CFR 0784

Robert L. Riches

APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM HONORS

Deadline for filing applications - May 1, 1985

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT:

Your name (Mr., Mrs., Ms.) Robert L. Riches

Your address: 13166 Riches Rd. NE (Street, Route, or Box) Silverton, OR (Town) 97381 (Zip)

Location of Farm: Riches Rd. & Cascade Hwy. (Address) Marion (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 Dr. Benjamin Davenport

Year founder settled on farm 1851 Where did he come from? Lucerne County, Pennsylvania

Who farms the land today? Robert L. Riches

Relationship to original owner? Great, great grandson

Are any of the original buildings still in use? If so which ones? No

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

Crops: wheat, oats. Livestock: cattle, horses, pigs, sheep.

What do you raise on farm today? Grass seed, wheat, sugar beets, cattle

How many generations live on the farm today (Names)? Three - Martha Goodknecht Riches; Robert L. Riches; Greg and Robbie Riches.

How many times has the original farm been divided? Twice

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

Robert L Riches
Signature of Owner

Please return form to:

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

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Robert L. and Susan
Riches

RICHES FARMS

13166 Riches Road, NE
Silverton, Oregon 97381
Phone 873-5456

April 26, 1985

Charles F. Wellman
Coordinator, Century Farm Program
Oregon Historical Society
1230 S.W. Park Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97205

Dear Mr. Wellman,

Enclosed are two applications for Century Farm recognition.

I actively farm 113 acres of the 1851 Donation Land Claim of my great, great grandfather, Dr. Benjamin Davenport; as well as the 185 acre farm of my great grandfather, Peter Goodknecht, purchased in 1881. These are the two farms for which I am applying.

I might add, that I am also an owner and operator of the George P.S. Riches Donation Land Claim, which received Century Farm recognition in 1959.

I hope the enclosed applications and documentations are adequate. I'm very proud of my heritage and to be still operating three farms which have each been in my family for over 100 years.

Sincerely,

Robert L Riches

Robert L. Riches

Dr. Benjamin Davenport: took out Donation Land Clain #44 in 1851. One of his sons was Benjamin Franklin Davenport, whose daughter was Eunice Davenport Goodknecht. Her daughter, Martha Goodknecht Riches, is the mother of Robert L. Riches, the applicant.

Included in the documentation are exerpts from the book A History of the Silverton Country by Robert Horace Down, M.A.; a survey and description of the tracts divided among the heirs upon Benjamin F. Davenport's death; a warranty deed passing the land from Eunice Davenport Goodknecht to her daughter, Martha Riches; and deeds showing how the applicant received his share from his parents.

Robert L. Riches, great, great grandson of Dr. Davenport, is actively farming the property. He owns 1/2 undivided interest in 113 acres of the original D.L.C. The other owners are his sister, an aunt, and his mother, all descendents of Dr. Davenport. Another 63.31 acre portion of the original D.L.C. is separately owned by the widow of Henry Davenport, who was a a great uncle of the applicant.

A HISTORY

of

THE SILVERTON COUNTRY

By

ROBERT HORACE DOWN, M.A.
Head of the Department of History in Franklin High School
Portland, Oregon

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and Joseph S. were born. They are among the first pair of twins born to Oregon pioneers.

In the fall of 1852 the Bowmans settled on the donation claim on Butte Creek, which consisted of 320 acres. Here with his brother-in-law, Michael Nowlin, Mr. Bowman purchased a saw-mill and grist mill at the place where Scotts Mills now is. Farmers came thirty miles to mill. Flour was $25.00 per barrel. Potatoes were five dollars per bushel.

After four years in this place the family moved to Oregon City, where Mr. Bowman worked at his stone-cutter's trade and for a number of years was city jailer. After fourteen years in Oregon City, the family removed to the farm on Butte Creek, where Mr. Bowman died, July 29, 1875. Mr. Bowman was an exemplary Christian,, a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Mrs. Bowman died in Genessee, Idaho, November 2, 1903.[8]

