

CFR 0885

Edna and John T. Jones

APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM HONORS

Postmarked 4/30
UNION

Deadline for filing applications - May 1, 1985

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT:

Your name (Mr., Mrs., Ms.) EdNA and John T. JONES

Your address: Rt. 1 Box 160 Cove 97824
Street, Route, or Box Town Zip

Location of Farm: house + 1/2 the acres on Boothe Lane, 3 mi. east of Hwy 82 - UNION Ct.
1/2 the acres (360) on both sides of Lower Cove highway, 4 mi. east of Hwy. 82
Address County

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. Does your farm meet this qualification? Yes

the 160 Acres in the South East Quarter of Section Fifteen (15) South of Range Thirty Nine (39) East of Willamette Meridian.

Name of family member who was founder or original owner of farm

Merrell C. JASPER

Year founder settled on farm 1868-70 Where did he come from? Missouri in 1852, to Williamette Valley, TO UNION COUNTY 1868

Who farms the land today? John T. and EdNA JONES with sons Rodney, Brian and Douglas Jones

Relationship to original owner? Edna is a great granddaughter of Merrell C. Jasper (JASPER)

Are any of the original buildings still in use? If so which ones? No.

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

The Assessment Roll of Union County for the year 1881 lists for Merrell Jasper, 1240 Acres, 41 horses and mules and 13 cattle and 65 swine. In 1885, he had 40 horses + mules, 5 cattle + 10 swine. In 1873, he had 15 horses + mules, 130 cattle + 55 swine

What do you raise on farm today? Wheat, barley and Alfalfa

How many generations live on the farm today (Names)? After May 15, there will be three

John + EdNA Jasper JONES, our son Rodney Jones and wife Carolyn, their children Hillary Ann (8), Casey (7)

How many times has the original farm been divided? Not sure

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

Please return form to:

M. Edna Jones
Signature of Owner

Elizabeth W. Buchler, Field Historian
Oregon Historical Society
1230 S.W. Park Avenue
Portland, Oregon, 97205

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STATE OF OREGON
County of Union

County Clerk and Ex-Officio
Clerk of the Union Court of Union County, State
of Oregon, do hereby certify that the foregoing copy of

Century farm Application

has been compared by me with the original, and
it is a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole of
such original as as the same appears
in my office and in my custody.
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and
affixed the seal of said Court this 27 day of
April A.D. 1987

By [Signature] County Clerk
Deputy

McNeill C. Tapper

Year founder settled on farm 1848-50

Who owns the land today? John T. and Edna Jones

Relationship to original owner? Edna is a great granddaughter of McNeill C. Tapper

Are any of the original buildings still in use? If so which ones? No.

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

The Assessor's Roll of Union County for the year 1881 lists for McNeill Tapper, 1240 Acres, 11

horses and mules and 18 cattle and 62 swine. In 1882 he had 10 horses and mules, 2 cattle and 10 swine. In

1883 he had 12 horses and mules, 130 cattle and 22 swine.

What do you raise on farm today? Wheat, barley and alfalfa

How many generations live on the farm today (names)? After Myles there will be three

John + Edna Tapper Jones, our son Rodney Jones and wife (children, their children

Henry Anne), (cousins)

How many times has the original farm been divided? Not sure

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

Please return form to:

Elizabeth W. Bucher, Field Historian

Oregon Historical Society

1230 S.W. Park Avenue
Portland, Oregon 97205

GEORGE M. JASPER.—Among the prosperous and thrifty agricultural and stock-raising population of Union county there should be mention in a work of the character of the volume now under consideration of the substantial citizen whose name initiates this paragraph, because he has lived since an early day in the county, being practically a product of its institutions, and because he has achieved here a worthy and commendable success, and because of the staunch qualities with which he is endowed so richly.

In Oregon have been born some of the leading citizens of Oregon, and one among the number is our subject, he having been born in Benton county on January 26, 1865, to Merrill and Nancy I. (Means) Jasper, pioneers from Missouri in the early time of 1852, and settling in the Willamette valley. In 1868 the parents came to Union county, settling near where the son now lives, and the father was not only one of the leading stockmen and farmers of the county, but was also a leader in the realm of politics. He was ever interested in good government and was potent in bringing about influences for upbuilding and advancement. In 1876 the people of the county chose him for the state senate, and there he did good service and faithful. In 1885, April, he was called from the cares and responsibilities of earth to the world above, whence his beloved companion had preceded him in June, 1871.

