

CFR 0838

Mrs. Catherine Fridley Thomas

APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM HONORS

Deadline for filing application - May 1, 1990

(please type or print)

telephone: Redacted for PrivacyYour name (Mr., Mrs., Ms., Miss) Mrs. Catherine Fridley ThomasYour Address Redacted for Privacy

street, route or box city ZIP code

Location of farm 9 1/2 miles N.E. of Wasco, OR

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: GEORGE CALVIN FRIDLEY

Founder gained ownership of farm in (year) 1888
(ATTACH VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION, see rule 9).

Founder came to Oregon from: b. 2 November 1855 near Harrisburg,
Linn County, OR

Who farms the land today? Kent ThomasRelationship to original owner Great-grandsonAre 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: Namely sheep & hay; some grain later.

What do you raise on the farm today? wheat

How many generations live on the farm today? None, however,
there are 2 generations presently living on the family farm joining it.
Please list names: Kent & Melva Thomas and their children: Jamie Beth,
Jesse and Joshua Thomas.

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

Catherine Thomas Kent Thomas
(signature of owner(s))

Please return forms to:

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

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STATEMENT FORM

We,
X, CATHERINE THOMAS AND KENT THOMAS, hereby affirm
(print name)

and declare that the farm which ^{WE} X own at Redacted for Privacy
(full address)

Wasco, Oregon 97065, in Sherman 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.

Catherine Thomas
Signature

Kent Thomas
Signature

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

STATE OF OREGON

County of Sherman

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 11th day of April,

1990, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for

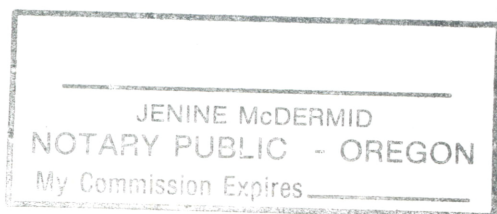
said County and State, personally appeared the within named

Catherine Thomas and Kent Thomas

known to me to be the identical individual described in and who

executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that they

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.

Jenine McDermid
Notary Public for Oregon

Commission Expires 12-1-92

Application and Affidavit, Under Act of September 29, 1890.

U. S. LAND OFFICE, THE DALLES, OREGON,

Nov. 28th 1896.

I, *George C. Fridley*, of *Sherman* County, Oregon,
hereby file my application to purchase, under the Act of Congress approved September 29, 1890, the

NE 1/4
of Section No. *21*, in Township No. *2N*, of Range No. *18E* - W. M., subject to entry in
the U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, and containing *160* Acres.

And in support of my said application, I do solemnly swear: That I, *am a*
native born Citizen of the United States of America, over the age of 21
years. That I settled on the said tract of land, which I apply to purchase, on the *15th* day of
Nov 1888. That I have been in full and peaceable possession of all of the said
tract of land ever since, and to the present time. That I apply to purchase the said tract of land in
good faith for my own use, and not for the use or benefit of any other person or persons. That I have
not made any agreement by which the title which I may acquire from the United States to this land
shall inure in whole or in part to any person or persons whomsoever. That I settled upon the said
tract of land with the expectation of purchasing the same from the Northern Pacific Railroad Com-
pany if they should obtain title to the same. That since August 30, ~~1888~~ ¹⁸⁹⁰, I have not entered under
the Land Laws of the United States, or filed upon a quantity of land, agricultural in character, and
not mineral, which, with the tract now applied for, would make more than 320 acres.

I further swear that on Sept 29th 1890 I had
improvements on said land as follows to-wit:
about 6 acres under cultivation, 1/2 mile of fence.
and at the present date I have 50 acres under cul-
tivation and 1/2 ^{mile} 2 wire fence. Value of improvements
about \$210⁰⁰

George C. Fridley

Sworn to and subscribed this *28* day of *Nov* 1896, before me
at *Moro*, Oregon.

Wm Hennicks
County Clerk.

