

CFR 0816

Albert L. Osmin

## APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM HONORS

Deadline for filing application - May 1, 1990

(please type or print)

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telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Your name (Mr., Mrs., Ms., Miss) Albert L. Osmund

Redacted for Privacy

Your Address \_\_\_\_\_  
street, route or box      city      ZIP codeLocation of farm south east of Heppner R. 26 E T 3 S. sec. 12

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: Walter S. Brundage + Albert W. OsmundFounder gained ownership of farm in (year) 1888  
(ATTACH VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION, see rule 9).Founder came to Oregon from New York stateWho farms the land today? Albert L. + Donna OsmundRelationship to original owner grandfather + Great UncleAre any of the original buildings still in use? No

If yes, which ones?

If you know crops or livestock raised on farm one hundred years ago, please list: raised grain crops and raised sheepWhat do you raise on the farm today? Alfalfa hay + cattleHow many generations live on the farm today? twoPlease list names: Albert L. Osmund + Jess D. Osmund  
Donna M. Osmund + Rick L. OsmundDo you declare that the statements made above are accurate and correct to the best of your knowledge? yesAlbert L. Osmund  
(signature of owner)

Please return forms to:

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

STATEMENT FORM

I, Albert L. Osmir, hereby affirm  
(print name)

and declare that the farm which I own at Redacted for Privacy  
(full address) 11

Oregon, 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.

Albert L. Osmir  
Signature

Albert L. Osmir

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

STATE OF OREGON

County of Morrow

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 7th day of April,  
1992, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for  
said County and State, personally appeared the within named

Albert L. Osmir

known to me to be the identical individual described in and who  
executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he  
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.

Francis M. Barnett  
Notary Public for Oregon  
Commission Expires 4/28/94

## Osmir Ranch and Family History

Albert W. Osmir and Walter S. Brundage purchased land from William L. Matheny & wife February 10, 1888. This was the beginning of the Osmir Ranch. Edward H. and Nancy Brundage homesteaded acreage, then purchased additional acreage, from Joe Campbell on Balm Fork on August 17, 1891.

The original home and farm buildings were washed away in the 1903 Heppner flood.

of Edward and Nancy's two children, Walter L. and Emma L., Emma married Albert W. Osmir and had seven children: Bessie C., Charles L., Lena M., Mabel L., Birdetta, Lewis H. and Alton L. all of which were born on the Osmir Ranch.

Bessie married Robert Owen, was divorced and married Art Sandlin. Bessie had a son Frank Owen. Charles married Maude Babcock and they had three daughters: Ruth Babcock, Nettie Babcock and Eunice Osmir. Lena married Claude Knowles and they had a son, Vernon, and a daughter, Helen. Mabel passed away at the age of two. Birdetta married and had two children, a son Leo, and a daughter, Rose.

Lewis remained a bachelor and passed away at the age of 41. Ashton married Francis Virginia Edwards and they had four children: Virginia Dale Edwards, Albert Lee, Allen Frank and Ashtwithom Osmir.

Albert withom Osmir was born at Rexville, New York, on April 17, 1859, the son of Darius and Maria Adkins Osmir. As a young man of 24 years of age he came to eastern Oregon in 1883. Landing at Umatilla, he walked across the sands to arrive in Heppner. From that time he spent his life in Heppner with his center of activity on Balm Fork. The first job he had was that of sheepherder for Gene Campbell. He worked several years on the creek, before starting out in partnership with Walter Brundage in 1888. On March 8, 1889, he married Emma L. Brundage of Heppner.

The family home was in the path of the moving body of water which came down Balm Fork at the time of the Heppner flood on June 14, 1903, catching all of the family at home.

Though all members of the family were able to reach safety, the buildings were destroyed and the livestock were washed away. A high point of the flood was the survival of one of the Osmun horses that reached safety from flood waters about where the R + W Drive-in now stands. After the flood, the family lived in the shop until family and friends had a house-raising and built the home that is still standing today on Balm Fork.

Albert W. left living tribute to his family during the time he farmed the Balm fork farm. He furnished the quarry rock that built the Morrow County courthouse and the Humphrey's Drug store (now Murray Drugs). He also furnished rock for the CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) to carry out conservation practices during the depression. Some of the rock check dams are still standing today on Hinton creek, Shobe Canyon, and Balm Fork. The quarry itself is still visible today on the Osmun ranch.

All of the children of Albert and Emma are now deceased. Of their family Alton L. was to carry on the farming operations on Baum Fork. Of Alton and Virginia's children, Dale married Don Wonderly and they had three children: Robert, Byron and Kristel. Albert married Donna Felt and they had two sons, Jess and Rick. Frank married Judy Taylor (now divorced) and they had a son, Perez, and a daughter, Jerita. Art remains a bachelor.

