

CFR 0910

Donald Guerber

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) Donald GuenberYour address: Route 1 P.O. Box 124 Town Hillsboro ⁹⁷¹²³Location of farm: same as above Washington
(Address) (County)Acres in your farm today: 265 Acres in original farm: 300Does 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):

Samuel SiegenthalerYear founder settled on farm? Aug. 1876 Where did he come from? SwitzerlandHow many families have farmed this land? 4Are any of original buildings still in use? NoWho 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? I live on the farmWhat relation are you to the original owner? Great Grand sonIf you know crops or livestock raised on farm 100 years ago, please list. The earliest records we find show that this was a dairy farm with swiss cheese the main productWhat do you raise on farm today? We raise forage crops to feed to milk cows - still a dairy farmHow many generations live on the farm today? (Names) 2 (counting my son, who is a student at OSU)Has the farm ever been rented? No How many times has original farm been divided? once

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 97310Donald Guenber

(Signature of owner)

Submitted by Donald Guerber Rt. 1, Box 124, Hillsboro
(Name and Address)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This farm was a dairy farm throughout the years - except from 1945 to 1950 when Elmer Guerber, my father, grew grass seed. The farm is located in the swiss settlement of Helvetia and is located about 17 miles west of Portland.

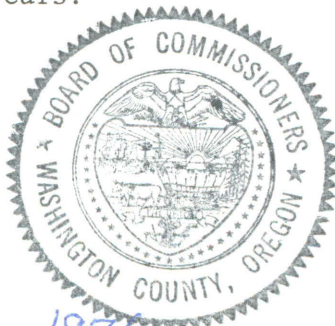
An Indian trail went through the farm. The trail took the Indians from the Toxolite Valley to the Columbia River. We have found several Indian artifacts in our fields.

CERTIFICATION OF OWNERSHIP OF CENTURY FARM

I hereby certify that the farm for which Donald Guerber
(Owner's name and address)

Rh. 1 Box 124 Hillsboro, Ore. 97123

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



June 2, 1976
(Date)

Roger Thompson
* County ~~Commissioner~~-Recorder *
Director of Records & Elections

*Please strike office not applicable

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Guerber Farm marks century celebration

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By MARY MEIER
HELVETIA — Relatives, friends and neighbors attended the Guerber Farm celebration Sunday. Farm dating back to 1876 had been recently designated a

Century Farm.
There were old cars, buggies, small tools, farm machinery and household items, some dating back to the early years of the farm.

Pictures of the farm, both Helvetia Schools, the first built in 1879, the second in 1892, with many class pictures were on display. There also were pictures of the church and church picnics. All were labeled and many were accompanied by histories of the event.
Old license plates starting with the one on Elmer Guerber's first car, a 1916 Buick, up to present day licenses were on display.
Host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs.

Donald Guerber were in old time costumes as were several other relatives and friends. A buffet lunch along with a Centennial cake was set up in the garage. Rides in a decorated old car were provided for the youngsters.
A great deal of work had gone into the display and it provided bits of history not only to the Guerber farm and Helvetia community but also of early history in the Phillips and Bethany areas.