Among the pioneers arriving in 1851 were some notable men besides those already mentioned. Nathan D. Symons,[9] Daniel P. Lewis[10] and Doctor A. G. Hutton[11] settled near the present city. In the hills south of Silverton were Ephraim and Warren Cranston,[12] Benjamin Austin Leonard,[13] Robert McAlpin,[14] Doctor Benjamin Davenport,[15] Ai, Tero and Mathew Coolidge,[16] Barnet Lipscomb[17] and Thomas G. Flannery.[18] Jacob Baughman[19] located on the edge of French Prairie south of Woodburn, Wesley Plummer[20] and Elisha Veazey[21] were on Howells Prairie, Samuel E. Hendrick[22] and David Newsom were on Pudding River.[23] On the lower Abiqua were Mathew Morrison[24] and John J. Tucker[25] John O. Putnam[26] took a claim on the upper Abiqua River, while along Butte Creek were Amos J. Ferris,[27] John W. Bell,[28] James C. Bell, William Bell and Michael Nowlin[29]

NOTES AND AUTHORITIES

[1] These lines are from "The Campfires of the Pioneers," a narrative poem by Samuel L. Simpson, which is descriptive of the journey across the plains. It will be found in full in his collected works, "The Golden-Gated West," Songs and Poems, J. B. Lippincott Co., 1910, Philadelphia.

[2] Don. Cer. No. 356. Benjamin Simpson was twice married... By his first wife he had two children, John and Elsira Jane... By his second marriage, Sylvester C., Samuel L., Louisa, Frances M. and Elnorah.

[3] W. T. Burney, who married a daughter of Benjamin Simpson, wrote the introduction to Simpson's Poem, "The Golden Gated West," in which he relates how

Indiana, in 1828. His wife was Julia E. ———, whom he married in the county of his birth, September 24, 1846. He arrived in Oregon City, October, 1853, and settled upon his donation claim on the first of April, 1854. The children were Calvin and Owen. A daughter of Owen Hutton married Oswald West, Governor of Oregon, and another daughter married Ben W. Olcott, Secretary of State of Oregon.

John Hutton, the father of Albert G. Hutton and James C. Hutton, was born in Mercer county, Kentucky, in 1786. In Pike county, Indiana, 1826, he married Leah ———. He crossed the plains, arriving in Oregon City on the 10th of October, 1853. His donation claim was in township 6 south and 1 east, in what is now known as Evan's Valley.

[12] Ephraim Cranston was born in Rhode Island, 1800. In Champaign county, Illinois, June, 1825, he married Roxanna his wife. He settled on his donation claim in the Waldo Hills, November 15, 1851. Elizabeth Cranston married Quincy Brooks, a pioneer of 1857. Don. Cer. No. 1389.

Warren Cranston was a son of Ephraim Cranston and Roxanna his wife. They were both natives of New England, going out to Ohio in an early day. They came to Oregon in 1851 and took a donation claim in the Waldo Hills, where they spent the remainder of their lives. Their children were Warren and Edward, who accompanied the family to Oregon, Edward having been born in Ohio, April, 1836. Warren Cranston was born in Champaigne county, Ohio, in 1826 or 1827. His wife was Susan A. ———, whom he married in that county, April 18, 1850. He settled upon his donation claim September 15, 1851. Orpha Cranston, a daughter of Warren, married Rev. Farmer. Don. Cer. No. 532.

[13] Benjamin Austin Leonard was born in Bradford County, Pa., November 15, 1819. He was the son of Abel and the grandson of Austin Leonard. The family is of Scotch or English descent and the oldest record of it is found in the New England states, the grandfather having been born in Massachusetts prior to the Revolutionary War, in which conflict some of the members of the family took a part. In 1829 the family went to Ashtabula county, Ohio. Benjamin Austin was apprenticed to a shoemaker as a boy and learned and followed the trade for many years in Ohio. Later he journeyed to Missouri, where in Caldwell county, in April 1839, he was joined in wedlock with Miss Jane Soaps, who was born in Campbell county, Tenn., February 24, 1820. Remaining in Caldwell county, Mo., until 1851, they started on the long journey across the plains, arriving near Silverton September 6, 1851. Immediately Mr. Leonard took up a claim of three hundred twenty acres in the Waldo Hills, where he remained until the latter sixties. In the record in the land office Mr. Leonard states over his own signature that he arrived in Oregon in October. Don. Cer. No. 540.

[14] Robert McAlpin was born in Green county, Tennessee, in 1819. The family later removed to Indiana, where, in Clark county, September 23, 1837, he was married to Jane ———. The family arrived in Oregon in September, 1851, and Mr. McAlpin located a donation claim of 320 acres in sections 10, 11 and 23, township eight south and one west, on which he settled October 15, 1851. Don. Cer. No. 587.

