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James H. and Richard J. Cook

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Oregon Historical Society
CENTURY FARM & RANCH PROGRAM
Application Form

Deadline for filing application - June 30, 2000

Type of designation (please check): Century Farm ☒ Century Ranch ☐

Owner's Name: JAMES H. COOK & RICHARD J. COOK

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Mailing Address:

Redacted for Privacy

Telephone County CLACKAMAS ⁹⁷⁰³⁴

Location of Farm or Ranch LAKE OSWEGO

Township, Range, Section:

Original family owner(s) or founder(s): J.P. COOK

Date (year) this Farm/Ranch was acquired by founder(s): JUNE 12, 1900
(Attach verifying documentation, see Rule 9)

Founder(s) came to Oregon from: OHIO

Who farms/ranches the land today? RICK COOK

Relationship to original owner GREAT GRANDSON

Are any of the original buildings still in use? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, please describe: BARN, HOUSE

History of crops or livestock raised on farm/ranch: CATTLE, HOGS, SHEEP, MILK COWS

What is raised on the farm/ranch today? GRAPES

How many generations live on the farm/ranch today? 1

Please list names and birth years: RICK COOK 1955

I hereby declare that the statements made above are accurate and correct to the best of my knowledge:

R. J. Cook
Signature of Owner

6/24/00
Date

Please return to:

Rick Read, Field Services Coordinator
Oregon Historical Society
1200 SW Park Avenue
Portland, OR 97205

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STATEMENT of AFFIRMATION

I, Richard J Cook,

hereby affirm and declare that the farm/ranch which I own at
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in the County of Clackamas,

shall have been owned by my family for at least 100 years, as specified in the qualifications for the Century Farm & Ranch Program, on or before December 31, 2000. Further, I hereby affirm that this property meets all other requirements for Century Farm or Century Ranch honors.

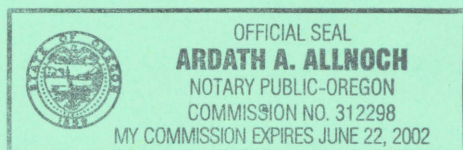
RJ Cook 6/24
Signature of Owner Date
RJ Cook 6/28
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Certification by Notary Public

State of Oregon

County of Washington

Be it remembered, that on this 28th day of June, 2000, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and state, personally appeared the within named Richard J. Cook, known to me to be the identical individual described in and who executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same freely and voluntarily.



In Testimony Whereof, I have set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year last above written.

Ardath A. Allnoch
Notary Public for Oregon

My Commission Expires 6/22/02

This Indenture Witnesseth, That Mr Randolph C. Shipley,
 unmarried, and Cluida C. Shipley, widow
 and _____ his wife,
 for and in consideration of Thirty six hundred Dollars

to us paid, have bargained and sold, and by these presents do bargain, sell and
 convey unto James P. Cook

the following described real estate, situate in Clackamas County, State of Oregon, to-wit:

All the land Milled to Randolph C. Shipley by his late
father A. R. Shipley, being in Section 16, Tp. 2 S. R. 1 E. of
the N. M. and lying West of the County road leading from
Orengo to Aurora and North of the South side of Section
16, and more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at a point 30 chains North of the Southwest
corner of Section 16, Tp. 2 S. R. 1 E., said point being what
is known as the Southwest corner of the Lydia A. Carter
tract, and running thence East 51.72 chains to the center
of the County road, known as the Orengo and Aurora
County road; thence Southwesterly along the center
of said road 28 chains, more or less to a point in
said road 3 chains North and 3.94 chains East of
the Southeast corner of Southwest quarter of said
Section 16, the said point being the Northeast corner
of a tract of land described in Book 44, page 123,
records of deeds of Clackamas County, Oregon; thence West
8.25 chains; thence South 3 chains to the South line of
Section 16; thence West 14.69 chains to the Southwest corner
of a 11.5 acre tract described in Book "S" page 28 of said deed
records; thence North 18° West along East side of said 11.5 acre tract to the N. E.
corner thereof; thence S. 80° W. along N. side of said 11.5 acre tract 18.27 chains to
the West line of Section 16; thence N. 25.54 chains to the place of beginning, Excepting
from said description 1.25 acres, described in deed, page 122, Book 44, records of
deeds of said County.

To Have and Hold the said premises, with their appurtenances, unto the said

James P. Cook
 his heirs and assigns forever; and Mr the said Randolph C. Shipley
and C. C. Shipley do hereby covenant to and with
 the said James P. Cook

his heirs and assigns, that Mr the owner in fee simple of said premises;
 that they are free from all incumbrances except a mortgage to the
Commercial Bank and taxes for 1899, and 1900,

And that Mr will warrant and defend the same from lawful claims whatsoever.
except said incumbrances which grantee agrees to pay.

