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Clarence L. Buhler

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APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM HONORS

Deadline for Filing Application - May 1, 1993

(Please type or print)

Telephone #:

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(let T. AMCHINE
mess.
will call
BACK?)

Your Name (Mr., Mrs., Ms., Miss) CLARENCE L. BUHLER

Your Address Redacted for Privacy

Street, Route or Box #

City

Zip Code

Location of Farm SAME AS ABOVE IN SALT CREEK AREA

(11)
yes

To qualify as a Century Farm, a farm must have no fewer 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.

Does your farm meet this qualification? YES

Name of family member who was founder or original owner of farm: JACOB B. BUHLER

Founder gained ownership of farm in (Year) 1893
(ATTACH VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION, See Rule 9).

Founder came to Oregon from RUSSIA

Who farms the land today? CLARENCE L. BUHLER

Relationship to original owner GRANDSON

Are any of the original buildings still in use? No

If yes, which ones?

If you know crops or livestock raised on farm one hundred years ago, please list: CATTLE, HORSES, CHICKENS

What do you raise on the farm today? POULTRY (FRYERS) AND GRAIN

How many generations live on the farm today? ONE

Please list names: CLARENCE L and JEANNE O. BUHLER

Do you declare that the statements made above are accurate and correct to the best of your knowledge? YES

Clarence L Buhler
Signature of Owner

Please return forms to: Century Farm Program
Oregon Historical Society
1200 S. W. Park Avenue
Portland, OR 97205-2483

STATEMENT FORM

I, Clarence L. Buhler,
(Print Full Name)

hereby affirm and declare that the farm which I own at
Redacted for Privacy,
(Full Address)

in Polk County County,
shall have been owned by my family as specified in Rule 2 of the
RULES FOR 1993 CENTURY FARM PROGRAM for at least one hundred
years by no later than December 31, 1993.

Clarence L. Buhler
Signature

- - - - - Acknowledgement (for use of Notary Public) - - - - -

STATE OF OREGON

County of Polk

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 31st day of March,
1993, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for
said County and State, personally appeared the within named
Clarence L. Buhler
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.

Wayne Hann
Notary Public for Oregon

Commission Expires 9-2-93

This Indenture Witnesseth, That Esbrand Peters and Agatha Peters his wife
 for and in consideration of the sum of Twelve Thousand DOLLARS
 to us paid, have Bargained and Sold, and by these presents do Bargain, Sell and Convey unto
Jacob Buhler the following described premises, to-wit:

Beginning at the North East corner of J. B. Riggs and wife
 Donation Land claim thence West 55.01 chains thence South 21
 deg. West 36.93 chains, thence East 71.63 chains, thence North
 33.42 chains, to the place of beginning the same being a
 portion of the Donation Land claim of J. B. Riggs and wife,
 Nor. No. 1907 Claim No. 75, in T. 6 S. R. 5 West and Claim
 No. 37 in T. 6 S. R. 6 W. of the Will. Mer.
 Also a certain piece of land beginning at a point 8.70 chains South
 and 26.99 chains East of the North West corner of section 32 in T.
 6 S. R. 5 W. the same being the South East corner of R. A. Riggs
 Donation Land claim thence South 15 chains, thence West
 8.50 chains, thence South 19 deg 30 min West 25.37 chains,
 thence West 3 chains, thence North 34 chains thence East 20
 chains to the place of beginning, containing in all 259 acres
 more or less,

original sale

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said premises, with their appurtenances, unto the said

Jacob Buhler his heirs and assigns, forever.

And the said Ostrand Peters does hereby covenant to and with

the said Jacob Buhler his heirs and assigns, that he the owner in
said mortgage except a certain mortgage to J. A. Riggs for the sum of \$3500.00 recorded in Vol. M. page 43 of which
fee simple of said premises, that they are free from all incumbrances, and that he will warrant and

defend the same from all lawful claims whatsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand^s and seal^s, this 21st
day of June A. D. 1893

DONE IN PRESENCE OF

J. E. Sidley
Mont B. Eakin

Ostrand Peters
Agatha Peters

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

STATE OF OREGON, } ss. On this 21st day of June A. D. 1893, personally
County of Polk came before me, a Notary Public in and for said County, the within named
Ostrand Peters and Agatha Peters

his wife, to me personally known to be the identical person^s described in, and who executed the within instrument, and acknowledged
to me that they executed the same freely for the uses and purposes therein named.

And the said Agatha Peters on examination, separate and apart from her said husband,
acknowledged to me that she executed the same freely, and without fear or compulsion from anyone.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 21st day of June A. D. 1893

L. S. J.

Mont B. Eakin
Notary Public for Oregon

Record'd July 3rd 1893 11-10 o'clock A.M.

