

CFR 0753

James Stanley Davidson

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--1974
(Rules Attached)
Deadline for filing application: July 1, 1974

PLEASE PRINT

Your name (Mr., Mrs., Miss) James Stanley Davidson

Your address: Route 2 P.O. Box 94 Town Harrisburg

Location of farm: 5375 Harris Rd. LINN
(Address) (County)

Acres in your farm today: 150 ac. Acres in original farm: 330 ac.

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):
William M. Davidson

Year founder settled on farm? 1874 Where did he come from? Indiana-1852

How many families have farmed this land? one - Davidson Family - Grandfather - Father + Son.

Are any of original buildings still in use? yes - Barn

Who farms land today? You? yes 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 - hay - Fruit - Cattle - Horse

What do you raise on farm today? Wheat - Grass Seed - clover

How many generations live on the farm today? (Names) Two - J. Stanley Davidson - stepdaughter Linda Green

Has the farm ever been rented? No How many times has original farm been divided? 3

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

J. Stanley Davidson
(Signature of owner)

Submitted by J. Stanley Davidson Rta Box 94 Harrisburg, Oregon 97446
(Name and Address)

Recorded Deeds

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Wm Davidson - 330 ac.

Dec. 14, 1874 - Vol. 7 pg. 541

O.E + Flora Davidson - 100 ac.

Jan. 4, 1919 - Vol. 164 pg 412

James Stanley Davidson - 100 ac.

Oct. 25, 1954 - Vol. 240 pg. 96.

William and Sara Rose Davidson and two children, Bruce and Clara purchased and moved on this farm in 1870. There was about a 10 or 12 acre pear orchard just north of the house. Two trees from that orchard are still producing. Four more children were born, Elsie, John, Oral (my father,) and Lydia.

The main cash crop grown here on the place was wheat, which was cut with a header box and hauled to a stationary threshing machine powered by a steam engine. Cattle were also raised and pastured in the foothills east of Rowland in the summer and fed out in the barn in the winter. They had many horses for that was the main source of their farming power.

In 1906 Oral E. and Flora B. Davidson took over operation of the farm, raising wheat oats, barley and hay. They loaded hay in a boxcar at Rowland and shipped it to Portland for the Dairies. They milked cows and sold cream, hauling it to Rowland on a slip sled and placed on the train once a week.

Their deed shows they bought 100 acres of the original farm in 1919. Later they bought another 120 acres. In the early 1930's they raised chickens and started growing grass seed, and Australian field peas. They were the cash crop then. Tractors were becoming the power source.

There were three children born to Oral and Flora, Louise Hillis, and J. Stanley. In 1954 I (J. Stanley Davidson) bought 100 acres of the original farm. Grass seed is the cash crop today. It is shipped all over the U.S. and various places throughout the world. Power is supplied on my farm today by Diesel tractors, and-

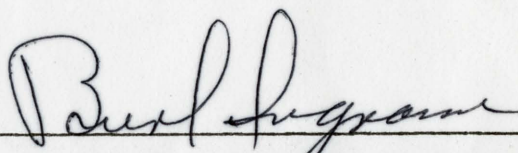
electric motors. One man on the combine can harvest as many acres today as twenty men and fifteen horses, 100 years ago.

My entire life, man and boy, I have lived ^{worked} on this farm. My age is fifty years.

CERTIFICATION OF OWNERSHIP OF CENTURY FARM

I hereby certify that the farm for which James Stanley Davidson
(Owner's name and address)
Route 2, Box 94, Harrisburg, Oregon

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


* ~~County Commissioner-Recorder~~

24th April 1974
(Date)

*Please strike office not applicable