

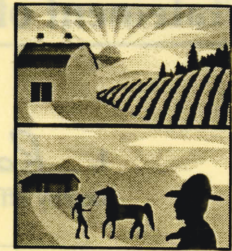
CFR 1030

Rodney and Wendy Case



Oregon Historical Society

Century Farm & Ranch Program Application



Date 18TH JUNE, 2001

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

Owner's name RODNEY AND WENDY CASE

Mailing address Redacted for Privacy

Telephone Redacted for Privacy

County UNION

Location of farm or ranch Redacted for Privacy

Township 2 SOUTH Range 39 EAST of WILLAMETTE ^{MERIDIAN} Section 17 (NORTH EAST CORNER)

Original family owner(s) or founder(s) WILLIAM JASPER CASE

Date (year) this farm or ranch was acquired by founder(s) DECEMBER 30TH 1901
(Attach verifying documentation, see Rule 7)

Founder(s) came to Oregon from ARKANSAS

Who farms or ranches the land today? RODNEY AND WENDY CASE

Relationship to original owner GRANDSON & WIFE

Are any of the original buildings still in use? ☒ Yes ☐ No Listed on National Register? ☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, please describe BARN - MACHINE SHOP - OLD HOMESTEAD

History of crops or livestock raised on farm or ranch HAY - WHEAT - MILK COWS - HORSES - CHICKS & PIGS. (PASTURE) - WHEAT - BARLEY

What is raised on the farm or ranch today? HAY, WHEAT, BARLEY, GRASS SEED

How many generations live on the farm or ranch today? ONE

Please list names and birth years RODNEY CASE 5-27-47

Please submit two or three pages of family history narrative. You are also encouraged to submit photos of the property.

(Please continue application on the back of this form.)

Statement of Affirmation

I, Rodney Case

hereby affirm and declare that the farm or ranch which I own at

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in the County of Union

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 of the current calendar year. Further, I hereby affirm that this property meets all other requirements for Century Farm or Century Ranch honors.

Rodney Case
Signature of Owner

June 18 2001
Date

Certification by Notary Public

State of Oregon

County of Union

Be it remembered, that on this 18th day of June, 2001, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, personally appeared the within named

Rodney Case, 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.



Mary Joan Busey
Notary Public for Oregon

My Commission Expires 08-12-01

Fees

Application Fee
(includes one certificate) \$ 30.00

Additional Certificates (\$10 each) \$ 0

Total enclosed CK #1375 \$ 30.00

Make checks payable to Oregon Historical Society or OHS

For office use only

Date Received 6-22-01

Approved? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Authorization _____

Field Services Coordinator

OHS Library

MSS 1604 Program ID No. _____

HISTORY OF THE CASE'S

6/18/01

BY Wendy Ann Case

of ALICEL.

WILLIAM JASPER CASE (W.J.) was born on 13th of September 1868 in Boon County, Arkansas.

He attended Clark's Academy in Berryville, Arkansas. He taught school in Boon and Carroll Counties (Arkansas) from 1893 to 1897. W.J. moved to Union County where he taught schools - including Dry Creek, Alicel - and several others.

On 11th of September 1901, William Jasper Case married Ella Van Blockland, daughter of John Van Blockland and Jane Rysdam-Van Blockland.

With the help of Ella's father, John Van Blockland, they bought a 160 acre farm near Alicel. On this farm was a small house.....two rooms upstairs and two down. This was very typical of the small houses of that day.

Here, four of their six children were born - John Henry in 1903, Elmer in 1907, Vera Jane in 1909 and Hugh in 1911.

In 1913 they built a new and larger house, just a few yards from the original little house (which still stands to this day).

They hadn't been in this house long, when the little boy Hugh died on 7th of June 1913. Homer and William Wren were born in the new house. Homer in 1915 and William Wren (aka Wren) in 1917.

ELLA VAN BLOCKLAND

Ella Van Blockland married William Jasper Case at the home of her parents on 11th of September 1901. She was the last of John and Jane's children to marry.

With the help of Ella's father, John Van Blockland, they bought a 160 acre farm near Alicel, and started a life-long farming operation.

FARM HISTORY

Times were hard for the young couple, but they were both accustomed to hard work, and by working together they began to prosper.

The farm continued to prosper and the growing family needed more room, so they built a fine new home in 1913. This is the home mentioned in W.J. Case's history and in which we (Rodney

and Wendy Case) live today.

The farm continued to grow and prosper until the depression, and then it became a constant struggle to keep it afloat. They were no different than their neighbours, everyone was in the same boat. The Case's managed to hold on to their property during these hard times by putting most of their property into alfalfa for hay and increasing their small herd of cows. The money from selling the cream from the cows paid much of the day to day expenses, and by selling the excess hay and delivering it for \$8.00 a ton, they managed to keep abreast of the times.