[15] Dr. Benjamin Davenport was born in Columbia county, New York, June 24, 1799, a son of Jonathan Davenport, a grandson of Benjamin Davenport and a great-grandson of Thomas Davenport, the American founder of the family, who, emigrating from England, settled at Dorchester, Massachusetts Bay Colony, about 1640.

Dr. Davenport received his education at the Pittsfield Medical College, Pittsfield, Mass., from which he graduated about 1826. He practiced his profession for a time in Lucerne county, Pa., and in the spring of 1851 was at Newark, Ohio, where he outfitted for the trip to Oregon, arriving here in the autumn of that year and securing a donation claim of three hundred twenty acres in the Waldo Hills, where he resided until the time of his death, February 10, 1857.

Mrs. Davenport was Sarah Rollins Gott, born near Spencertown, Columbia county, N. Y., on the 2d day of June, 1802. She died in the Waldo Hills, October 10, 1879.

The fruit of this marriage was five children, the eldest being Timothy Woodbridge Davenport, born in Columbia county, New York, July 30, 1826. Having passed through the elementary grades, he entered the academy at Woodstock, Ohio, going thence to Starling Medical Institute at Columbus, Ohio. He taught a while in the Woodstock school and completing his medical course began the practice of medicine at Woodstock, crossing the plains with his parents. In Oregon he engaged in farming and surveying. Always deeply interested in politics, he was present and assisted at the first meeting of the Republican party in Marion county, which was held in Silverton, October 11, 1856. He was elected county surveyor of Marion county in 1864 and again in 1866; to the Oregon House of Representatives in 1868,

to the State Senate in 1870, and in 1895 was appointed State Land Agent of Oregon by Governor Lord. He married Miss Flora Geer, daughter of Ralph C. Geer, November 17, 1854. To this union four children were born, two of whom died in infancy. Another child, Orla, is the wife of John D. Renshaw, of Idaho, and the other was Homer C. Davenport. Mrs. Davenport died November 20, 1870.

On October 1, 1872, Mr. Davenport married Mrs. Elizabeth Wisner, nee Gilmour, a daughter of John W. Gilmour, who was born in Kentucky in 1813 and who came to Oregon in 1851, settling in Linn county. To this second marriage five children were born: Timothy Clyde, deceased; Adda Davenport Martin, Alice, Georgia, deceased, and Mary Delle.

The second child of Dr. Benjamin Davenport was John C., born April 3, 1830. He married Sarah Ann Lowe. They have five children: Horace Mann; Mary, the wife of Robert Ewart; Josephine, the wife of Charles Hopkins, who is a grandson of Col. E. D. Baker, United States Senator from Oregon, who was killed at the battle of Balls Bluff, in the Civil War.

The other children were:

Abraham Lincoln Davenport and Eva, the wife of Arthur Payne of Hoquiam, Wash.

The third child was Joseph Wadsworth Davenport, born February 19, 1833. He is now deceased. He married Miss Martha Shilling. The issue of this marriage were the following children: Melvin, William, Walter, Zoa Gillespie, Edgar, Rollie Gott and Virgil.

Mary P. Davenport, born March 5, 1835, died in infancy.

Lucinda C. Davenport, born August 15, 1837, married Orange Jacobs, an Oregon pioneer and one of the organizers of the Republican party in Oregon. Their children are: Hiram, Harry, Edward, Orange Jr., Estella, the wife of Albert Clark of Seattle, Wash.; Donna and Jessie.

Benjamin Franklin Davenport was born February 9, 1839, crossing the plains with his parents and brothers and sisters in 1851. On November 17, 1867, he was joined in wedlock to Miss Lucretia DeWitt, a native of Missouri, where she was born July 21, 1849. They have five children: Lewellyn, DeWitt, Clinton, John Henry and Eunice.