By H. E. Campbell Deputy. B. F. Mulkey County Clerk.

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

his heirs and assigns, forever. And the said Jacob B. Buhler

do as hereby covenant to and with the said Cornelius Buhler,

his heirs and assigns, that he is the owner in fee simple of said premises.

That they are free from all incumbrances

and that he will warrant and defend the same from all lawful claims whatsoever.

In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and seals this 12th day of December A. D. 1913

Done in the presence of

Hort C. Eakin

J. E. Sibley

Jacob B. Buhler

(SEAL)

Anna Buhler

(SEAL)

(SEAL)

(SEAL)

STATE OF OREGON,

County of Polk

ss.

On this 12th day of December A. D. 1913,

personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for said County

the within named Jacob B. Buhler and Anna Buhler

his wife, to me personally known to be the identical persons described in and who executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same freely for the uses and purposes therein named.

Witness my hand and seal this 12th day of December A. D. 1913

Hort C. Eakin

(seal)

Notary Public for Oregon.

Filed for Record December 12, 1913 At 3.05 o'clock P.M.

W. B. Robinson

County Clerk.

By

Deputy.

Deed Record, No. 61, Polk County

Jacob Buhlet et ux

TO

Warranty Deed

No. 2974

Cornelius Buhler

This Indenture Witnesseth, That Jacob B. Buhler and Anna Buhler, his wife

for the consideration of the sum of Ten (\$10.00) DOLLARS,
to us paid, have bargained and sold and by these presents do bargain, sell and convey unto
Cornelius Buhler the following described premises, to-wit:

Beginning at an iron bar which is 21.80 chains West of the Northeast corner of the James B. Riggs Donation Land Claim No. 75, Not. No. 1907, in Township 6 South, Range 5 West of the Willanette Meridian, in Polk County, Oregon; said bar and beginning point being on the North boundary line of said Riggs D.L.C.; thence South 24.03 chains; thence East 34.19 chains; thence South 9° 30' West 14.03 chains to the North boundary line of the James Fawc D.L.C. No. 59; thence North 89° West 10.61 chains to the South-west corner of the Pleasant Orchard D.L.C. No. 58, Not. No. 1906; thence North 4.26 chains; thence North 89° 45' West 34.88 chains; thence North 33.38 chains to the North boundary of James B. Riggs D.L.C.; thence East 13.63 chains to the place of beginning, containing 80 acres of land, more or less, situate in the James B. Riggs and Pleasant Orchard Donation Land Claims.

*(80 acres approx)
This is the portion of the original farm
that was transferred to Cornelius Buhler (Clarence's
father) from his father Jacob B. Buhler.*

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

his heirs and assigns, forever. And the said Jacob B. Buhler

do as hereby covenant to and with the said Cornelius Buhler,

his heirs and assigns, that he is the owner in fee simple of said premises.

STATE OF OREGON,

County of Marion.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 18 day of May, 1964,
before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public
in and for said County and State, personally appeared the within named MARTHA M. BUHLER,
who is known
to me to be the identical individual described in and who executed the within instrument and acknowl-
edged to me that she executed the same freely and voluntarily.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and
official seal the day and year last above written.

John J. Voth
Notary Public for Oregon

My Commission expires at COMMISSION EXPIRES OCT. 21, 1967

DEED

Bargain and Sale
(ORRSE No. 39)

TO

STATE OF OREGON,

County of Deschutes

Legally that the within instru-
ment was recorded for record on the
18 day of May, 1964, at 12:12 o'clock P. M.,
and recorded at 12:12 o'clock P. M.,
of said Deschutes County, Oregon, of said County and seal of

By John J. Voth
Notary Public for Oregon

Return to:
Clarence L. Buhler
Box 252
Dallas, Oregon 97338

*This is the the transfer of the
land to Clarence L. Buhler who
now farms this land*

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That MARTHA M. BUHLER, a widow,

in consideration of - - - Ten and no/100 - - - - - Dollars,
(\$10.00)

to her paid by CLARENCE L. BUHLER and JEANNE BUHLER,
husband and wife,
does hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey unto said CLARENCE L. BUHLER and JEANNE BUHLER,
husband and wife,
their - - - heirs and assigns, all the following real property, with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances, situated in the

County of Polk and State of Oregon, bounded and described as follows, to-wit:-

All my right, title and interest in and to the following described real property, to-wit:

That certain right of occupancy reserved in the deed recorded in Volume 184, Page 386, Deed Records for Polk County, Oregon.

