

CFR 0811

Ninon Rill

APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM HONORS

Deadline for filing application - May 1, 1990

Please type or print:

tel.: Redacted for Privacy

Your name (Mr., Mrs., Ms.) Ninon Rill

Your address Redacted for Privacy

Street, Route, or Box

City

ZIP Code

Location of Farm

Redacted for Privacy

Morrow

Address

County

To qualify as a Century Farm, a farm must have no fewer 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 Luther Huston

Founder gained ownership of farm in (Year) 1885 ATTACH VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION. (see rule 9)

Founder came to Oregon from Earliest known was the Willamette Valley

Who farms the land today? William Rill

Relationship to original owner great-grandson

Are any of the original buildings still in use? yes If so, which ones?
one outhouse

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

What do you raise on the farm today? grass, pigs

How many generations live on the farm today? 4 Please list names:

Ninon Rill, William Rill, Dean Rill, Heather Rill

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

PLEASE RETURN FORM TO:

Century Farm Program
Oregon Historical Society
1230 S.W. Park Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97205

Ninon Rill
Signature of Owner

STATEMENT FORM

I, NINON RILL, hereby affirm
(print name)

and declare that the farm which I own at Redacted for Privacy Heppner OR
(full address)

_____, in Morrow County,

shall have been owned by my family as specified in Rule 2 of the
RULES FOR 1990 CENTURY FARM PROGRAM for at least one hundred years by
no later than December 31, 1990.

Ninon Rill
Signature

- - - - - Acknowledgement (for use of Notary Public) - - - - -

STATE OF OREGON

County of Morrow

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 19th day of May,
1988, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for
said County and State, personally appeared the within named

Ninon Rill

known to me to be the identical individual described in and who
executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that she
executed the same freely and voluntarily.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed my official
seal the day and year last above written.

Shonda M. Lorenz
Notary Public for Oregon
Commission Expires 8-30-91

PHONE MEMO

TO

RB

DATE

9-19

TIME

1:35

AM

PM

FROM

JEAN NELSON

AREA CODE

NO.

Redacted for Privacy

OF

EXT.

MESSAGE

1 OLDEN - McCABE
1 JOHN WILLIAM BECKETT
3 OLEF BERGSTROM
1 LUTHER HUSTON

SIGNED

PHONED

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CALL BACK

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RETURNED CALL

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WANTS TO SEE YOU

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WRS Alert - Connor
Heppner, OR 97836

Erster Bergstrom
Heppner

~~Molly Bickel~~
~~Peppers~~
~~for crosses~~ ~~Bickel~~

Vance Beck +
Redacted for Privacy

NINON RILL
RT 1
JEP

RUTH MCCABE

ONE, OR 97843

Re: Morrow County Historical Society meeting and Century
Farm awards- October 7

Invitation to Molly Rill (say Jean Nelson asked me to send
this invitation to you and asked if you would please forward
the attached to the Gladys Becket Family.

JEAN NELSON 989-8188

NINON RILL

I, Ninon Rill, have lived on the old "Luther Huston" homestead for 58 years as of September 25, 1982. Luther Huston was my grandfather. My husband, Leonard Rill, and I moved on the farm on September 25, 1924.

In the fall of 1884, Luther Huston, his wife Madora Boggs Huston and four young sons — Guy, Archie, Claude and Clive came to Rhea Creek. They had lost their farm in Linn County Oregon due to a crop failure.

In the early spring of 1885, Luther rode his horse over the hill and a few miles west of Rhea Creek and found a homestead that Luther decided would be a good home for his family. There was a small creek running through the place. Only one problem! A young man named Woods was already on the homestead. Luther paid Mr. Woods four hundred dollars in cash to leave the claim. Mr. Woods left and Luther Huston proved up on the claim.

My mother's parents were Leonard Farmer and Samantha Day Farmer. Leonard Farmer was born in New York State and educated at Harvard. His wife, Samantha, lived near Woodstock, Ver-

mont. Leonard Farmer taught school in Gouverneur, New York for twelve years. Then he bought a farm near Wellington, Kansas and moved his wife, small son and two daughters, age ten and fourteen, to the farm.

Their daughter Elsa was born on the farm in 1877 and later another daughter was born. The Farmers did well for some years, then a devastating hail storm struck. The storm broke the windows in their new house, destroyed all crops and reduced the trees of the young peach orchard to stubs. Leonard sold the farm and came west to Walla Walla.

After living in Walla Walla a short time, the Farmer's son, age eight, died of diphtheria. Soon after that, they moved to Morrow County and lived in Hardman before moving on a homestead near the Luther Huston's. While living in Hardman their five year old daughter died of scarlet fever. Only Elsa, age seven, was left at home.

On November 14, 1900, my parents, Guy Huston and Elsa Farmer were married in Heppner. I was born on January 21, 1902, in a twelve by sixteen foot cabin. Soon after that my father bought a farm from Mose Ashbaugh. He paid \$700.00 down in cash on the farm. Guy and Elsa moved on the new place, bought more land later and lived and farmed there for more than forty years.

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