[16] Probably the biggest man, in point of unerring judgment and all around executive ability, that has lived in the Silverton country at any time was Ai Coolidge. He was born in Union county, Ohio, February 15, 1823, the son of James F. and Fannie (Rice) Coolidge, of Ohio and Vermont respectively. In 1844 Ai Coolidge started out in the world as a brick maker in Union county, Ohio. The next year he went to Wisconsin, where he engaged in hunting and trapping in that then virgin country, returning the following year to Ohio. In 1851 he crossed the plains to Oregon. Arriving at near the present city of Silverton, he spent the winter cutting trees for lumber for Beuford Smith, who was owner of the sawmill where the power house is now, about two miles east of town. He took a donation claim about four miles southeast of town and the next year opened a general merchandise store at Milford, where he continued in the business until the buildings in the place were moved to the present town in 1855. Four months were required to move the store building, during which time Mr. Coolidge kept open for business. He continued in the business at Silverton until about 1865. The store building is now a part of the Silverton hotel. All his life Mr. Coolidge was engaged more or less in farming and stock raising and at one time owned several thousand acres of land in the county. His name is permanently identified with the Coolidge & McClaine Bank, which was organized in 1880. This bank is one of the strongest financial institutions in the West.

Mrs. Coolidge was Miss Sarah F. Allen, daughter of Abner Allen. She was born in Illinois and crossed the plains with her father in 1852. Mr. Coolidge was county commissioner of Marion county at the time the present county court house was erected. At that time the other commissioners desired to build a much smaller building, but Mr. Coolidge saw the phenomenal growth that the county would make and that in a few years a large building would be required. That his judgment was sound is now apparent. Though the years have passed away, the splendid and beautiful edifice which he made possible continues not only to grace the city where it stands but also to serve the needs of the people. Before his death there were hundreds of men in Silverton and the vicinity who looked to him for advice and counsel in business matters.

Mathew Coolidge was born in Union county, Ohio, in 1826. He arrived in Oregon, September 7, 1851. Don. Cer. No. 3197. He was an unmarried man. His donation claim was of 160 acres about six miles south of Silverton. Brown MS.

Tero Coolidge was one year younger than Mathew, he having been born in Union county, Ohio, in 1825, having arrived at the same time as his brother. He took a

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DESCRIPTION FOR

B. F. DAVENPORT, HEIRS OF

NORTHWEST TRACT.

Beginning at a point 25 links North and 15.05 chains South 89° 39' West from the Northwest corner of the Donation Land Claim of George P. S: Riches and wife same being Claim No. 44 in Township 7 South of Range 1 West of the Willamette Meridaan in Marion County, Oregon, and from thence running North 18.08 chains; thence South 89° 39' West 35.00 chains to the middle of the Sublimity and Willard market road; thence South, along the middle of said market road 18.10 chains; thence North 89° 39' East 35.00 chains to the place of beginning and containing 63.31 acres of land.

B. B. HERRICK
County Surveyor
By K. O. FISHER
Deputy County Surveyor
5-5-1932

NO.

COUNTY SURVEY FOR B. F. DAVENPORT HEIRS OF

T. 7 S. R. 1 W.

MARION COUNTY OREGON

SURVEYED Apr 11 1932

B. B. HERRICK, COUNTY SURVEYOR
MARION COUNTY, OREGON

BY Roy Fisher

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WARRANTY DEED

This Indenture Witnesseth, That EUNICE GOODKNECHT, widow of John W. Goodknecht, deceased,

for the consideration of the sum of - - ONE AND NO/100 - - - ($1.00) - - -DOLLARS, to her paid, has, bargained and sold and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell and convey unto Martha Riches, Edna Clark & Helen Menegat, subject however to a life estate which is hereby reserved unto Eunice Goodknecht, the grantor herein. the following described premises situate in Marion County, Oregon, to-wit:

The South West Quarter of section 23, in T. 7. S. R. 1 W. of the Wilamette Meridian, in Marion County, State of Oregon. Also: Beginning at the Southeast corner of the Southwest quarter of Section 23, in T. 7 S. R. 1 W. of the Wilamette Meridian, Marion County, State of Oregon, thence East 13.00 chains, thence North 19.25 chains; thence West 13.00 chains; thence South 19.25 chains to the place of beginning containing 25.02 acres, also all our right, title and interest in a certain private road way, commencing at the Southwest corner of T. 7 S. R. 1 W. thence West $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile; thence South $\frac{1}{4}$ of a mile, said private road way being situate on the line between George Riches and B. F. Davenport's lands. All the above described premises containing One Hundred and Eighty Five acres, more or less, and all situated in Marion County, State of Ore.

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To Have and to Hold unto the said grantees their Heirs and Assigns forever.

