

CFR 0750

Euleta D. Allison

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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.) Euleta D. Allison

Your address: P.O. Box 113 (89714 Deming Road) Elmira, Oregon 97437
Street, Route, or Box Town Zip

Location of Farm: two miles North of Elmira on Deming road Lane Co.
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 _____
F.F. Deming (Franklin Fayette Deming)

Year founder settled on farm 7-17-1883 Where did he come from? Polk County Oregon

Who farms the land today? Euleta D. (Deming) Allison

Relationship to original owner? grand-daughter

Are any of the original buildings still in use? If so which ones? ?
There are none of the buildings that were on the place when Grandparents bought as I understand there was just an old log house. There is a barn my grandfather and father built with square nails and pegs before 1910.

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

(I know they had cattle shortly after acquiring the home)
of course they had horses for work and transportation.

What do you raise on farm today? Have raised hay as my husband (Virgil Allison) and I raised sheep and registered ponies. Some of the ponies are retired on the place yet. One is over 35 years.

How many generations live on the farm today (Names)? Euleta D. Allison
(when my daughter was born in 1946--her mother Euleta D. Allison, her grand-father, Frank Deming and great-grandmother Mary Emmaline O'Neil Deming were all living on the place). 4 generations in same house!

How many times has the original farm been divided? three times by my husband and I.

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

Please return form to:

Euleta D. Allison
Signature of Owner

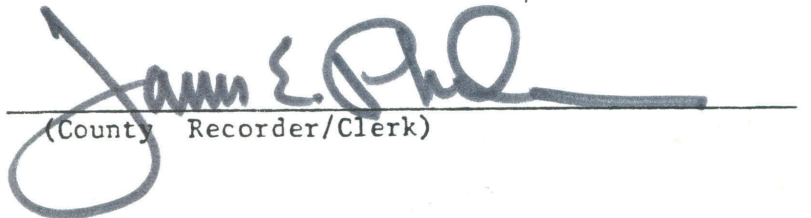
Elizabeth W. Buchler, Field Historian
Oregon Historical Society
1230 S.W. Park Avenue
Portland, Oregon, 97205

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CERTIFICATION OF OWNERSHIP OF CENTURY FARM

I hereby certify that the farm for which Euleta D. Allison
P.O.Box 113, Elmira, Oregon 97437 telephone 935-1091
(owner's Name and Address)

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


(County Recorder/Clerk)

Dec 13, 1983
Date

The "D" in my name is for Deming as I was a Deming.

January 25, 1984

Euleta D. Allison
P.O.Box 113
Elmira, Oregon
97437

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

Dear Mrs. Buchler

Inclosed please find application for Century Farm Honors, copy of the deed when my grandfather and great uncle bought the place and a copy of the birthday party for my grandfather, Fayette Franklin Deming where my father Frank Deming and I were mentioned as attending the party.

I am going to send this to you insured as the mails seem very negligent at times.

Trusting I have everything in order, I am

Respectfully yours,



Euleta D. Allison

P.S. Also inclosed is certification of ownership of century farm signed by County Clerk.

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February 9, 1984

Euleta D. Allison
P.O. Box 113
Elmira, Oregon 97437

Dear Mrs. Allison:

Thank you so much for your Century Farm application which arrived in good time this morning. We are especially pleased to have all the relevant information which you have included with the application, and it will become a permanent part of our archives.

As you know the next Century Farm designation period is in 1985. We will be working with the Lane County Historical Society to set up the actual presentation which will undoubtedly be sometime in late spring or summer. We will keep you informed.

In the meantime your application is safely on file. We look forward to seeing you at the time of the presentation.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth W. Buehler
Field Historian

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Dear Mrs. Buehler

In August the Eugene Register-Guard called me that they had received a telegram that my place had been accepted as a Century Farm and they wanted an interview and pictures for their paper. Mike Thoele that came out told me I would be receiving a certificate or something shortly. At this time I have had no notification and I am wondering if it has been lost enroute.

Thank you kindly

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Euleta D. Allison". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "E".

Euleta D. Allison
P.O.Box 113
Elmira, Oregon
97437

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October 18, 1985

Mrs. Euleta D. Allison
P. O. Box 113
Elmira, Oregon 97437

Dear Mrs. Allison:

Thank you for your letter to Mrs. Buehler inquiring about your Century Farm certificate. You have indeed been awarded a certificate and I am sorry that we haven't gotten yours to you as yet! This year we are matting the certificates and this has slowed us down a bit.

We had hoped to arrange a presentation ceremony in Lane County but as we haven't been able to we will be mailing your certificate to you within the next two weeks. I have enclosed a note letting you know how to obtain the optional metal sign you may have seen hanging outside other Century Farms.

Again, our thanks for your patient support of the Century Farm Program.

Sincerely,

Charles F. Wellman
Coordinator, Century Farm Program

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enclosure

The Deming Reunion.

