

CFR 0996

Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Trowbridge

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. and Mrs. Charles A. Trowbridge

Your address: Route \_\_\_\_\_ P.O. Box 295 Town John Day, Oregon

Location of farm: Near City of John Day, Oregon Grant  
(Address) (County)

Acres in your farm today Approximately 6000. Acres in original farm 160.

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

Name of founder of farm (please print): Bradford Cornelius Trowbridge

Year founder settled on farm? 1862. Where did he come from? California

How many families have farmed this land? 3 Generations of same family

Are any of original buildings still in use? Yes - 2 Barns and 1 Cellar

Who farms land today? You \_\_\_\_\_? A renter \_\_\_\_\_? A manager \_\_\_\_\_? Other Son--  
B.A. Trowbridge

If you own the farm but live in town, do you manage the farming operation? No

What relation are you to the original owner? Son

If you know crops or livestock raised on farm 100 years ago, please list The first crops  
consisted mostly of vegetables for sale to the miners and also feed for  
some livestock

What do you raise on farm today? Hay, Grain & Cattle

How many generations live on the farm today? (Names) One Generation - Boyce A. Trowbridge,  
and Savilla Trowbridge, his wife; daughters: Austene, Susan and Milne

Has the farm ever been rented? No. How many times has original farm been divided? Never

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.

Charles A. Trowbridge  
Signature of Owner

SUBMITTED BY: Charles A. Trowbridge, John Day, Oregon  
(Name and address)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Bradford Cornelius Trowbridge crossed the plains by oxen team from Dixon, Illinois, to California in 1859. In 1862 he moved to Oregon, arriving in the John Day Valley on July 19, 1962. On July 20, 1962, my father filed on 160 acres of land under the Preemption Act. This was the first ranch taken up in Grant County. Not long after my father filed on this ranch, Mr. I. B. Hazeltine and Mr. W. M. Wilson each filed on 160 acres adjacent to my father's land. Later on my father brought Mr. Wilson's 160 acres and also 120 acres of Mr. Hazeltine's land. The forty acres which Mr. Hazeltine kept is now a part of the City of John Day. My father was approximately 25 years of age when he arrived in the John Day Valley.

CERTIFICATION OF OWNERSHIP OF CENTURY FARM

I hereby certify that the farm for which Charles A. Trowbridge  
owner's name and address

\_\_\_\_\_ is applying for Century Farm honors,

has been in his family continuously for 100 or more years.

Date: September 15 1965

John Lencina, County Clerk  
~~County Commissioner Recorder~~  
County Clerk, Grant County,  
Oregon  
By Jessie Woods  
Deputy

\*Please strike office not applicable



Scott  
Take note  
TV

September 2, 1965

Mrs. Robert Hales  
PO Box 110  
Adams, Oregon

Dear Mrs. Hales:

I had a talk with Miss Morgan concerning the contretemps which developed over your Century Farm application.

I looked into this matter and I wish you to know that we are moving ahead with this certificate for your father.

Naturally, we are sorry that some confusion developed over this application.

Does your father live near John Day? I must be there September 23. Perhaps, I could make some kind of personal ceremony of presentation.

Most truly,

Thomas Vaughan  
Director

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Blue Mountain Eagle  
John Day, Oregon  
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*Century Farms*  
SEP 23 1965

*Allen's P.C.B. Est. 1888*

# Trowbridge Ranch Gains Farm List

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Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Trowbridge, John Day, were recipients of a very handsome certificate registering their homeplace as a Century Farm by the Oregon Historical Society. Thomas Vaughan, director of the Society, was in John Day to make the presentation.

The certificate bears the name of the founder, Bradford Cornelius Trowbridge, grandfather, who moved to Oregon from California at approximately 25 years of age and settled on the original homestead in 1862. This was, according to available information, the first ranch taken up in Grant County under the Preemption Act.

The Farm today consists of approximately 6,000 acres. It is used for growing hay and grain in addition to raising cattle. Original structures still existing include two barns and a cellar. When first settled there were 160 acres planted chiefly in vegetables for sale to miners and feed for livestock.

Boyce A. Trowbridge, son of Charles, and his family farm the land today. Forty of additional acres added to the farm after 1862 are now a part of the City of John Day.

Sponsors for Century Farms include Oregon Historical Society, State Department of Agriculture, Oregon State Fair, and County Judges.



February 5, 1962

Mr. John Liveira  
Grant County Clerk  
Canjyn City, Oregon

Dear Mr. Liveira:

Thank you for your letter of February 1 and the information concerning the Trowbridge Ranch. The Century Farm Program started in 1958, ended in 1960 and will and will be renewed in 1965

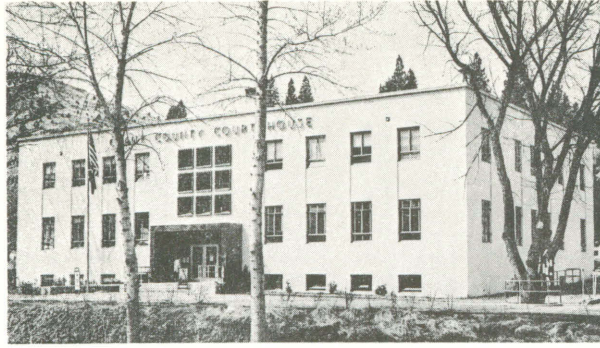
All owners of farms which become 100 years old between 1960 and 1965 will be honored in a special program at that time. We encourage Mr. Trowbridge and members of the family to apply through the county court at that time.

Very sincerely,

Robert C. Scott  
Public Services  
Representative

RCS:11

cc: Mr. C. A. Trowbridge



**GRANT COUNTY**

CANYON CITY, OREGON

February 1, 1962

Oregon Historical Society  
235 SW Market Street  
Portland, 1, Oregon

Gentlemen:

Just recently Mr. C. A. Trowbridge of John Day, Oregon came into the office and advised me that the Trowbridge Ranch had been in the ownership of one family for 100 years.

He thought you might be interested in knowing this. Please advise me if you wish any further information as to the names of the present family etc.

Yours truly,

*John Luvina*  
County Clerk



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make his  
authentic up  
for him,*

John Day, Oregon  
September 15, 1965

Mr. Thomas Vaughan, Director  
Oregon Historical Quarterly  
Oregon Historical Society  
235 S. W. Market Street  
Portland, Oregon 97201

Dear Sir:

I am writing you in answer to your letter to my daughter,  
Mrs. Robert Hales.

I am pleased to hear that you will be in John Day  
September 23. My ranch joins the City of John Day. A few  
acres are in the city limits.

We have some interesting buildings on the ranch which  
I would like you to see while you are in John Day. We have  
two large barns on the ranch which were built about 80 years  
ago. There is also a large cellar built before 1878. The  
original house was remodelled in 1891 to the present house.

I hope to meet you and show you around while you are  
in John Day.

Yours very truly,

*Charles A. Trowbridge*

CHARLES A. TROWBRIDGE  
303 N.W. 5th Street  
John Day, Oregon

TEL. No. 493



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# The Farm and Ranch

## John Day Ranch Gets Century Honors

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Joyce Hales Adams and Boyce (twins) were present for the ceremony. The two sisters, Mrs. Lowell Ernst Longview, and Mrs. Jack Loyd Heppner, were unable to attend. Mrs. Hales was accompanied to John Day by her son, Mark 5.)

Grant County