AND the said grantor

does hereby covenant to and with the said grantees, their Heirs and Assigns, that she is the owner in fee simple of said premises; that said premises are free from all encumbrances SAVE AND EXCEPT, this conveyance is made subject to a life estate reserved unto Eunice Goodknecht, the grantor herein, for the term of her natural life.

and that she will WARRANT and DEFEND the same from all lawful claims whatsoever save and except as above stated.

WITNESS mh hand and seal this 9 day of November, 1955.

Eunice Goodknecht (SEAL)

(SEAL)

(SEAL)

(SEAL)

STATE OF OREGON
County of Marion } ss.

On this 9 day of November, 1955, personally appeared the above named Eunice Goodknecht, widow of John W. Goodknecht, deceased.

and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be her voluntary act and deed.

Before me:

Notary Public for Oregon.

My Commission Expires

October 27, 1957.

STATE OF OREGON
County of Marion } ss.

I certify that the within instrument was received for record on the day of NOV 10 1955 195, at 8:34 o'clock A M., and recorded in Book 482 Page 23 Record of Deeds of said county.

Witness my hand and Seal of County affixed.

Recorder of Conveyances.

By

Deputy.

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REX ALBRIGHT
Silverton, Oregon

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FORM No. 955—WARRANTY DEED (Individual or Corporate).

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WARRANTY DEED

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That MARTHA RICHES

hereinafter called the grantor, for the consideration hereinafter stated, to grantor paid by ROBERT L. RICHES *, hereinafter called the grantee, does hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said grantee and grantee's heirs, successors and assigns, that certain real property, with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining, situated in the County of* Marion *and State of Oregon, described as follows, to-wit:*

An undivided 1/ 2 of an undivided 1/ 6th interest in and to the following: The South West Quarter of section 23, in T. 7. S. R. 1 W. of the Willamette Meridian, in Marion County, State of Oregon. Also; Beginning at the Southeast corner of the Southwest quarter of Section 23, in T. 7 S. R. 1 W. of the Willamette Meridian, Marion County, State of Oregon, thence East 13.00 chains thence North 19.25 chains; thence West 13.00 chains; thence South 19.25 chains to the place of beginning containing 25.02 acres, also all our right, title and interest in a certain private road way, commencing at the Southwest corner of T. 7 S. R. 1 W. thence West 1/4 of a mile; thence South 1/4 of a mile, said private road way being situate on the line between George Riches and B. F. Davenport's lands. All the above described premises containing One Hundred and Eighty Five acres, more or less, and all situated in Marion County, State of Ore.

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To Have and to Hold the same unto the said grantee and grantee's heirs, successors and assigns forever.

And said grantor hereby covenants to and with said grantee and grantee's heirs, successors and assigns, that grantor is lawfully seized in fee simple of the above granted premises, free from all encumbrances

and that grantor will warrant and forever defend the said premises and every part and parcel thereof against the lawful claims and demands of all persons whomsoever, except those claiming under the above described encumbrances.

The true and actual consideration paid for this transfer, stated in terms of dollars, is $ 20,000.00 .

①~~Here xxx the actual consideration consists xx or xx includes other property xx xxxx given xx promised which xx xx xxxx xxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxx xxxxxxxxxx xxx

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STATE OF OREGON)
) ss.
County of Marion)

I hereby certify that the within was received and duly recorded by me in Marion County records:

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T. HAROLD TOMLINSON
MARION COUNTY CLERK

BY _____ DEPUTY

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WARRANTY DEED

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That C. ROBERT RICHES

hereinafter called the grantor, for the consideration hereinafter stated, to grantor paid by ROBERT L. RICHES *, hereinafter called the grantee, does hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said grantee and grantee's heirs, successors and assigns, that certain real property, with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining, situated in the County of* Marion *and State of Oregon, described as follows, to-wit:*

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①~~However, the actual consideration consists of or includes other property or value given or promised which is the whole (indicate which).~~① *(The sentence between the symbols ①, if not applicable, should be deleted. See ORS 93.030.)*

In construing this deed and where the context so requires, the singular includes the plural and all grammatical changes shall be implied to make the provisions hereof apply equally to corporations and to individuals.

In Witness Whereof, the grantor has executed this instrument this 15th *day of* September *, 19* 76 *; if a corporate grantor, it has caused its name to be signed and seal affixed by its officers, duly authorized thereto by order of its board of directors.*

C. Robert Riches

(If executed by a corporation, affix corporate seal)

STATE OF OREGON,)
) ss.
County of Marion)

September 15, 19 76.

