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Esther Bergstrom; Mildred Conner; Ronald Becket

APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM HONORS

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Deadline for filing application - May 1, 1990

Please type or print:

Ronald Becket

Redacted for Privacy

Your name (Mr., Mrs., Ms.) Esther Bergstrom-Mildred Connor

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Your address _____

Street, Route, or Box

City

ZIP Code

Location of Farm T3S R24 Section 32 NWQ Section 29 SWQ Section 33 East half Morrow
Address County 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? yesName of family member who was founder or original owner of farm OlofBergstromFounder gained ownership of farm in (Year) 1887 ATTACH VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION.
(see rule 9)Founder came to Oregon from SwedenWho farms the land today? Ronald BecketRelationship to original owner GrandsonAre any of the original buildings still in use? NO If so, which ones?

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

Wheat OATSWhat do you raise on the farm today? WheatHow many generations live on the farm today? two ~~NONE~~ Please list names: _____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

Mildred Connor

Signature of Owner

Esther Bergstrom
Mary Anne Kell P.O.A.Ronald Becket

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CERTIFICATION OF OWNERSHIP OF CENTURY FARM

Olof Bergstrom Place

I hereby certify that the farm for which Esther Bergstrom
Mildred Connor
(owner's Name and Address)

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

Sarba Bloodsworn
(County Recorder/Clerk)
Morran County Clerk

5-2-88
Date



The Olof Bergstrom Family

Front Row: Hilma, Olof, Ellen, Florence, Emma, and Carolina. *Back Row:* Hannah, Alfred, John, Carl, Edwin, and Esther. This family photograph was taken in 1922 just before they went to Sweden.

Emma Carolina, Apr. 28, 1892 to June 10, 1973; married Charles Long Jan. 16, 1937.

Hannah Cristina, June 16, 1894 to Dec. 29, 1969; married Ben Anderson Sept. 20, 1919.

Ellen Otilia, Aug. 18, 1896 to Feb. 23, 1969; married Carl Allyn July 25, 1926; 1 daughter, Maxine (Mrs. Jerry Gower).

Carl Victor, Feb. 2, 1900 to Dec. 19, 1958; married Mildred Hanna June 15, 1930; 2 sons, Bob and Elwayne.

Alfred Herman, Aug. 20, 1902 to Oct. 3, 1979; married Elvida Nelson Snipes Oct. 23, 1946; 1 daughter, Lyn (Mrs. James Iverson).

The three surviving children all live in Morrow County and are:

Edwin Arthur, born Nov. 25, 1904; married Mary Jackson Dec. 27, 1927; 1 son, Arthur.

Esther Josephine Bergstrom, born Oct. 1, 1907.

Florence Victoria, born Dec. 21, 1911; married Laurence Becket Sept. 25, 1946; 1 son, Ron, and 1 daughter, Molly, (Mrs. Cecil Rill).

Olof and Carolina had other relatives who came to Oregon from Sweden; Olof's brother, Erik, who came to Morrow County in 1888, and a niece, Hannah Erickson, who came to the area shortly after the turn of the century, and who married Martin Lovgren on Nov. 23, 1905. Carolina's sister, Mary Olson, moved to Portland and married Olof Enberg.

Olof was one of the founders of Valby Lutheran Church and was a charter member when the church was organized. The 10 children of the Bergstroms were all confirmed members of the church.

Carolina's health was failing during World War I, and because of Olof's concern for her he decided they should return to their homeland for a visit after the war ended. The summer of 1922 was a memorable experience for them when they spent 3 months visiting their relatives in Sweden. Carolina was to see her mother after 35 years, her health improved, and she was to live for nearly a quarter of a century after her return to Morrow County. Olof died April of 1936 in the home that they built on their farm and, had lived in Morrow County for 51 years. Carolina (or Caroline as she was later known) died May 16, 1946 in the same home, and had lived there for 59 years.

The farm has been in the family continuously and is presently farmed by a grandson, Ron Becket.

THE OLOF BERGSTROM FAMILY

Olof Bergstrom and Carolina Olson were married in Heppner shortly after Carolina's arrival from Sweden to this area in the year 1887. They were both born in Grassmark, Varmland, Sweden; Olof on June 9, 1853, and Carolina on August 22, 1866. However, Olof's life in the United States began 2 years earlier in 1885 when he emigrated to this country. He came to the Eightmile area of Morrow County to the farm of John Jonson, who was Carolina's uncle, and who, incidentally, had the same last name as Olof until Olof changed his to Bergstrom when he arrived in the United States.

Olof's first employment was with the Farnworth's family near Hardman herding sheep, but it was not long before he homesteaded around Dripping Springs, which was near the Jonson farm. (Dripping Springs is about 2 miles west of Eightmile and 1 mile north of the Heppner-Condon highway.) It was then that he wrote to Carolina in Sweden to come to Morrow County. They built a home and added to their homestead when they purchased the Jonson farm, a farm from an Akers, and added the homestead of Carolina's sister, Mary Olson. This is where their 10 children were born and raised. Seven of the children are now deceased and are:

Hilma Marie, Nov. 28, 1888 to May 2, 1958; married Frank Anderson Dec. 20, 1914; 1 son, Frank, and 1 daughter, Louise (Mrs. James Farley).

John Olof, Aug. 6, 1890 to Dec. 17, 1972; married Ruth Babcock Nov. 28, 1926; 1 son, Gerald, and 2 daughters, Carolyn and Marilyn.

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