

CFR 0900

Owen J. Magill

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) Owen J. Magill

Your address: Route 1, P.O. Box 5 Town Tygh Valley, Or.

Location of farm: Tygh Valley (Address) Wasco (County)

Acres in your farm today: 1700 Acres in original farm: 80

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 B. Magill

Year founder settled on farm? 1874 Where did he come from? Ohio

How many families have farmed this land? 3

Are any of original buildings still in use? no

Who farms land today? You? yes A renter? \_\_\_\_\_ A manager? \_\_\_\_\_ Other? son

If you own the farm but live in town, do you manage the farming operation? \_\_\_\_\_

What relation are you to the original owner? grandson

If you know crops or livestock raised on farm 100 years ago, please list sheep,  
horses, some cattle,

What do you raise on farm today? cattle, hay, wheat

How many generations live on the farm today? (Names) 2- O. J. Magill, J. B. Magill

Has the farm ever been rented? no How many times has original farm been divided? none

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

Owen J. Magill  
(Signature of owner)

Submitted by Owen J. Magill, Rt. 1, Box 5, Tygh Valley, Oregon

(Name and Address)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The following is part of the column on John B. Magill taken from History of Central Oregon, page 259.

" John B. Magill, who is one of the most prominent and enterprising farmers in Wasco county resides three-quarters of a mile east of Wamic. He was born March 10, 1837 in St. Clairsville, Belmont County, Ohio , the son of Archibald G. and Sarah A. (Bailey) Magill. Both natives of Virginia.

Until he was twenty years of age John B. Magill remained in Ohio where he attended district schools. In 1857 our subject went to Iowa and for eighteen months worked there burning brick used in the construction of the State insane aslyum. Thence to Iron Mountain, Missouri, where he was employed burning charcoal and farming for about three years.

In 1874 Mr. Magill went to San Francisco and thence to Portland, Oregon, where he remained two months treating his children who had contracted the measles en route. At the time of his arrival in Portland he had one thousand dollars, but after purchasing an outfit he had remaining the sum of twelve dollars when the family left over the old Barlow road for Spokane, Falls, Washington. On his arrival in the vicinity of where Wamic now is he was warned that it would not be safe to continue his journey as the Indians were quite hostile. He then camped on his present home-  
stead the first night and decided to remain. Since that period it has been his home. He at first filed on eighty acres , and later purchased eighty acres of railroad land, adding thereto from time to time until at present has, all told, five hundred and sixty acres. Mr. Magill was among the first to engage in sheep breeding and at this he has been eminently successful. "

CERTIFICATION OF OWNERSHIP OF CENTURY FARM

I hereby certify that the farm for which Owen J. Magill  
(Owner's name and address)

Route 1, P.O. Box 5, Tygh Valley, Oregon

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
\* County Commissioner-Recorder

7-15-74  
(Date)

\*Please strike office not applicable

I, C.A.Wood, Assessor for Wasco County certify that that part of the original ranch owned by the Magill family is still in the ownership of the heirs and family of the Magill family.

Sgd

C.A. Wood  
C.A.Wood, Assessor

July 15<sup>th</sup>, 1974



## STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

AGRICULTURE BUILDING

SALEM, OREGON

97310

TOM McCALL  
GOVERNOR

July 9, 1974

Mr. Owen J. Magill  
Route 1, Box 5  
Tygh Valley, OR 97063

Dear Mr. Magill:

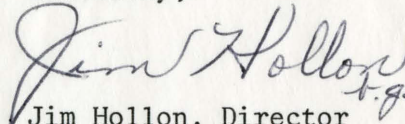
When your completed Application For Century Farm Honors--1974 forms were received in our office on July 1, 1974, we did not then notice that Form A-Certification of Ownership of Century Farm form was not enclosed.

It will be necessary for you to have this form completed and signed by one of Wasco County's commissioners or the Wasco County recorder. This verification of ownership is essential and is in compliance with point No. 10 on our Rules for 1974 Century Farm Program sheet. (Copy of rules enclosed.)

Would you kindly have this matter taken care of at the earliest possible time and return all the completed forms to the Oregon Historical Society office in Portland. (An envelope, already addressed, is enclosed for your mailing convenience.) That office is aware that your application forms will be forthcoming upon completion of the verification of ownership form.

We are sorry that this form was overlooked when you completed your other application forms and further that we overlooked the matter upon receiving them in the mail.

Sincerely,

  
Jim Hollon, Director  
Information Services

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-Enclosures-

Magill did not include a certification with his application and I discovered it when I was making copies to keep in our files.

We have returned the original to him with another certification blank and informed him that it cannot be accepted without the signed certification.

He has been instructed to send it directly to you addressed and we have enclosed an envelope/to you folks with directions to act immediately.

Am sending you this copy only so that you will know that this information was sent to us under the deadline. Please let us know when you receive the Magill original, so we know whether to list him or not.

Maggie Magee