

CFR 0880

Lula Davis Cantrell

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--1974
(Rules Attached)

Deadline for filing application: July 1, 1974

PLEASE PRINT

Your name (Mr., Mrs., Miss) Lula Davis Cantrell
Your address: Route River Road P.O. Box _____ Town North Powder
Location of farm: 5 miles west of North Powder Baker + Union
(Address) (County)
Acres in your farm today: 1300 Acres in original farm: about 80 acres
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):
John S. Davis
Year founder settled on farm? 1872 Where did he come from? Midland, Michigan
How many families have farmed this land? 3
Are any of original buildings still in use? No
Who farms land today? You? _____ A renter? X 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? granddaughter
If you know crops or livestock raised on farm 100 years ago, please list
Hay, grain, horses, mules, milk and
Beef cows, chickens, fruit + vegetables.
What do you raise on farm today? _____

How many generations live on the farm today? (Names) Lula + Bill Cantrell

Has the farm ever been rented? _____ How many times has original farm been divided? 0

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

Lula Cantrell
(Signature of owner)

Submitted by Mrs. Lula Cantrell, River Road, North Powder, Oregon 97867

(Name and Address)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Since the purchase of the original homestead by my grandfather, John S. Davis, some member of the Davis family has lived on the ranch, taking an active part in the ranching and livestock raising; seeing that the fences, ditches and land were improved and kept in good shape.

My father, John W. Davis, was a well known cattleman; raising, buying, selling, and shipping cattle until his death in 1963.

My mother leased most of the land at the time of my father's death, with the exception of the two houses, barn, corrals, some pasture and the orchard.

Bill Davis, my brother, was active in the management of the ranch for a while, then after the death of my brother and my mother; my husband and I, now, live on the ranch.

Lula Cantrell

CERTIFICATION OF OWNERSHIP OF CENTURY FARM

I hereby certify that the farm for which Lula Davis Cantrell
(Owner's name and address)
and Bill Cantrell

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

Lloyd Lea
* County Commissioner-Recorder

June 19, 1974
(Date)

*Please strike office not applicable

and crossing with the black faced Shropshires. In 1899 he sold his flocks and bought cattle, but at the present time he is considering the advisability of again buying sheep. He farms about three hundred acres and has in addition about one hundred and twenty which is sowed to grass from which he receives annually from one hundred and fifty to three hundred tons of good hay. In October, 1897, Mr. Draper was called to suffer the loss of his faithful companion who was summoned across the river of death.

On April 12, 1898, the marriage of Mr. Draper and Mary Kneeland, a native of Massachusetts, was solemnized, and on July 11, of the following year she died after a long and painful illness.

On March 10, 1901, the marriage of Mr. Draper and Miss Rosana E., daughter of Albert T. and Eliza Doyle, natives of Canada, was celebrated. Mr. Draper is an elder in the Seventh Day Adventist church, where he is highly esteemed and is active in the interests of his faith.

Mr. Davis was born on June 16, 1845, in Midland county, Michigan, being the son of John and Lucinda Davis, with whom he remained until the spring of 1861, and then accompanied his elder brother via New York and Panama to San Francisco. In the Golden State he at once set about searching for the treasures that nature had so richly scattered there, following the same in Yuba and Amador counties until 1864, various kinds of success crowning his efforts meanwhile. After this period he went to the mines in Nevada and from there, after some time in prospecting and mining had been spent, he repaired to Montana, and when he arrived in Salt Lake City en route, he heard the sad news of the assassination of the beloved Lincoln. For some time he prospected in this and adjacent sections and much in Montana, continuing the same until 1872, at which time he came to the valley where his home is now, and in the fall of that year he located a homestead, which he still owns. This land is situated about five miles west from North Powder and to the original homestead he has added by purchase until the estate is now six hundred and forty acres, besides one quarter of timber land. Upon the home place, Mr. Davis set himself to the industries of tilling the soil and raising stock and more or less constantly since that time he has been occupied in the same lines. Being of a progressive and enterprising nature and happily blessed with good practical judgment, he has had the joy to be attended with general success despite the hardships of opening the ranch and the various obstacles that nature throws across the path of the early settlers and the dangers and losses from the Indians who have done much to make the way of the pioneer anything but a path of roses. Yet in spite of all these things that he has had to contend with Mr. Davis is to-day one of the well-to-do and successful farmers of the county and a skillful and wealthy stockman. He handles

JOHN S. DAVIS.—The coffers of wealth contained in the fertile valleys and grazing hills of Union county remained untapped until the intrepid and sturdy pioneers made their way through danger and hardships and wrested from the fierce savage and the unbroken wilds of nature the title and possession that has so richly returned remuneration for their valorous efforts. It is a pleasure to be able to chronicle the salient points in the interesting career of one who has thus wrought and fought for the welfare of the county and the generations to follow. Such an one is the esteemed gentleman and pioneer, whose labors crown him with a rich competence, and the honor and respect of his fellows are but the legitimate return of that which his uprightness and integrity deserve.

