

CFR 0901

Harriette Gill Moe and Kathyleen Dufur (Gill) Larie

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) H a rriette Gill Moe and Kathyleen Dufur (Gill) Larie

Your address: Route 1 P.O. Box 457 Town Dufur, Oregon

Location of farm: Rht. 1, P.O. Box 457, Dufur, Oregon Wasco
(Address) (County)

Acres in your farm today: 108 Acres in original farm: 850

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): Thomas
Winfield Scott Slusher

Year founder settled on farm? 1861 Where did he come from? Wash. Co. Penn.

How many families have farmed this land? three families

Are any of original buildings still in use? Yes

Who farms land today? You? X A renter? _____ 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? Granddaughters

If you know crops or livestock raised on farm 100 years ago, please list Wheat,
sheep, horses, alfalfa. There also were apple orchards planted at the time of the
Dufur Orchard Company.

What do you raise on farm today? wheat and alfalfa. Each of us have also replanted
a small orchard each which is doing very well.

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? twice

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

Harriette Gill Moe - Kathyleen Dufur Larie
(Signature of owner)

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Submitted by Harriette A Moe and Kathyleen Dufur Larie
(Name and Address)
P.O. Box 457, Dufur, Oregon 97021

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Thomas Winfield Scott Slusher was born in Washington County, Penn. At the age of 13 he ran away from home to enlist in Company F of the 22nd Pennsylvania Cavalry. After receiving an honorable discharge from the cavalry at the end of the Civil War, he came west where he was a teacher both in the Willamette Valley and in Wasco County. In Wasco County he migrated to the Dufur area and applied for homestead rights on farmland approximately four miles west of the present city of Dufur. This application was on Homestead certificate 1531 on Application 2552, May 20, 1862. The tract of land was granted free and clear to Arabelle Dufur Slusher, wife of Thomas Slusher after his death. The grant was signed by Grover Cleveland April 26, 1893.

The original estate accumulated by Thomas Slusher during his lifetime consisted of 850 acres. Those acres that were inherited by the sons of Thomas Slusher have been sold during the past ten years due to the ages and health of the sons and the lack of interest in their children in farming.

The 108 acres thus remaining of the original farm are the direct inheritance of the two daughters of Thomas Slusher, Eva Slusher Clarke and Ruby Slusher Gill. Ruby and George Gill, her husband, purchased Eva's inheritance when she moved to Los Angeles, Calif. to be with her children.

Unop receipt of her inheritance, Ruby's husband, George Gill either directly farmed or had complete management of the two places from 1912 until his death in 1970. During six years from 1922 to 1929 when he was in Portland with his brothers, Gill Bos. Seed Co., Ruby's brothers custom farmed the land for Ruby and Eva under the direction of George Gill. After 1929, Ruby and George returned to Dufur and purchased a home in town as George remained working with Gill Bros. Seed Co. and felt it best the family live in town. However, the land was never leased out to any other partys and all decisions pertaining to the farm, all taxes paid etc. were made by Ruby and George Gill until their deaths. After the Slusher brothers ceased farm operations, Wayne Sigman, who adjoins the east end of the farm did the custom farming until George Gill's death in 1970. At that time it was the decision of George and Ruby's daughters, Harriette Gill Moe and Kathyleen Gill Larie to return to the farm and have Wilford Moe, who had grown up on a farm out of The Dalles, do the farming.

The four of us returned to the farm in the winter of 1971- after the estate had been surveyed and divided to 52 acres to Kathyleen Larie and 56 acres to Harriette Moe. We have been operating and managing the farm since that date. In the last three years the farm grossed \$1639.20 in 1973, \$8666.30 in 1974 and \$7156.25 in 1975 with \$3952.32 additional of 1975 wheat being sold in February of 1976.

This portion written by

Harriette Gill Moe

Granddaughter of Thomas W. S. Slusher

Form A - Century Farm Program

Oregon Department of Agriculture
Oregon Historical Society

CERTIFICATION OF OWNERSHIP OF CENTURY FARM

I hereby certify that the farm for which Wilford G. and
(Owner's name and address)

Hanriette A. Moe and Kathleen D. Larie

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

James C. Underhill
* County Commissioner-Recorder

May 24, 1976
(Date)

*Please strike office not applicable