We, *F. M. Rayburn* and *E. M. Froebe*
after having been sworn according to law, depose and swear that we have heard the foregoing affidavit
of *George C. Fridley* read, and that it is true in every particular.

F. M. Rayburn

E. M. Froebe

Sworn to and subscribed this *28* day of *Nov* 189*6*.

Wm. Henrichs
County Clerk.

Application and Affidavit.

Act of Sept. 29, 1890.

U. S. LAND OFFICE

—AT—

The Dalles, Oregon.

No.



Land Office at *The Dalles, Or.*

Nov 30, 1896.

It is hereby certified that, in pursuance of law,

George C Fridley

, residing at

Bigelow

, in

Sherman

County, State of

Oregon

, on this day purchased of

the Register of this Office the

N^o 13

of Section No. *21* in

Township No. *2 North*

of Range No. *18 East*

of the *Will.* Principal

Meridian, *Oregon*

containing *160*

acres, at the rate of *One*

dollar and *Twenty five*

cents per acre, amounting to *Two hundred*

dollars and

Twenty five cents, for which the said *George C Fridley*

has made payment in full as required by law.

Now, therefore, be it known that, on presentation of this certificate to the COMMISSIONER OF THE

GENERAL LAND OFFICE, the said *George C Fridley*

shall be entitled to receive a Patent for the lot above described.

Jas. F. Moore, Register.

Wasco, Oregon
April 5, 1989

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

Dear Sir:

I have have questions about the Century Farm qualifications before I make application. I am the grand-daughter of George Calvin Fridley.

I have written the National Archives. Out of the voluminous material they sent was the enclosed application/affadavit.

1. Will the date 15 November 1888 serve as the earliest date of settlement or must it be the date of the Homestead Certificate which is 1897? If the date of 1888 does not qualify, read no further.
2. My son presently owns half of this 160 acres and I own the other half. It is in one field. Can we apply jointly? Since my husband and I have retired from farming, our son farms the original Fridley family farm.
3. Do I need to search further for the deeds of the land down through the generations to verify ownership? I know that my father inherited the quarter at my grandfather's death, and farmed it. When my father died my brother and sister each inherited 80 acres. My brother farmed his 80 and my husband and I farmed my sister's 80. Our son bought his 80 acres from my brother's widow and farms it. When my sister passed away, I inherited her 80 acres which we had farmed and presently our son farms it. I can verify this by affadavit or search for deeds whichever you would require.

Thank you for your time and advice.

Sincerely,
Catherine (Fridley) Thomas

Catherine Thomas
Redacted for Privacy



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1230 S.W. PARK AVENUE, PORTLAND, OREGON 97205

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May 8, 1989

Catherine Fridley Thomas
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Dear Mrs. Thomas:

Thank you for your letter concerning the historic George Calvin Fridley Farm.

According to the information you provided, you should have no problem whatsoever with submitting an application. The copy of the "Application and Affidavit" you enclosed with your letter will be sufficient, and the 1888 date falls well within the guidelines of the program rules.

Concerning your interest in applying jointly, you can do this but we can only provide one certificate- made out to the **GEORGE CALVIN FRIDLEY FARM**.

To erase any doubt about your application, be sure to return the "Statement Form" with your signature and also signed by a notary public.

Since 1958, the Century Farm Program has honored nearly 900 farms in Oregon, recognizing and commending the tremendous achievement of many of Oregon's "first families" in keeping and working farms from generation to generation. The Century Farm certificate is an honorary award and does not confer legal or tax advantages. Qualifying farms receive the certificate, the right to post a metal Century Farm sign outside on the property, and (whenever possible) recognition at a local awards ceremony.

We hope that you will return the enclosed application to us any time before May 1, 1990, which is the deadline for the next award period. Please do not hesitate to ask for our assistance if you need guidance in filling out the forms.

Thank you again for your interest, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Ron Brentano
Coordinator, Century Farm Program