Personally appeared the above named C. ROBERT RICHES

and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his *voluntary act and deed.*

Before me: Joan Silbernagel

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

Notary Public for Oregon

My commission expires: 2/24/80

STATE OF OREGON, County of) ss.

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Personally appeared *and* *who, being duly sworn, each for himself and not one for the other, did say that the former is the* *president and that the latter is the* *secretary of* *, a corporation, and that the seal affixed to the foregoing instrument is the corporate seal of said corporation and that said instrument was signed and sealed in behalf of said corporation by authority of its board of directors; and each of them acknowledged said instrument to be its voluntary act and deed.*

Before me:

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

Notary Public for Oregon

My commission expires:

C. ROBERT RICHES

GRANTOR'S NAME AND ADDRESS

ROBERT L. RICHES
1078 Cascade Highway NE
Silverton, Oregon 97381

GRANTEE'S NAME AND ADDRESS

After recording return to:

Robert L. Riches
1078 Cascade Highway NE
Silverton, Oregon 97381

NAME, ADDRESS, ZIP

Until a change is requested all tax statements shall be sent to the following address.

Robert L. Riches
1078 Cascade Highway NE
Silverton, Oregon 97381

NAME, ADDRESS, ZIP

SPACE RESERVED FOR RECORDER'S USE

STATE OF OREGON, } ss.
County of }

I certify that the within instrument was received for record on the day of *, 19* *, at* *o'clock* *M., and recorded in book* *on page* *or as file/reel number* *, Record of Deeds of said county.*

Witness my hand and seal of County affixed.

Recording Officer

By *Deputy*

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Beginning at a point 25 links North and 25 links South 89° 39' West of the Northwest corner of the Donation Land Claim of George P. S. Riches and wife, same being Claim No. 44, in Township 7 South of Range 1 West of the Willamette Meridian in Marion County, Oregon, and from thence running South 89° 39' West 25 chains; thence South 0° 25' East 20.27 chains to the South boundary of the North 1/2 of the North 1/2 of Section 27 in said Township and Range; thence North 89° 39' East along said South boundary line, 24.85 chains to a point 25 links West of the West boundary line of said Claim No. 44; thence North 20.27 chains to the place of beginning and containing 50.80 acres of land, situated in Marion County, State of Oregon.

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STATE OF OREGON)
) ss.
County of Marion)

I hereby certify that the within was received and duly recorded by me in Marion County records:

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'Centennial' Farmers

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Tilling the soil which no one other than their own forefathers have tilled is one of the joys of this Waldo Hills couple, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Riches. There is also taking part in the various civic, social and political activities of the community—and there's fishing and hunting and the school activities of their two youngsters. (Statesman Farm Photo)

Ranch Ramblings

By RURAL REPORTER

CENTENNIAL FAMILIES—When Centennial Farms in Oregon come to be added up this summer, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Riches, Waldo Hills, will both figure in the count.

Their grandfathers took adjoining Land Donation Claims more than a century ago. Now Bob and Martha (who do not remember a time when they didn't know each other) are farming a portion of both of these claims.

Ten years before Oregon became a state, Bob's pioneer grandfather, George P. S. Riches, took his land claim on what has become known as Riches Road. A portion of this 640 acres is now owned by five of the claimant's grandchildren. John Riches of Salem, Misses Winifred and Lois Riches and Robert own the farm that was their father's Charles Riches, share. Adjoining this to the south is another stretch of the claim, owned and farmed by Harry L. Riches, a brother. Harry's piece came down from his Uncle Jack Riches and was a portion of the latter's share of the claim.

But it is Bob who farms the old home place, and stretching out across the fields to the north is part of the land which was the donation claim of Martha's grandfather, Benjamin Davenport, who arrived around 1852. The portion of this claim which remains in the family, now belongs to her mother, Mrs. John Goodknecht, who was Eunice Davenport.

Bob and Martha farm over 600 acres in Waldo Hills, and the old homesteads need not go to strangers when these two step out of the picture. They have a son, another Robert Riches, who is 15, and a daughter Nancy, somewhat younger.

A large portion of Bob's farming is grass seed farming—chiefly Chewings Fescue.