They farmed in the spring & summer also got timber for fuel & fencing. In winter split rails for fences. Most of which are still standing (old rail fences)

By DAVID CONN
of the Democrat-Herald

It may have been the quiet, green, picturesque setting of northern Baker County that attracted John S. Davis to that area in 1872.

Davis homesteaded 80 acres in the fertile valley along the tree-lined Powder River almost within the shadow of the Elkhorn Mountains about five miles west of North Powder. Today the farm, grown to a 1,273 acre ranch, is still owned by a member of the Davis family, making it one of the state's "Century Farms."

Lula Cantrell, granddaughter of John S. Davis, now owns the ranch with her husband, Bill. The ranch has spread across the Powder River so that it lies in both Baker and Union Counties.

The Davis farm is one of 26 ne farms designated this year by the State Department of Agriculture as a century farm. This brings to 564 the number of farms accorded this honor since the program was started in 1958.

For a farm to be eligible for century farm honors it must have been farmed continuously by the same family for 100 years and never have been rented.

The owner must live in Oregon, the farm be at least 10 acres in size and have had a gross income from farm use of not less than \$500 per year for three out of five years immediately preceding application for century farm honors.

John S. Davis was born in 1845 in Midland County, Mich., where he lived until 1861. He went to San Francisco with his brother, and in Yuba and Amandor counties, Calif., he searched for gold. In 1864 John Davis worked in Nevada mines and prospected, he later prospected in Montana until 1872.

In the fall of that year he located the homestead near North Powder in Baker County. Mrs. Cantrell said this section of the ranch is one of the oldest in Baker County.

The original homestead was diversified, because John S. Davis raised crops, milk cows and livestock, and maintained an orchard.

According to the book, "History of Union and Wallowa Counties," John S. Davis "is today one of the well-to-do and successful farmers of the county

and a skillful and wealthy stockman."

Davis married Susie Dealy in 1874. They spent several years in Baker County, including time at the Auburn mines, and farming on the Baker County side of the Powder River. In the late 1800s they moved across the river to the Union County side and built a house occupied by Mrs. Davis until 1952. Her husband died in 1920.

The house is still standing, but

Lula and Bill live in another house on a 10-acre plot about one mile away toward North Powder. The rest of the ranch is leased to Michael Mason of North Powder.

One of the seven children raised by Susie and John S. Davis was John W. Davis, father of Lula.

Mrs. Cantrell said her father raised cattle and the ranch was one of the better cattle producers because of the land's

capacity to grow feed.

"When John W. was working the ranch in the 40s, 50s and early 60s," she said, "he shipped more cattle than anybody out of North Powder to Portland. He would buy cattle, raise them and ship them because there were no sale yards here then."

John W. died in 1963, leaving the ranch to his wife, Minnie. During the years that followed, Lula and Bill were teaching school in the Portland area.

They visited Minnie every summer and at various other times to help her with the ranch operation. Lula's mother died in 1971, and soon after Lula and Bill moved to the ranch. The entire estate, except 10 acres, including all of the buildings, has been leased for eight years. John W. Davis raised hay, grain, alfalfa and cattle on the land. The ranch consists of river bottom meadow land, hill land for crops, and sage brush land

for livestock feed. Currently 673 acres are under irrigation.

Antique picture frames, a book case and lamps were all that Mrs. Cantrell could save from the old house.

The Cantrells hope that one of their four children will someday live on the ranch in order to keep it in the family. Patricia lives in Canada, Dorothy in La Grande, John in Burns and Linda in Warrenton, Ore.



Seven Davis children were raised in this house, including John W. Davis, Lula's father. Lula is the present owner of the ranch with her husband Bill.

John W. raised many head of cattle on the ranch because of the land's ability to grow feed.

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