Beginning at an iron bar which is 21.80 chains West of the Northeast corner of the James B. Riggs D.L.C. No. 75, Not. No. 1907 in Township 6 South, Range 5 West of the W.M. in Polk County, Oregon, said bar and beginning point, being on the North boundary line of said Riggs D.L.C.; thence South 24.03 chains; thence East 34.19 chains; thence South-9° 30' West 14.03 chains to the North boundary line of the James Pawk D.L.C. No. 59; thence North 89° West 10.61 chains to the Southwest corner of the Pleasant Orchard D.L.C. No. 58, Not. No. 1906; thence North 4.26 chains; thence North 89° 45' West 34.88 chains; thence North 33.38 chains to the North boundary of James B. Riggs D.L.C.; thence East 13.63 chains to the place of beginning, containing 80 acres of land more or less situated in the James B. Riggs and the Pleasant Orchard D.L.C. SAVE AND EXCEPT 1.166 acres deeded to Polk County by deed recorded in Volume 97 Page 306 Deed Records and save and except 0.812 acres deeded to Polk County by deed recorded in Volume 97 Page 310, Deed Records of Polk County, Oregon.

No revenue stamps required.
Consideration under One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, the above described and granted premises unto the said CLARENCE L. BUHLER and JEANNE BUHLER, husband and wife,
their heirs and assigns forever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, the grantor above named heretofore set my
hand and seal this 18th day of May, 1964
Martha M. Buhler (SEAL)
(SEAL)
(SEAL)
(SEAL)



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Amy, left, and Jeanne Buhler look at family photos. The Buhler family's land was just named a Century Farm.

A century of memories

Buhlers' place designated a 'Century Farm'

BY ERIN ZYSETT
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Atop a dusty, summer-dried hill in the middle of farm county vistas, the Buhlers and their genetic branches gathered to celebrate 101 years of owning land and raising crops.

"This is a place where the world is not apt to intrude," Larry Buhler said about the beautifully settled farm.

The Buhler family farm reaches Century Farm status this year, meaning that for at least 100-years, the 73 acres surrounding the old white farm house has been tilled, grazed, fenced and managed by members of the same family.

Holding onto a small family operation is no slight achievement in the era of corporate farming. And the Buhlers were quite proud of the condition and status of the earth their ancestors had struggled to acquire.

The Buhlers are Mennonites. The farm's founders, Abraham and Elizabeth Buhler, fled Russian territories in the early 1900s because they feared religious persecution after the Bolshevik revolution.

Communists tend to frown on religion and many religious groups were forced to choose between their homes and their faith.

The Buhlers chose their faith and fled to safer spaces.

After numerous other tribulations, all too common to the immigrant experience, Abraham and Elizabeth arrived in Oregon.

In 1903 they bought a tract of land just

outside of Dallas for \$575. And last weekend, nearly 400 descendants gathered to honor that farm and its founders.

On Saturday morning, after a huge pancake feed, family members gathered in and around the new barn to hear stories from elders.

Children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren listened with attention and patience as the older members of the Buhler clan related stories about what life was like before electricity and video games moved down to the valley floor.

Larry Buhler remembered that as a child when he was at home, his father was the supreme law. But when he was on the farm, his father always deferred to Grandpa.

"Which in the eyes of a little boy put Grandpa somewhere between my father and God," he told the rapt audience.

Larry remembered his grandparent's faith and how they struggled to make the farm profitable. How if someone was injured, the doctor was a long way away, and you simply had to tough it out until he got there.

"Some years, just paying the interest on the farm loans presented impossible choices," Larry Buhler said.

He and others remembered their grandmother, how she'd bake, and sing hymns. How she'd talk in broken German and English, so that you weren't always completely sure what she was saying. They remembered the faith that had been passed down to them. How Grandpa knew that most people assumed Christ spoke Aramaic, but he

wondered if, just maybe, he really spoke German.

"When Grandpa prayed, he prayed in German. With Grandma heavenly language wasn't an issue, she knew God was German. After all, she had a Bible to prove it," Larry Buhler said.

All of these stories were a part of each person who sat listening. In each small face, history was living, and new stories were forming.

The new owners of the Buhler Farm, Tim and Judy Buhler, organized this family reunion. They have lived in Dallas all their lives. They raised their kids in this area and now they can provide their grandkids with new memories for the next 100 years.

"I grew up here. I lived here until I was 21. I had always wanted to live up here because I liked the view, and I wanted to live in the old home place," Tim Buhler said.

The Century Farm program was started in 1958, and since then, more than 1,000 farms have been registered with the Oregon Century Farm Project.

To reach century status, a farm must have been a working farm, owned, occupied and managed by the same family for at least 100 years.

The program is administered through the Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation and is funded by the Oregon Department of Agriculture, the Oregon Historical Society and the Oregon Farm Bureau.

Century Farms can be identified by a sturdy metal road sign placed at the edge of the property.