Albert and son Jess operate the Osmus Ranch today. The H. G. Edmandson farm and the Earl Evans farm have been added to the original ranch. Cattle and alfalfa hay are the main farming practices on the ranch today. Hopefully the next generation of Osmuses will carry on the farming and family history of the Osmus Ranch and Family on Baum Fork.

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

Philip L. Buine  
Notary Public  
State of Oregon

Philip L. Buine Notary Public

William L. Mallory & Wife  
Pd  
Albert W. Osman and  
Walker S. Grundage

Warranty Deed

Filed February 10<sup>th</sup> 1888 at 10:30 AM

C.L. Andrews Clerk

Know all Men by these Presents, That We William L. Mallory and Mary E. Mallory of Heppner Morrow Oregon in consideration of Two Thousand & five hundred (\$2500<sup>00</sup>) Dollars to us paid by Albert W. Osman & Walker S. Grundage of the same place do hereby grant Bargain, sell and convey to said Albert W. Osman & Walker S. Grundage their heirs and assigns, forever, the following described parcel of real estate to wit:

The South ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ) half of the Northwest quarter and the northeast ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) quarter of the South west ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) quarter and the North west ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) quarter of the South east ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) quarter of section (12) Twelve in Township No (3) Three South of Range No (26) Twenty six East of the Willamette Meridian subject to a mortgage for the sum of (\$600<sup>00</sup>) six hundred Dollars in favor of the School Fund Commissioners of the State of Oregon and recorded on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 1884 on Page 200 Book A Mortgages of Morrow County State of Oregon. Together with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining: and

also all our estate, right, title and interest, at law and equity  
therein or thereto, including dower and right of dower.

To have and to hold the same to the said Albert W. Osman and  
Walker S. Brundage their heirs and assigns forever. And we William  
L. Mallory and Mary E. Mallory do covenant with the said Albert  
W. Osman and Walker S. Brundage and their legal representatives  
forever, that the said real estate is free from all <sup>except as above stated</sup> incumbrances, and  
that we will, and our heirs executors and administrators, shall warrant  
and defend the same to the said Albert W. Osman and Walker S. Brundage  
their heirs and assigns, forever, against the lawful claims and demands  
of all persons whosoever.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 9<sup>th</sup> day  
of February A.D. 1888

Signed sealed and delivered in  
presence of Emily A. Kelley

A. Mallory

State of Oregon  
County of Morrow

W. L. Mallory   
Mary E. Mallory

This certifies that on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February 1888  
before me the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County  
and State, personally appeared the within-named William L. Mallory  
and Mary E. Mallory his wife who are known to me to be the identi-  
cal persons described in, and who executed the within instrument  
and acknowledged to me that they executed the same freely and vol-  
untarily for the uses and purposes herein mentioned. And Mary  
E. Mallory wife of the said William L. Mallory on an exam-  
ination made by me, separate and apart from her said hus-  
band acknowledged to me that she executed the same freely and  
voluntarily, and without fear, coercion or compulsion from anyone.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and  
official seal the day and year last above written.

A. Mallory  
Notary Public  
State of Oregon

A. Mallory  
Notary Public for Oregon

The United States } Final Receipt No 822  
To } Homestead Filed Feby 13<sup>rd</sup> 1888 at 1 P.M.  
Phaddeus Armstrong Application No 1735 C.R. Andrews Clerk  
Receivers Office The Dalles Oregon Feby 18<sup>th</sup> 1888  
Received of Phaddeus Armstrong the sum of Two  
dollars — cents, being the balance of payment required by law  
for the entry of 80<sup>th</sup> of Section 22 in Township 12 of Range 26 E.  
containing 160 acres, under Section 2291 of the Revised Statutes  
of the United States  
\$12<sup>00</sup> D.W. Blusher Receiver  
Three dollars for Examining testimony

May 26, 1992

Leto

Osmen  
copytoJN

Dear Ron -

Morrow County Historical  
Society presented a plaque  
to the Al Osmen Family  
for their Century Farm  
at the Memorial Day

Picnic Sunday May 24.

We have 2 or 3 more  
if we just get the proof  
needed.

Jean Nelson

Jean Nelson  
Redacted for Privacy

Corinne Roberts  
PO Box 515  
St. Paul, MN  
55105-0515

DR. R.P.  
R.P.: BTA  
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JUN - 1 1992

Oregon Historical Society  
1230 SW Park Ave  
Portland, Or 97203

Attention: Ron Brentano