Elmira, Ore., Oct. 19.—(Special).—

A very pleasant surprise was given Mr. F. F. Deming at his home near Elmira, Oregon, on Friday, October 18, it being his 71st birthday anniversary. He received several nice presents. F. F. Deming was born in New York state October 18 1841. He served in the civil war in 1862. He crossed the plains with his parents in 1867 to Polk county, where he was married to Miss Mary E. Oncil and to this union was born six children. In 1883 he with his family moved to his home near Elmira, where he still resides. An elegant dinner was served at one o'clock, the table was loaded with good things to eat. The birthday cake was made and presented by his daughter, Mrs. C. W. Inman, she also being waitress, seeing that each one did justice to the good things set before them. The remainder of the day was spent in having a general good time. The guests departed at a late hour wishing Grandpa Deming many more happy birthdays. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Deming, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Inman and two sons, Warnie and Elza, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Deming and daughter, Enleta, all of Elmira, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Deming and daughter, Geneva, of Junction City. Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Duckworth and daughter, Madge, of Kent, Oregon.

ONE WHO WAS THERE.

WARRANTEE DEED.

THIS INDENTURE, WITNESSETH, That Mr. J. E. Porter
and Mary Porter
his wife, for the consideration of the sum of Seventeen hundred (\$1700)

_____ dollars, to us paid, do hereby
Bargain, Sell and Convey unto B. B. Deming and F. J. Deming

_____ the following described premises, to-wit:
The donation land claim of M. W. Cassidy Nov. 4 9 32
cl. 41, in Secs. 12 and 13. T. 17 S. R. 6 West. Conty.
319⁸⁶ acres in Sane County Oregon

This deed is made subject to a mortgage made by J. E. Porter & Wife to Perry Hyde, for the sum of \$357 due Feb. 17, 1884 - which the grantees herein are to pay

To Have and to Hold the said premises, with their appurtenances, unto the said B. B. Deming
& F. J. Deming their heirs and assigns forever. And the said J. E. Porter
and Mary Porter do hereby covenant to and with the said
B. B. and F. J. Deming their heirs and assigns that the Mary Porter is
owner in fee simple of said premises; that they are free from all incumbrances and that we
will WARRANT and DEFEND the same from all lawful claims whatsoever except said mortgage

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto set our hand and seal of this 17th day
of July 1883

Done in presence of
Joel Nau
W. W. Ulenack

Mary Porter [SEAL]
J. E. Porter [SEAL]
[SEAL]
[SEAL]

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City/County Comics



staff photo by George Millener

A 1930s-era plow is one of the legacies that Euleta Allison has of the Deming farm, named a Century Farm by the Oregon Historical Society

Century Farm taps history

By MIKE THOELE
Of The Register-Guard

ELMIRA — For someone who takes her history seriously, Euleta Allison can be awfully irreverent about her forebears.

"Now where is that old buzzard?" she asks herself as she leafs through a pile of records in search of great-grandfather Hiram.

When the Oregon Historical Society added Allison's place on Deming Road to the state's honored list of Century Farms this summer, it was tapping a lot more history than it might have guessed. More than just a homestead that happens to have been in the same family for 100 years, the farm is a repository for the history of much of western Lane County.

Allison, 74, could hardly be accused of ancestor worship. Her account of the farm operation begun in 1883 by her grandfather, Franklin Fayette Deming, is peppered with impious asides about the buds and shoots and knots on the family tree.

Maybe it's a casualness born of familiarity. Tracking the history of her family and of the Elmira area is a project that began with a school assignment when she was 12 years old.

The work has never stopped. It now runs to more than 50 expertly annotated volumes of

Woman's collected 50 volumes worth of tidbits on family

family histories plus a massive collection of historical records and photographs that other Lane County families began dropping on her decades ago.

The work, and the farm, will continue. Before summer is over, the next two generations of Deming descendants — Allison's daughter, Lyndalu Sikes, her husband, Robert, and their children, Allison and Scott — will be moving onto the farm.

"My mother has always collected history," Lyndalu Sikes says. "I grew up around it. As soon as we get moved, I'm going to start work on my husband's family. Otherwise, my children will have this myriad of information from my side and none from his. That way I can stay off my mother's turf and still add something to the record."

That record is beginning to acquire a reputa-

tion outside the Deming clan. Allison now routinely responds to information requests from other Oregon and Northwest families. She welcomes those contacts because they often furnish her with new leads on branches of her own family tree.

The work has come to the attention of officials of the Mormon church, which makes tracking family genealogies a tenet of doctrine. The Mormon genealogical archives in Salt Lake City are the largest in the world and include many records of non-Mormon families. They get heavy use from church members, from amateur genealogists and from academic researchers.

Allison is not a Mormon. But because her genealogic work is so large and so detailed, Dorothy McClellan, librarian at the small Mormon genealogical library in Eugene, has written to Salt Lake City and suggested to officials there that they make arrangements to microfilm Allison's entire collection at her home.

"She has done a massive and excellent job," McClellan says. "You don't often see amateur genealogical work done that well. She has 87 books that she's put together there, and they are all very well organized and prepared."

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Brown, who said the escalator would be very expensive to repair, told the council that Bonneville Power Administration officials have denied the city's request to have the cost of removing the escalator included in the city's energy conservation grant.

