern, beautifully landscaped home built in 1962.

The new home is further down the hill but within sighting distance of the location of the original place, gone except for a little portion of a rock fireplace.

Because Albert Humphrey is still living on the original homestead, he and his family will be among owners of 66 farms in the state to be presented Oregon Century Farm certificates on Tuesday, Aug. 31, at the Oregon State Fair.

The program at which they will be presented is part of the Oregon Bicentennial celebration. It was arranged by the Oregon Historical Society and the Oregon Department of Agriculture in cooperation with the Oregon State Fair.

Humphrey will receive the certificate from Gov. and Mrs. Bob Straub. Two other Lane County farmers will be honored, Hubert Gray of Springfield, and Burke McFadden Jr., of Junction City, both living on more-than-100-year-old farms.

Not too much is known about

He has been told that his grandfather was somewhat tight-lipped about his past, but that George once was an Indian scout and had engaged in a number of skirmishes.

His grandfather also had a self-sufficient farm, even growing his own tobacco in a country which is far from ideal for that crop.

George and Mary Humphrey had 12 children and two of them are still living. The sisters, Anna Hoven and Marcia Humphrey, both live in Salem but it is not certain whether they will be able to attend the Century Farm program.

Palmer Humphrey, Albert's father, had nine children, all born on the place. "Except for my sister, Lois and me, they scattered all over," Humphrey said.

Lois Lewis lives in a nearby house on Fall Creek Road and has been sole operator of Lewis Photo since her husband was killed last year while taking a picture of an auto accident.

Mrs. Lewis lives in the fourth dwelling built for the Humphrey family. A third house, also near the road, housed Palmer and his family until 1940, when it was vacated and torn down.

Humphrey said the marriage of his father and mother, Agnes Warner, united two pioneer families.

The Warners, who settled on a place on Little Fall Creek, were members of the famed Lost Wagon Train stranded near Oakridge in 1853. Settlers raced to the group with provisions and saved them from starvation.

Humphrey's father was a timber faller. He and his partner were among the fastest

Albert's brother and sister, Carl and Lois, were among the first graduates of Lowell High School after it was constructed in 1930.

Albert Humphrey took over the homestead from his parents in 1955. He is part farmer, part manufacturer. With his wife's help, he operates a cedar shake mill. The bulk of the shakes go to a roofing company in Springfield and others are ordered by people in the area.

The original homestead was reduced some in 1962 when 40 acres were sold to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to provide rock for the Fall Creek Reservoir.

The Corps recently auctioned off the land and it was purchased by a man who plans to reactivate the quarry on a much smaller scale. The plan is meeting some local opposition.