

CFR 0902

Mr. Walter M. and Frances M. Fargher

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) MR. WALTER M. FARGHER & MRS. FRANCES M FARGHER (WIFE)Your address: Route 725 R 14E P.O. Box 91 Town DUFURLocation of farm: 725 R 14E (Address) WASCO (County)Acres in your farm today: 5560 Acres in original farm: 160Does 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): _____

MR. HORATIO A. FARGHERYear founder settled on farm? 1876 Where did he come from? ISLE of MANHow many families have farmed this land? ONE (FARGHER)Are any of original buildings still in use? YES (HOUSE & BARN)Who farms land today? You? _____ A renter? _____ A manager? _____ Other? OPERATORIf you own the farm but live in town, do you manage the farming operation? YESWhat relation are you to the original owner? SON & DAUGHTER-IN-LAW

If you know crops or livestock raised on farm 100 years ago, please list _____

SHEEP & WOOLWhat do you raise on farm today? WHEAT, BARLEY & CATTLEHow many generations live on the farm today? (Names) NONEHas 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? YESMail to: Oregon Dept. of Agriculture
Agriculture Bldg., Salem, OR 97310

Walter M. Fargher
Mrs. Frances M. Fargher
(Signature of owner)

Submitted by Walter M. Fargher, Sr., Box 91, Dufur, Oregon 97021

(Name and Address)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

In the Irish Sea midway between Ireland and England and seventeen miles south of Scotland, lies the well known Isle of Man, the ancient Eubonia and sometimes called Manx Mannin or Manx Vannin. It is a small country thirty odd miles long and one third as wide, but supports a population of over fifty thousand persons. At no point in this little kingdom can one get so far inland that the singing of the sea is not heard. It is told that they had to cut the cat's tails off to make room for the kittens and that is why Manx cats are bob tailed.

It was from this small island Horatio Fargher came in 1867 after receiving his education in a private school. He apprenticed on the ship Carinsmore. In 1868, he came on another trip, and deciding he had seen enough of the sea faring life, severed his connections with the vessel at San Francisco, having been two years on the ocean. For a time, he worked on the bay schooners, then went to Alaska on the ship Czarovitch. Six months later, he signed articles on the ship Favorite from San Francisco to Liverpool. At this time, he visited his old home on the Isle of Man. In 1870, he returned to the United States accompanied by his father and brother, Arthur Wellesley. After a short visit in Sacramento where his brother Thomas was a carriage maker, he and his father came to Portland, Oregon. His brother, Arthur, remained in California where he learned the blacksmith trade from his brother Thomas and worked there eight years. In 1878, Arthur came to Wasco County and for some years was a blacksmith in The Dalles. Today, you may see some of the horse shoes he made in the Old Historical Building in The Dalles.

Horatio worked on the river steamers in and out of Portland for two years. It was during this time that he and his father bought some cattle and took them to a land claim he had taken in Clark County, Washington, near Battle Gound. They had some sad experiences there. Because they were green about handling cattle, they arrived at the claim with one old bell cow, but managed to round up more of the herd later.

About 1874, he, with his brother, Thomas, went to Fort Wrangel, Alaska. He and Thomas spent one winter on the Stickeen River. After arduous traveling over ice and overcoming great difficulties, they found little gold in the ground they thawed out. For this reason, they returned to Puget Sound where stood only a saw mill and where Seattle is now located. In the spring of 1875, he and Tom came to Wasco County and bought out a man's rights on railroad land three miles south of Dufur. Later, he sold his interest in the farm to his brother and purchased his home estate.

Today the Fargher Ranch consists of 5560 acres. This includes the original homestead of 160 acres which was purchased from Horatio A. Fargher by his son and daughter-in-law, Walter M. Fargher, Sr. and Frances M. Fargher. They have owned and operated the ranch continuously since 1923.

"FARGHER LAKE" in Battle Ground Wash. was named after Tom and Horatio FARGHER

CERTIFICATION OF OWNERSHIP OF CENTURY FARM

I hereby certify that the farm for which MR. WALTER M. & MRS. FRANCES M. FARGHER
(Owner's name and address)

Box 91, DUFUR, OREGON (COUNTY OF WASCO)

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

James A. Underhill
* County Commissioner-Recorder

Feb 10 - 1976
(Date)

*Please strike office not applicable