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Edgar B. Grimes

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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

Submitted by Edgar B. & Marian S. Grimes, Rt. 1, Box 40, Harrisburg, OR 97446

(Name and Address)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

In 1949, Edgar was chosen National 4-H Club boy of America. Edgar introduced Oregon litter law in 1969 and worked with Oregon youth; has won 11 National Keep America Beautiful National Anti-Litter awards. He has also received the Izaak Walton Gold Beaver Environmental Award and the Canadian Ministry of Transportation Anti-litter Award.

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 Edgar B. & Marian S. Grimes,								
					(Owner's	s name a	and address)	
	Route 1, Bo	ox 40, H	arrisbu	rg, OR	97446			
is applying	for Centur	y Farm H	lonors,	has been	in his	family	continuously	for
100 or more	years.							

* County Commissioner-Recorder

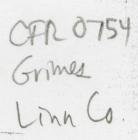
June 27, 1974
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Century Farms' list adds four from area

Joining Oregon's list of "Century Farms" this year are four from the Emerald Empire — two from Harrisburg and two from Elkton.

Topping the list with a 125-year farming history, is the Edgar Grimes dairy operation at Harrisburg. Beal Grimes, one of Oregon's first legislators, founded the farm in 1849.

Other additions include the James Davidson grass seed farm, (see Farm Report), also at Harrisburg, and ranches in the Umpqua River valley at Elkton owned by Arlyn Clemo and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Riley.

Grimes said that when his great-grandfather settled the original 640-acre tract the major farming operations centered around beef and sheep and the growing of hay and grain. Early in this century, Ed Grimes' father, Henry Grimes, began developing a dairy operation.

GRIMES GOT INTO dairying as a youngster, through 4-H activity, and developed a herd of Holsteins. The farm now occupies 500 acres, including 240 from the original land. Grimes has reduced his milking herd to 30 cows, has irrigated crops on part of the land and produces grass seed on the remainder.

Grimes is widely known for his campaigns against litter. He credits Oregon's 1969 anti-litter law and the changing attitudes of young people with the clean-up of roadsides in the state.

Five years ago, he said, several sacks of litter were collected each year from highway frontage at the farm.

"Now," he said, "it doesn't produce a pocketful."

General farming, raising of cattle and hogs plus a variety of crops, was the operation established in the Umpqua River Valley by Charles Henderer when he settled there in 1859.

It continues to be a general farm today, in the ownership of Arlyn Clemo, a grandson. Clemo has 142 acres from the original Henderer farm and also produces beef cattle, hogs, grain and hay.

Clemo said his mother, 83-year-old Fannie May Clemo, often reminds him how farm prices have changed, however. She recalls farm-cured bacon selling for 4 cents a pound and no market at all for eggs, which her family cooked and used for dog food.

THEIR NEIGHBORS, Mr. and Mrs. Riley, also qualified for "Century Farm" honors this year. They live in semi-retirement on the original Walker farm, having celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary this June.

Mrs. Riley's father, Alpheus Walker, took ownership of the original 640-acre farm in 1874, producing cattle and sheep, and raising grain on the better fields.

Portions of the land have since been sold, and the family retains ownership of 118 acres of the original. Much of the land is rented, although the Rileys have kept five acres for their garden and livestock.

Throughout Oregon, 26 Century Farms are being recognized this year. It will bring to 564 the number of farms certified as being confinuously termed by the same family for 100 years or more.

The program is co-sponsored by the Oregon Historical Society and the Oregon Dept. of Agriculture. Owners of the newly recognized Century Farms are being invited to opening day of the Oregon State Fair at Salem when they will be presented certificates in noon-hour ceremonies.