

CFR 0818

Lewis C. and Audrey Moulton

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--1976
(Rules Attached)
Deadline for filing application: July 1, 1976

PLEASE PRINT

Your name (Mr., Mrs., Miss) Lewis C. Moulton (Audrey)

Your address: Route 2 P.O. Box 538 Town Gresham

Location of farm: 6 1/2 mi East of Gresham on Husted Rd. Multnomah
(Address) (County)

Acres in your farm today: 20 Acres in original farm: 40

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):

George Frederick Moulton

Year founder settled on farm? 1875 Where did he come from? 1/2 mi N. of orig farm.

How many families have farmed this land? 2

Are any of original buildings still in use? NO.

Who farms land today? You? Yes A renter? NO 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? SON

If you know crops or livestock raised on farm 100 years ago, please list LAND NOT

CLEARED, BUT LATER POTATOES, HAY + SOME LIVESTOCK

What do you raise on farm today? NURSERY STOCK + BERRYS.

How many generations live on the farm today? (Names) ONE

Has the farm ever been rented? NO How many times has original farm been divided? 2

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

Lewis Moulton
(Signature of owner)

Submitted by Mr. & Mrs Lewis Moulton RT2 Box 538 Gresham
(Name and Address) 97030. Ore

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This 20 acre farm was deeded to my father George Moulton in 1875 when he was 1 yr old by his aunt Lorinda S. Hathorne. In 1935 my father deeded the 20 acres to me and I have farmed it since then.

Lewis Moulton

CERTIFICATION OF OWNERSHIP OF CENTURY FARM

I hereby certify that the farm for which Lewis Moulton
(Owner's name and address)

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

Alice Corbett
* County Commissioner-Recorder

May 25-74
(Date)

*Please strike office not applicable

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One hundred years on farm long time for one family

George Frederick Moulton was one lucky baby back in 1875.

His son Lewis is still enjoying that luck.

George's aunt bought 40 acres of school property from the state for \$50 in 1874. When George reached his first birthday, the aunt deeded the property near Lusted and Cottrell Roads to him.

As the farm celebrates its 101st birthday, Lewis and Audrey Moulton will be honored by the Oregon Historical Society and the Oregon Department of Agriculture at the State Fair Aug. 31. They will receive a parchment certificate in the name of the ancestor settling the farm.

"I guess we are one of the few century farms in Oregon that have only been owned by two generations," Moulton said. He plans to have a sign honoring the farm made.

Taxes in the 1800s were a mere 50 cents per acre, he said. He helped his father clear the land, which was used for potatoes, grain and hay. In 1920, raspberry fields were started.

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"My dad went to school in a private home when he first started," Moulton said. When a new school was built, George and his brothers were the first pupils. George's future wife started school there when she was seven.

Lusted School replaced the original school building. Moulton, his sister and his children attended the school. In 1946 pupils started attending Orient Grade School.

Moulton runs 20 acres of the original 40.

"We have been here this long, we might as well sit back and putter around," Moulton



COOL BREEZE makes porch sitting pleasant even on hot days on the 101-year-old Moulton family farm. Lewis and Audrey Moulton have been running the operations since 1935. Nursery stock and raspberries take up much of the 20 acres. (Outlook photo)

laughed. He is a young looking 71-years-old.

"I'm trying to sell most of the land now, and keep a few acres for myself.

"I think 100 years is enough for one family to keep up this farm. There are no more Moultons except me," he said. His two married daughters live back east. A son was killed in

the Korean War.

"I'm looking for a developer, one who will make nice homes." He has no use for "cracker-box" type houses.

Moulton has seen many changes in his 70-odd years. Building has increased steadily. The bumpy dirt roads are now paved highways.

A lot of agricultural change

has occurred in the area. Dairies, berry and truck farms have changed to nurseries.

"There is no better place than our back yard," both Lewis and Audrey claim.

"On the hottest of days we have a cool breeze. We watch people go by in their cars trying to escape the heat... and we just sit on our porch."