In Witness Whereof, Mr have set our hand and seal this 12th
 day of June A. D. 1900

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the Presence of

F. E. Davidson

J. C. Caines

R. C. Shipley
C. C. Shipley

State of Oregon,

County of Clackamas.

ss.

On this, the 12th day of June A. D. 1900, personally came before me,
Justice of the peace in and for said County, the within-named
Randolph C. Shipley,
and E. Shipley, his wife,
to me personally known to be the identical persons described in and who executed the
foregoing conveyance, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same freely
and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein named.

Witness my hand and official title seat, this, the day and year in the Certificate above
written.

J. C. Harris, J. P.
Dist. No. 2.



Warranty Deed

FROM

Randolph C. Shipley
Etilda C. Shipley

TO

James P. Coak

STATE OF OREGON,

ss.

County of Clackamas.

I Certify that the within instrument of
writing was received for record on the 13th
day of June at 1 o'clock
P. M., 1900, and recorded on page 295
Book 73 Records of Deeds of said County.

Witness my hand and seal of County affixed.

Sam P. Randall
Recorder.

By _____
Deputy.

Community

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100 years on the land

Cook family celebrates century of farming beneath the butte

By BILL COUTANT
Staff Reporter

The dining room table at the Cook Farm off Stafford Road was full of homemade pies brought by family members, friends and neighbors for the celebration of a century Sunday.

A 1930s, wood-cabinet, rounded-top Zenith radio in the parlor played soft music, but a little imagination could conjure up the dramatic voice of Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

Jim Cook, 71, who rebuilt the radio knows the quirky house and remembers fondly the farm life he left behind when he first opened an electronics business — “a radio repair shop before there was television.”

“There is no way to insulate the house,” said Cook, who left the area in 1959 to open a field office near Los Angeles for Tectronix. “It’s a box-frame house.”

The Cook family, beginning with James Preston “J.P.” Cook, has owned the house and barn for 100 years, though most of the original 130 acres have been sold.

J.P.’s great grandson, Richard J. Cook, 45, now lives on the farm.

Between teaching and coaching at Westview High School and working on the restoration of the house, built in 1862 by A.R. Shipley, “Rick” Cook has brought much of the remaining 6.25 acres into wine grape production with Bruce Biehl, who markets the finished product.

“He knows wine and I know dirt,” Rick Cook said.

The family is part of a greater Lake Oswego story.

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RICK COOK, left, his father Jim and his uncle Bill stand in the doorway of the barn built in 1862 at their farm. (Staff photo by Bill Coutant).

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The couple married, and in 1885 W.B. "Bill" Cook was born.

"I was born in the first Wanker house under the cedars" near Childs Road and the canal, he told the *Oswego Review* in 1956.

W.B., who died in 1960, seven years ahead of his wife Ethel, had recalled the discovery of the Willamette meteor by Ellis Hughes in 1905.

"My mother's maiden name was Baker," said Bill Cook Jr. "She used to say that she had to stay in the kitchen because she was a Baker who married a Cook."

The couple farmed crops, raised lambs and hogs and tried to cultivate cauliflower on the steep slopes during the Depression when he could not afford a tractor.

"It was too steep," said his son Bill Jr., now 77, who farmed with his father before taking a job with Crown Zellerbach. "He was only getting three cents a crate for cauliflower. He gave that up."

Over time, W.B. sold off most of the land, of which about 45 acres ended up as Cooks Butte Park in Lake Oswego.

But the historic house and the barn, with its rough-hewn timbers, remain in the family.

The historic house has a kitchen with seven doors; two rooms upstairs that had

been home to two Chinese immigrants who helped build the Oswego Canal, and a cellar.

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In front of the house, Bill Cook looked at a pine tree that towers more than 100 feet above him.

"I helped my father plant that tree about 68 years ago," he said.

Then he and his brother Jim pointed out beechnut, eastern hickory, redwood, cedars and sugar maples that have graced the farm for most or all of its time in the Cook family.

"I have a nephew who is interested in the property," said Rick Cook, 45, the younger brother of Steve Cook, 47, and Sue Matherly, 49. "I've been told that this property would be worth a lot of money. But I think it is going to stay in the family."

The trip home to Oregon is one Jim Cook makes frequently.

"I come at least once or twice a year," he said. "And I'm thinking of moving back here."

A water tower that had been next to the house, along with a giant maple, literally fell victim to the 1962 Columbus Day storm. And the hillsides to the west offer a stark contrast to the historic farm, thanks to a new housing development.

For this family, the land remains a magnet for homecoming even as the young children of another generation swing on the tire hung from a tree that has marked those 100 years.