By the time the prices picked up, they were heavily mortgaged but still holding on.....

While the children were growing up, their lives revolved around the farm, the school and the church. They attended Alicel School and the Alicel Methodist Church. This early training continues to influence their lives.

Ella passed away on Sunday, 17th of May 1931. Homer and Wren stayed on at the farm, forming a partnership with their father. The partnership was known as W.J. Case & Sons. Later, Elmer returned to the farm and joined the partnership. When William Jasper Case retired, the partnership became known as Case Bros. John came home to join his brothers and the four boys bought out their father at that time.

On 19th of October 1952, John Case and his wife Arlene bought the farm from William Jasper Case, consisting of "Beginning at a point on the north line of Section 17, in township 2 south, range 39 east of the Willamette Meridian, 1320 feet east of the northwest corner of said section, and running thence south 880 feet; thence east 3960 feet to the east line of said section 17; thence north 880 feet to the northeast corner of said section; thence west along the north line of said section, 3960 feet to the point of beginning; containing 80 acres more or less. ALSO, The north half of northwest quarter of section 16, in township 2 south, range 39 east of the Willamette Meridian, containing 80 acres, more or less. With the homestead." In this house they raised two children. Cathy Fern Case (born Astoria, OR 12/10/49) and Shirley Ann Case (born La Grande, OR. 8/26/52).

After 24 years without his beloved wife, William Jasper Case died on 10th of December 1955, leaving his family to carry on. The other brothers bought adjoining properties that had been accumulated over the years.

The four brothers farmed together as Case Bros. until the late 60's. John and Elmer withdrew from the partnership, and continued to farm individually.

John rented his farm to Rodney Case in 1975, and Rodney continued to farm the ground until we purchased the farm from Arlene Case on the 18th of November 1998.

Rodney continues to farm Homer's property, and Rodney, along with his 2nd wife, Wendy Ann Williams-Case (married in North Wales, United Kingdom (GB), on December 5th, 1997) work together on the farms, assisted occasionally by sons Marc and Ben Case.

Rodney and Wendy are continuing the business Rodney's Grandfather and Grandmother started on 30th of December, 1901.

It is now 2001, and the farm is doing well. The home built in 1913, is very much loved and lived in. It is now known as ROWEN FARMS, ROd and WENdy, who also own farm property and homestead a mile and a quarter south of Rowen Farms.

It is our wish that we may remember and honour William Jasper Case and his dear wife Ella Van Blockland-Case in celebrating the farms 100th anniversary this year.

Regards,

Wendy Ann Case.

With thanks to my dear husband Rodney for his assistance, also my mother-in-law Lola Rae Case, widow of Homer Case. Excerpts also taken from the 'VAN BLOCKLAND HERITAGE' book.



Original purchasers
William Jasper base
Ella Van Blockland base
1901

Taken on their wedding day
Founders of the farm
Since December 30th 1901
farmed entirely by themselves
as from purchase 12/30/1901

WARRANTY DEED.

J. H. Hughes and Mary C. Hughes,
his wife, GRANTORS,

to

John Van Blokland and W. J. Case,
GRANTEES.

Dated December 30th, 1901

Acknowledged Dec. 30th, 1901

Recorded Jan. 2, 1902.

Book 33 of Deeds, page 535

Consideration \$7200.00

Instrument is signed: J. H. Hughes (Seal)
Mary C. Hughes (Seal)
Two witnesses.

Acknowledged by the within named J. H. Hughes and Mary C. Hughes,
his wife, before C. H. Finn, a Notary Public in Union County, Ore.

Granting words: By these presents do bargain, sell and convey.

Covenants fee simple, free from incumbrances except one mortgage
of \$2700.00 to J. W. Lytle which the grantees herein now assume
and agree to pay as a part of the purchase price in this convey-
ance. Warrants and defends the same from all lawful claims
whatsoever except as aforesaid.

PREMISES CONVEYED:

Commencing at the Northeast corner of section 17 in
Township 2 South of range 39 E. W. M. running thence west along
the said section line 240 rods, thence South 106 $\frac{2}{3}$ rods, thence
east 240 rods and thence north 106 $\frac{2}{3}$ rods to the place of
beginning. Containing 160 acres more or less, and in Union
County, Oregon.

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THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH, That

J.H. Hughes and May C. Hughes-his wife-

for and in consideration of the sum of seven thousand two hundred —(\$7200)

DOLLARS, to them- paid, have bargained,

sold and conveyed, and by these presents do bargain, sell, and convey unto

John Von Blokland and W.J. Case-

the following described premises,

to-wit: Commencing at the northeast corner of Section 17 in Township 2 south of Range 39 E.W.M.—running thence west along the said section line 240 rods—thence south 106 2/3 rods—thence east 240 rods—and thence north 106 2/3 rods to the place of beginning containing 160 acres more or less and in Union County, Oregon-



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

John Von Blokland and W.J. Case- and their

heirs and assigns forever.