The immediate subject of this sketch was educated in the public schools of our county and then engaged for wages in farming for a time, when he purchased a farm of one hundred and sixty acres near Elgin, taking up one hundred and sixty more from the government. Here he gave his attention to general farming until December, 1897, when he purchased two hundred acres seven and one-half miles north of Cove, and to this he has since added by purchase two hundred and eighty more, which makes him a fine estate that is well tilled and skillfully handled. From one

On December 1, 1897, Mr. Jasper married Miss Ella, daughter of Davis and Julia Boswell, and to them have been born the following children: Ora, three years of age on December 14, 1901; Gladys, eleven months old at the present writing, January, 1902. Mrs. Jasper's parents were early settlers of Union county, and wrought with that worthy number who have developed this fertile region for the abode of man. Mr. Jasper is well esteemed by his fellows, has an unsullied reputation, is a man of good qualities and true, while he has done much for the upbuilding of his home county, and has shown those characteristics which are the make-up of the substantial and capable citizen.

History

My great-grandfather, Merrell C. JASPER came to Union County in 1868. By 1873, he had acquired 700 acres of land. He added acres until he had 1240 in 1881. Part of those acres was the 160 acre parcel in the Southeast Quarter of section 15, south of Range 39, East of Willamette Meridian.

After Merrell's death, April 9, 1885, the land was farmed by his children and held in trust until the two youngest boys became of age. At this time, in June of 1900, the 160 acres described above were purchased by my great aunt (Merrell's daughter) Rhoda Jane Morton and her husband James H. Morton. On Oct. 6, 1900, my grandfather, William Robert Jasper, purchased the 160 acres from his sister, Rhoda J. Morton. The land passed to my father Edward Doak Jasper in 1932, and to me, my brother, and sisters in 1935.

My grandfather added other parcels of land to the 160 acres, but we still own and farm the 160 acres owned by my great grandfather at the time of his death, April 9, 1885.

Along with the application, I am enclosing 3 copies of articles of historical interest and an article printed in 1984

The W.R. Jasper, on the program with Walter Pierce (who became governor of Oregon) is my grandfather.

The article from "History of Union and Wallowa Counties" tell a little about my great grandfather. He was a State Senator in 1876.

The article from the La Grande Evening Observer tells about my father and the cereal he invented and about his progressive farming.

The oldest building we have, is a barn, about 80 years old.

My husband and I have been farming this place 38 years. My husband was selected 'Conservation Man of the Year' two times by the Union County Wheat League. In 1984, we were named "outstanding Cooperators" by the Union Soil and Water Conservation District.

Five generations of our Jasper Family have farmed this land - so far. We expect that some of our grandchildren will carry on.

Sincerely,

Phone 963-3752

Edna Jasper Jones

NOTICE

Walter Pierce

and

W. R. Jasper

will be at Maccabee Hall in Cove,

Saturday, October 17th, 1914,
at one o'clock, p.m.

to talk on the proposed laws to be voted on in November. There will be some music and other program interspersed. The public is cordially invited to attend. It is important, entertaining and instructive. Don't miss it. Everything is free.

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Bud, Edna, Carolyn, Rod, Casey, Hillary and Lobo stand in front of the old hay barn, bought 75 years ago by patriarch William Robert Jasper in the dark of the night.

Late-night swap added to spread

Jones farm receives 'century' status

First of three parts
on local Century Farms

By Jay Griffiths
Observer Staff Writer

Late one night in 1910 William Robert Jasper looked at the hay-filled barn on I.D. Smutz' farm near Island City, liked what he saw and swapped him straight across for his own spread on Foothill Road.

"They made the deal by lantern light when he saw the barn full of hay," said current farm — and barn owner — Bud Jones. "I don't think it has much trading value anymore," he added, gazing at the frail timbers and decaying roof.

Bud and Edna Jones' farm recently was recognized as a Century Farm, by the Oregon Historical Society, which designates historical farms every five years.

The 1910 late-night land swap added to the Jasper's farm holdings, the earliest of which

were acquired in 1868. If any part of a farmer's land has been in the family for 100 years, the entire farm is considered a century farm, Edna said.

The Jones' farm was first homesteaded by Edna's great-grandfather, Merrell C. Jasper, born in 1827 in Missouri. Merrell came west in 1852, rolling by the Grande Ronde Valley for the more heralded Willamette Valley.

"They had heard so much of the Willamette Valley they all thought they should go there even though this looked like a perfect place to settle," Edna said.

One wife, eight children and 16 years later, Merrell returned to Union County. Only 160 acres of the Jones' farm also was worked by Merrell.

The farm was constantly changing size and shape as chunks were bought and sold, Edna said.

While Edna remembers the farm's history, she keeps her

family history close at hand. She pulled out a long swath of butcher paper listing the names of her great-uncles and aunts and rolled it out on the kitchen table. She keeps a photocopy of the marriage record her great-grandparents entered at the Benton County Courthouse dated 1853.