JAMES PRESTON "J.P." COOK sits in his rocker next to his grandson Bill on the farm that he bought 100 years ago. Bill Cook, now 77, lives in Tualatin. (Submitted photo).

Progress made on path easement from Cooks Butte to Luscher Farm

A plan to connect Cooks Butte Park and Luscher Farm has been helped by a recent pathway easement donation and a \$12,000 grant.

Cooks Butte, an undeveloped park of about 45 acres on the southern edge of Lake Oswego, was at one time part of a 130-acre farm owned by the Cook family.

The City of Lake Oswego and the Three Rivers Land Conservancy have been interested in connecting the park with Luscher Farm, but they needed help from property owners.

"With the donation of the pathway easement from Jeff and Diane Evershed, there is only one property left in between," said Jayne R. Cronlund, Three Rivers Land Conservancy executive director.

That property owner, Dennis Derby, has a development application pending and would like to accommodate the city's desire.

"The proposal would bring the path through property I own from Luscher Farm to the top of Cooks Butte," Derby said. "I'm in favor of

the idea."

"It's a goal of the city's to connect Cooks Butte to Luscher Farm," said Chris Jordan, assistant to the city manager. "But where it goes is unknown."

Jordan said the remaining link, on Derby's property, would likely extend between 500 and 700 feet. The city is requesting the pathway as part of any development on the property.

The path would include a 30-foot easement, Cronlund said.

Cronlund said a \$12,000 Meyer Memorial Trust grant will help the conservancy continue to work on planning a path that would be acceptable to the city and property owners.

Another Meyer Memorial Trust grant had allowed the conservancy to purchase 17 acres called Sunny Slope, on Childs Road, she said.

"Three Rivers develops plans, through voluntary efforts, to connect pieces of open space," Cronlund said.

— By Bill Coutant

First way was the best way to see Paris

By **PHOEBE ALLEN**

The first time I saw Paris was in 1959 in what turned out to be an unexpected, unbelievable and unequalled two weeks in the city of lights.

The primary purpose of the trip was to hold a meeting of members of the worldwide International Society of Aviation Writers (ISAW) at the renowned Paris Air Show held at Le Bourget Airport outside of Paris.

ISAW had chartered an aircraft to transport members and their spouses from New York to Paris and back. I felt deeply honored and fortunate to represent U.S. Naval Aviation in such a prestigious organization, whose membership included top-flight executives in the aviation industry from throughout the world.

The VIP treatment started immediately when ISAW members each received a press badge that entitled the bearer to admission to the air show, reserved seating, pavilion and officer's club privi-



leges — and best of all — unprecedented demonstration flights in aircraft from every country except Russia. I wasted no time in using that perk.

Despite the fact that France lacked the air safety regulations of our country, I chose to first fly in the then-new Alouette, a jet helicopter from France. Friends, including pilots, said I was crazy. My pilot did everything but turn the 'copter upside-down, I presume in an effort to frighten me. Instead, I was thrilled. Another day, I boarded an aircraft called the Dornier and had no idea where we were going as the pilot and men aboard spoke only French and German. We couldn't communicate until we

landed on grass alongside a bistro in Northern France. After a few libations we became friendly despite the language barrier.

Of course I bought a Paris gown and had my long tresses dressed in a sophisticated French chignon. Howard Hughes, the American aviation tycoon, maintained a hospitality suite for us in the George V Hotel. Alcoholic libations and food were available each evening. Another time ISAW members were treated to an evening of cocktails and dinner at the fabulous Ritz Hotel, the same hotel from which Princess Di had departed on her last night on earth. One evening I was a guest at a royal international horse show attended by French royalty, some of whom I met. Another time, an aviation editor and I attended High Mass at the famed Notre Dame Cathedral. A trip to NATO headquarters and a visit to Versailles were included in the many extra activities in store for ISAW members, gratis of course.

Along the way I met Bobby

Fenwick, French head of Fenwick Aviation. Bobby took Tony (my roommate) and me to his lavish villa to freshen up before a night on the town. Tony, editor and publisher of Cross Country News (an aviation publication out of Fort Worth) and I soon found out what it felt like to be celebrities. We were two thrilled gals, believe me! In each nightclub we were seated in the VIP section and the Frenchman received the attention a tycoon of his caliber deserved. Unfortunately, upon a later visit to the states he was killed in a plane crash.

Also in store for the ladies was an exclusive fashion show, invitation only, by the world's top designers.

Although I have traveled throughout the world, including two return trips to Paris, no trip could hold a candle to my first trip to Paris in 1959.

Phoebe Allen is a member of the Lake Oswego Adult Community Center.



PHOEBE ALLEN boards an airplane during a 1959 visit to Paris, France, for members of the International Society of Aviation Writers. (Submitted photo)