The BPA said removal of the escalator was not an energy-saving move, Brown said.

Acting Mayor Chris Larson, however, said BPA's decision was "not logical." She said it is obvious that not operating the escalator will save energy — the same as turning off lights.

Larson said the city is appealing BPA's decision and hopes to obtain an additional \$14,000 in energy conservation money to help finance replacement of the escalator with conventional stairs.

Blood Bank

Donors needed for Tuesday, Aug. 20

O Positive	10
O Negative	3
A Positive	20
A Negative	7
B Positive	4
AB Positive	0
B Negative	4
AB Negative	2

The Lane Memorial Blood Bank, 2211 Willamette St., Eugene, will be open for appointments from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Phone 484-9111.

The mobile blood bank will be at Bohemia Lumber Co., 2280 Oakmont Way, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Contact Nellie Maloney at 342-6262.

Vital Statistics

BRIDGES — Robert Lloyd Bridges, 86, of Route 1, Box 314A, Drain, died Aug. 19. Smith-Lund-Mills Funeral Chapel, Cottage Grove, in charge of arrangements.

DOUFFET — William T.L.H. Douffet, 63, of 28456 Kokkeler Road, Eugene, died Aug. 14. England's Eugene Memorial Chapel in charge of arrangements.

HESS — Vesta V. Hess, 74, of 2931 Sarah

Among sessions offered Monday, for example, was a demonstration of computer applications in health classes.

Ernest Randolfi, of the U of O Department of School and Health, said

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completed in the past five years.

Most people also know that Allison will make the most of what she receives. A photograph of an early class of students standing in front of the Noti school, for example, will be mounted into a Noti book. And then, by showing the book to visitors, old-timers and other history buffs, Allison will establish the year of the class and the name of each person in the photograph.

The century-farm designation was her latest historical achievement. She furnished the documentation necessary to qualify for the award, which has been conferred on about 900 Oregon farms since 1958.

Lawsuit

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damages of \$500,000, alleging that he has been deprived of Yvonne Jones' society, companionship, services and support.

Trevor Jones' health became a concern for the entire Cottage Grove community after it was determined soon after his birth that he suffers from Ondine's Curse, a rare disease that causes him to stop breathing when he sleeps.

He is kept alive at night and during naps by an artificial respirator but is

it. It's nice for the educator who is trying to personalize his class."

In another session, Phil Kessinger, a Eugene School District computer technology specialist and instructor, displayed the potential of videodisk technology in the classroom.

To qualify, a farm must have remained in continuous family ownership for 100 years. The exact number of such farms still in family hands is unknown because the historical society does not track sales of farms that go on the market after the designation is made.

The other Lane County farm honored in the program this year is the 68-acre operation of the James McDole family of Cottage Grove. It is what remains of a 600-acre farm started in 1881 by James Merritt McDole.

In Allison's case, only about 20 acres remain of the original 160 acres that Franklin Fayette Deming pur-

chased from a homesteader in 1883. But land added after that date gives the farm its current size of 140 acres.

Franklin Fayette Deming's first-born son, Frank, was Euleta Allison's father. She and her husband, Virgil, took over the farm after Frank Deming's death. Virgil Allison died in 1979.

The farm always has been a working farm. Since her husband's death, Allison has leased the land to other farmers who have grazed cattle and raised hay on it.

Virgil and Euleta Allison made the decision to sell off a portion of the

not expected to live beyond about age 10 because of complications that normally accompany dependency on artificial respirators.

Woodworth led an effort in which about \$18,000 was raised to help with Trevor's medical expenses, now estimated at more than \$275,000.

The Joneses' attorney, Robert Foster of Eugene, said Monday that the Joneses will contend that there is a "direct causal connection" between

the "birth trauma" surrounding Trevor's delivery and the fact that he suffers from Ondine's Curse.

The Joneses moved to Los Angeles last fall to be nearer relatives and to attempt to obtain better treatment for their son. They complained that finding financial assistance for Trevor's medical care in Oregon had been a struggle. Both parents were unemployed and uninsured at the time of Trevor's birth.

Japanese crew tapes program about Oregon

SALEM (AP) — A production crew from a Japanese television morning

more than 900 education grams.

Other topics to be covered at the conference include computer applications for handicapped students, streamlining school administration and legal limits of copying

original farmstead in 10 homesites several years ago

"It was hard, but we had to do it," she says. "We had a daughter who was a college graduate. We had too much land we could produce, especially when the time came."

Allison says she's watching the old Lane County homestead being sold out of the family and that she expects the Deming farm to be sold in the Century Farm designation. She expects the Deming farm to be sold to the family for many more years.

"I'm already telling my children about their history," she

In an October 1983 interview, Yvonne Jones said she had been told after having three healthy children that there might be something wrong with Trevor. She said Woodworth tried to convince her that there was nothing wrong with Trevor. She said Woodworth tried to convince her that there was nothing wrong with Trevor. She said Woodworth tried to convince her that there was nothing wrong with Trevor.

The Joneses could not be reached for comment on the interview.

“Sold it on the first call. I’m very pleased.”