Up until a year ago the Jasper clan gathered every year on Sarah Sylvina Jasper's birthday, Aug. 11, 1855. The reunions ran for 53 years. They now run every other year.

After only 40 years in the Grande Ronde Valley, Bud is a relative newcomer. He came to La Grande in 1940 to go to school and play football at Eastern Oregon Normal School. He studied social sciences and met Edna, who was studying elementary education.

The way Bud tells the story, he was sliding down the bannister in the administration building and at the end of the

railing, he slid off and bowled his future wife over.

No stranger to the fields, he had worked farms near his home town of Dufer, south of The Dalles, while growing up.

"I did some farmwork when I was a kid. I lived in town and my dad worked for the State Highway Department," Bud said. "I had offers to work in stores, but I preferred to work in the fields; it was less pay but bigger muscles."

"(But) I haven't really been here all along. I am just a happenstance," Bud said.

"Even though you are just a happenstance," Edna said, "you have farmed this place longer than any of the others."

Bud notices the changing lands of his and his wife's farm. Slowly the changes erase the memory of what was there before.

"You almost have to take a picture or you lose all the changes you have made," Bud said.

La Grande Evening Observer

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Dog Killer at Work—

It is reported that up to last week, nine dogs had been killed by some dog-poisoner getting in his work in the Imbler neighborhood. Among the dogs killed were some very fine cattle dogs, and some household and family dogs, some very valuable. Residents of that community are of the opinion that this last stroke is another part of the carefully planned series of robberies which has been going on in that section of the county the last few weeks, when chickens, turkeys, geese, livestock, fruits etc., have disappeared in large quantities. That the killing of the dogs has been done as a sort of a precautionary measure, is the firm belief of many Imbler residents.

Boy Hurt in Game—

Mac Reese, of Cove, sustained painful injuries, consisting of a torn muscle in his arm, in a game between the Cove high school football team and North Powder played Friday. The game was at North Powder where the visitors were defeated by one point, the final score being 7-6.

Return After Vacation—

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Daniel, of Cove, were in La Grande Monday accompanying their daughters, Armen and Jane, who had been home over the Armistice day recess.

Entertain at Bridge—

Mrs. Grover Grimmer, of near Island City, and Mrs. Ray Good-nough, of La Grande, were the hostesses at a delightful bridge party given Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Goodnough. Six tables were at play during the afternoon, Mrs. Joe Harrison winning the first prize and Mrs. L. M. Hoyt, the second prize. A lovely two-course luncheon was served, a color arrangement of yellow and white being tastily followed. Mrs. Frank Miller, of Cove, was an out-

A SEASONABLE RECIPE

Custard Mystery

1 cup granulated sugar.
2 tbsps. flour.
Butter size 2 walnuts.
Yolks 2 eggs.
1 large lemon and rind.
1 cup milk.

Beat all to a cream, then add the whites of the 2 eggs well beaten. Bake in a moderate oven 30 minutes.

A sponge cake will form on top and a delicious, creamy lemon custard will be found at the bottom.

COVE PERSONALS

COVE, (Special)—Armistice day passed very quietly here. The schools were closed and many of the people celebrated in La Grande.

Mrs. William J. Hallmark gave a small luncheon to a few of her intimate friends Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Conley have moved to La Grande and will occupy their house on Adams avenue for the winter.

An illustrated lecture on Near East relief will be given Saturday evening at the Methodist church. The lecturer will be Mr. Parounagian, an Armenian, who has first hand knowledge of the condition of these suffering people. Mr. Parounagian will be accompanied by the regional director, J. J. Handsaker.

Robert Williams, of Gleichen, Alberta, is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Williams. Mrs. Thomas Williams and daughter, Betty, also of Gleichen, made the trip with him but will spend the winter with her friends here. Her husband will arrive in a few weeks.

Miss Ellen Tibbs, of Rock Creek, was a Sunday visitor of Mrs. Cora Bloom.

Community Hall At Mt. Glen Is Making Headway

Work is progressing very rapidly on the new community hall, being erected adjacent to the Mt. Glen L. D. S. church, out from Island City. The hall is a decidedly community project, with all residents of that vicinity, whether members of this particular church or not, interested in the project and also contributing to it. While it will be used primarily perhaps for services connected with the work of the church, it will be in no wise confined to that, but will be open for social and educational gatherings of all kinds as residents of the community may desire. The one outstanding idea in its erection, according to officials of the church is to foster or create a finer community spirit.

The building, when completed, will consist of a large, full ceilinged basement and above that the recreation hall. It will be 32 feet wide by 50 feet long, will be of frame construction with the basement walls etc., of concrete. The architect's estimate of the cost of the structure was \$13,000, but some alterations may be made, cutting that figure to around \$10,000. All of the labor in connection with the building will be volunteer. According to the law of the church, the general organization meets the local subscription 50-50, that is, the church matches every dollar contributed by the local church, by patrons of the church, or by any friends of the enterprise.

