

CFR 0995

Mr. Virgil Belshaw

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CORRECTED ORIGINAL

U.S. Census Definition of a Farm: 10 acres or more with agricultural sales of \$50 or more a year; or, if less than 10 acres, sales of at least \$250 a year.

APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM HONORS--1965  
(Rules attached)

Deadline for filing application: June 15, 1965

PLEASE PRINT

Your name (Mr., Mrs., Miss) MR. VIRGIL BELSHAW

Your address: Route STAR P.O. Box \_\_\_\_\_ Town MOUNTE VERNON

Location of farm: 9 miles West of Mount Vernon GRANT  
(Address) (County)

Acres in your farm today 3650. Acres in original farm ~~320~~ 160.

Does your farm comply with U.S. Census definition at top of page? yes

Name of founder of farm (please print): CHARLES BELSHAW

Year founder settled on farm? ~~1984~~ 1864 <sup>October</sup> Where did he come from? ENGLAND

How many families have farmed this land? 4, our sons were 4<sup>th</sup> generation

Are any of original buildings still in use? ~~no~~ yes, an old stone building

Who farms land today? You yes? A renter \_\_\_\_\_? A manager \_\_\_\_\_? Other 2 brothers

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

What relation are you to the original owner? son grandson

If you know crops or livestock raised on farm 100 years ago, please list Cattle  
Hay, Fruit, Horses.

What do you raise on farm today? Cattle, Hay, some fruit.

How many generations live on the farm today? (Names) Virgil, Chas, Russel  
all brothers, they are third generation.

Has the farm ever been rented? no. How many times has original farm been divided? 1

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

Virgil Belshaw  
Signature of Owner

Mail to: State Dept. of Agriculture  
158 12th St., N.E., Salem, Oregon

Returned by  
Post Office

SUBMITTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

(Name and address)

Sorry to have made so many mistakes in dates.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Mr Chas. Belshaw came from England with his mother, father and 9 brothers & sisters.

They migrated to Oregon from Illinois in 1853. They came across the plains in the Belshaw wagon train.

One brother was killed by Indians down by Eugene.

This place was homesteaded in Oct 1864. There is an account of Chas Belshaw in the

History of Baker, Grant, Harney & Malheur Counties.

Published in 1902 by

Western Historical Society.

Will see what records I can find in Canyon City and send them on to you.

Yours truly,

Virgil Belshaw  
Mount Vernon,  
Ore.

Grant

Record-Courier  
Baker, Oregon  
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Allen's P.C.B. Est. 1888

### THE FARM AND RANCH

#### ONE CENTURY FARM LOCATED, GRANT COUNTY

Two more Century Farms, one being in Grant County has been announced by the State Dept. of Agriculture and Oregon Historical Society, co-sponsors of this program to honor families who have farmed the same land a century or more.

The Grant County farm, owned by Virgil Belshaw, Star Route, Mount Vernon, is the first Century Farm in that county. It has grown vastly from the 160 acres homesteaded in 1864 by Charles Belshaw of England, grandfather of the present owner.

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#### BROTHERS OMITTED

The Belshaw farm west of Mt. Vernon, which is being honored as one of Oregon's Century Farms, is owned and operated by three Belshaw brothers and not just one, as indicated by the Oregon Dept. of Agriculture and Oregon Historical Society in last week's Blue Mountain Eagle. Working with Virgil Belshaw on the family farm are his brothers Charles and Russell.

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