

CFR 0773

Mr. Carl C. Prantl

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) Mr Carl C. Prantl

Your address: Route 1 P.O. Box 194 Town Gervais, Ore

Location of farm: 2 1/2 mi SE, Gervais, Howell Prairie Rd - Marion
(Address) (County) 151-48

Acres in your farm today: 50.13 Acres in original farm: ~~151~~ 48

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):
John Prantl

Year founder settled on farm? 1874 Where did he come from? Germany

How many families have farmed this land? 3

Are any of original buildings still in use? NO

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 no

What do you raise on farm today? Berries, Alfalfa, Nursery Stock, & Arabian Horses.

How many generations live on the farm today? (Names) Carl Prantl & son, Frank Prantl

Has the farm ever been rented? no How many times has original farm been divided? once

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

Carl C Prantl
(Signature of owner)

Form A - Century Farm Program

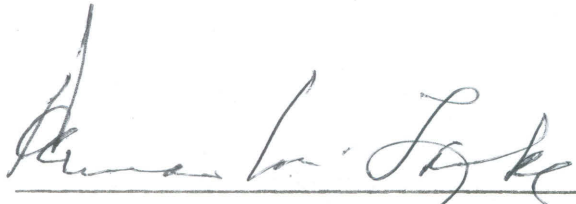
Oregon Department of Agriculture
Oregon Historical Society

CERTIFICATION OF OWNERSHIP OF CENTURY FARM

I hereby certify that the farm for which Carl C Peantl
(Owner's name and address)

Rt 1 Box 194 Gervais, Oregon

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



* County ~~Commissioner~~-Recorder

JUN 20 1974

(Date)

*Please strike office not applicable

Submitted by Carl C Prantl

(Name and Address)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

SEP 18 1974

Allen's P. C. B. Est. 1888

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Woodburn Independent
Community
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Section II

Prantl Farm A Hundred; Family History Recorded

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But that is only one requirement, and so Mrs. Prantl began the process of proving it. First, she spent two days at the Marion County Recorder's office trying to find the necessary records. And by what she could find she concluded that the farm would not qualify. She had discovered that the place was originally the donation land claim of Albert Woodington. But the deed had not been recorded for his transaction until December 12, 1883. Prantl reassured his wife that the farm was in his family for 100 years.

She was finally steered to Pioneer Trust and Title company in Salem where she immediately located all the records she needed. She discovered that Woodington had in fact sold the place to William Magers on August 14, 1871. The Woodington property in various portions then changed hands five times in two years.

Finally, it is recorded in the Marion County Recorder's Office that a man named J.F. Staiger sold 151.48 acres to John Brandl and Frank Kubreau May 4, 1874. The Prantls believe the price was \$2100.

The records also reveal that on December 11, 1876, Franz Kobrian (Frank Kubreau in French), and John Prantl (a variation in the spelling) divided the land, so that John Prantl acquired 102.48 acres. Frank Prantl inherited 50.13 acres from his parents, and Peter Prantl another 50.13 acres. The transaction was recorded on January 3, 1898. In 1946 Carl Prantl took possession of the house and acreage from his parents, the Frank Prantls.

After the proof of their century farm had been confirmed and the Prantls knew they were in line for an award, they decided to carry the project one step further.

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offered to gather together the history of the Prantl family so that it could be presented to relatives during the anniversary celebration.

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This is further explained in the family history. "There is every variation in the spelling of the name Prantl or Brandl. One thing is sure: it was pronounced Prantl, because in the southern German dialects, the b is pronounced p, and the d is pronounced t."

The first mention of the Prantl family in church records is in the St. Louis parish records, which are preserved in the Chancery Archives in Portland. St. Louis parish is located west of Gervais.

An excerpt from the family history explains the beginnings of the Prantl family in America. "John Brandl, the forefather of all the descendants of the Prantls, came to the United States from that part of Austria known as the Tyrol, i.e., that part nearest Switzerland. This was personally told to the writer by Mr. Alfred Huber, who was from Switzerland, who personally heard it from John Prantl. It was also told to the writer by Anton Hurlmann, originally from Switzerland, who knew the Prantls in the distant past."

The family history is very detailed telling about the births, marriages and deaths of the Prantl family. The history continues to the fourth generation of Prantls.

The original Prantl house was a log cabin with a little dug out basement. The Prantls note it was located on the old coach road, a local run they surmise, which went through the farm. Prantl recalls the woods were known for their thick stand of timber. "Even during the day it

was very dark in those woods, which had stands of huge fir trees," says Prantl.

The house the Prantls live in now dates back to 1888. There have been some alterations and modernization projects in and on the house, but for the most part the house is the same.

Prantl says when his parents were wed there were a total of 13 people living in the two story, 4 bedroom, structure. This included hired hands who helped with the hops, apples and prunes, which were the crops of the farm.

The Prantls, who operate a diversified farm, say there are several springs on the place. His grandfather John Prantl had a still near the edge of a slough on the farm. "The springs were used in cooling the coils," says Prantl.

In the family history book it says "On the back part of the place at the edge of the slough there was a spring of unknown depth, and the waters were considered medicinal and very good. Even the Indians used to go back and use the spring water."

Along with their history book made to celebrate the farm's anniversary, the Prantls are also proud of a parchment certificate received at the State Fair, which says the following: Prantl Farm, founded 1874, with the award of this certificate is duly enrolled by the Oregon Historical Society as a Century Farm in recognition of 100 years enduring service in the finest agricultural tradition of the State of Oregon."



MR. AND MRS. CARL PRANTL of Gervais (above) look over a family heirloom, his mother's clock. The Prantl's front door window (below) of frosted glass with intricate designs is shadowed by their silhouette.



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Prantl family, Yasuo Hosaka and Kimiya garden by Kevin Egly. The land St. John homes.

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ing adult worship service at 7 o'clock will be "Service" Donald Jewell Nissly, who will soon be leaving for a three year term of service under Mennonite Central Committee in Africa. They will be special guests. They will talk about their decision to go into such service, nature of their service, and will share, in general, their vision of such service, says Pastor Brunner.

Special music for the evening will be arranged by Tom Breneman with Les Hostetter leading the congregational singing. The evening will close with a commitment service for the Nisslys led by Pastor Brunner. Children's meetings will be held separately.

Sept. Services Same