The basement will consist of class rooms for various classes of the Sunday school—there will be six of these. There will also be rooms to be used by the Mutual Improvement association, children's meetings and also other

"HEALTH NUGGETS" IS UNION CO. PRODUCT: CEREAL IS POPULAR

On every market may be found cereals and breakfast foods of a very wide, almost endless variety. Every variety of grain, or edible grain, may be found converted into some form of breakfast food. On the local market there may be found one, however, which is distinctly a Union county product, raised here, prepared here, and marketed through a local wholesale grocery. We refer to "Health Nuggets" a wheat cereal which has been developed by Ed Jasper living near Alicel.

Mr. Jasper is a college graduate, is one of the most up-to-date and progressive farmers of this valley. He has attained a certain degree of success, not from going along in the rut carved by preceding generations of farmers in this locality, but by branching off and specializing in different fields. In that way, he has become one of the biggest producers of pure alfalfa seed in this section of the state. Also in that way, he has developed a trade for his breakfast cereal "Health Nuggets" which has assumed large proportions and which utilizes in a more remunerative way, the grain which he raises on his farm.

Mr. Jasper raises Hard Federa-

tion wheat, the variety that lends itself more easily to the desired purpose. The grain is first scoured, and for this Mr. Jasper has the machinery of the very latest type. It is next run through a Carter disc separator, this process followed by a wind grader. The grain is then ready for grinding. In the process of preparation, part of the bran and all the fine particles are sifted out. It should have been stated also that, at the very first, the grain is graded for size.

It will be seen that "Health Nuggets" is a pure wheat preparation the whole process to which this wholesome grain is subjected being confined to grading, cleaning and grinding. Its properties remain unchanged and there is nothing added to it. It is wheat put up in a clean, and palatable form. To be served, it is prepared like any other wheat cereal.

As such, it has been on the market for the past five years. It is handled only by the La Grande Grocery Co., who distribute the product in Union and Walla counties, never having, up to this time, been put on the outside market. Plans are on foot to enlarge the field of distribution and enter

new and larger territories.

The plant where the food is prepared is located at Island City, and was completed only last spring, while Mr. Jasper's ranch, as stated above, is located in the Valeria school district near Alicel. It is a home product, a home industry, and one whose existence has been justified, by its growth during the five years.

MEDICAL SPRINGS PERSONALS

Medical Springs, (Special)—The first snow of the season made its appearance here Sunday morning but it didn't last long. Sunday a heavy rainstorm was experienced.

L. S. Wirth, T. E. Kennedy and Wilson Hays went to King's auction sale last Wednesday. Mr. Wirth bought a manure spreader, a horse and a binder, and Mr. Kennedy bought a wagon.

Oscar Woodson is here for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Collins were at W. V. Kennedy's place for a few days recently. Mr. Collins is working on the road.

Joe Lay, of The Park, is hauling hay from Vivian Kennedy's place.

A big band of sheep belonging to Walter Staggart passed through here recently on their way to Baker valley.

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Pattison Bros. Grocery

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QUALITY MERCHANDISE THAT GO TO MAKE

and motorcycles

* Logcutter supplies and lubricants

Richard puts his customers first with services that include home pickup and delivery, next-day service, and two-day service on most class II items.

Evergreen Outdoor Power Equipment is a welcome addition to our growing community.



BUD AND EDNA JONES RECEIVE
AG AWARD

The Union Soil and Water Conservation District has selected Bud and Edna Jones as the Outstanding Cooperators for 1984.

The Jones' began farming in 1947 along Booth Lane by the Grande Ronde River. From the very first, Bud believed that soil conservation was an important part of farming. His efforts to protect the soil on his 1080 acres centered on cutting down soil erosion and increasing its moisture content. In his 30-plus years of farming, Bud has planted over 9000 feet of windbreak while stripcropping, stubble mulching and subsoiling. These practices have increased the land's productivity as well as increase the wildlife population.

One feature of the Jones farm that attracts attention from both farmers and hunters is the 8-acre pond. The pond serves as a dump site for standing water in the surrounding fields.

An irrigation system brings water from the Grande Ronde River to 360 acres of the farm allowing Jones to grow alfalfa hay as a rotation to his barley and wheat.

Bud and Edna have raised five children. Rod is a minister in Ontario; Tom is a commercial wood sign maker in Portland; Brian works with Bud on the farm; Doug is in the Coastguard in Florence, Oregon; and Shirley is married to Emmitt Cornford and is living in LaGrande.

Congratulations, Bud and Edna!

1984

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A much longer article appeared in The Observer.

My husband John T. is commonly called "Bud"