AND the said J.H. Hughes-

do es hereby covenant to and with the said John Von Blokland- and W.J. Case

and their heirs and assigns, that he is

the owner in fee simple of said premises, that they are free from all encumbrances, except one mortgage of \$2700 to J.W. Lytle which the grantees herein now assume and agree to pay as part of the purchase price in this conveyance.

and that he will warrant and defend the same from all lawful claims whatsoever except as aforesaid-

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals this

30th day of December A. D., 1901

DONE IN THE PRESENCE OF

John Von Blokland
W.J. Case

J. H. Hughes (SEAL)
May C. Hughes (SEAL)

STATE OF OREGON, }
COUNTY OF UNION, } ss.

THIS CERTIFIES That on this 30th day of Dec A. D., 1901

before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared the within named John C. Hughes and

May C. Hughes his wife

known to me to be the identical person P. described in and who executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that they each executed the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and Notary seal the day and year last above mentioned.



C. H. Finn
Notary Public
for Oregon

WARRANTY DEED.

—FROM—
John C. Hughes & wife
John Van Bloxland
and John C. Coe

STATE OF OREGON, }
COUNTY OF UNION, } ss.

I certify that the within instrument was received for record on the 2 day of Jan A. D. 1902 at 8 o'clock M., and recorded in Book 33 on Page 535 Record of Deeds of said County.

Witness my hand and official seal.

John M. Wickison

Recorder of Conveyances.

By Geo. Deidman Deputy.

FROM THE OFFICE OF

C. H. FINN,

Attorney at Law...

... and Notary Public,
1101 LA GRANDE, OREGON.

C. H. Finn OK

WARRANTY DEED.

John Von Blokland and Jane Von
Blokland, his wife, GRANTORS,

to

W. J. Case,

GRANTEE.

Dated January 3rd, 1903

Acknowledged Jan. 3, 1903

Recorded Jan. 5th, 1903.

Book 38 of Deeds, page 432

Consideration \$1. and other
considerations.

his
Instrument is signed: John x Von Blokland (Seal)
mark
Two witnesses. Jane Von Blokland (Seal)

Acknowledged by the within named John Von Blokland and Jane Von
Blokland, his wife, before C.H. Finn, a Notary Public in Union
County, Oregon.

Granting words: By these presents do bargain, sell and convey.

Covenants general warranty, fee simple, free from incumbrances.

PREMISES CONVEYED:

All of our interest being an undivided half interest
in and to that certain parcel of land bounded as:-

Commencing at the northeast corner of Section 17 in
Township 2 south of Range 39 E.W.M. thence running west 240
rods- thence running south 53 1/3 rods- thence running east
240 rods- thence running north 53 1/3 rods to the place of
beginning- the same being in said section, township and range
and in Union County, Oregon.

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.....WARRANTY DEED.....

This Indenture Witnesseth, That ~~We~~ ^{his wife} John Von Blokland and Jane Von Blokland ~~and other considerations~~
for and in consideration of the sum of ~~one~~ Dollars to ~~us~~
paid, have bargained, sold and conveyed, and by these presents do bargain, sell and convey unto
~~W.J. Gage~~ the following described premises, to-wit:

All of our interest being an undivided half interest in and to that certain parcel of land bounded as :-

Commencing at the northeast corner of Section 17 in Township 2 south of Range 59 E.W.M. -
thence running west 240 rods - thence running south 53 1/3 rods - thence running west 240 rods - thence running north 53 1/3 rods to the place of beginning - the same being in said section, township and range and in Union County, Oregon.



To Have and to Hold the said premises, with their appurtenances, unto the said ~~W.J. Gage~~ and ~~his~~ heirs and assigns forever.

And the said ~~John Von Blokland~~ do hereby covenant to and with the said ~~W.J. Gage~~ and ~~his~~ heirs and assigns, that ~~he~~ ^{they} ~~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 set ~~our~~ hands and seals this ~~3rd~~ day of ~~January~~ A. D. 190~~3~~.

DONE IN PRESENCE OF

Wm. Webster
Chas. Stein

John X Von Blokland (SEAL)
Jane Van Blokland (SEAL)

STATE OF OREGON, }
COUNTY OF UNION, } ss.

This Certifies, That on this the 3rd day of January A. D. 1901,
before me, the undersigned, a notary public in and for said County and State, personally appeared the
within named JOHN VON BLOKLAND and JANE VON BLOKLAND-his wife
known to me to be the identical person described in, and who executed the within instrument, and
acknowledged to me that they said executed the same freely and voluntarily and for the purposes
therein expressed.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and notarial seal the
day and year last above mentioned.

C. H. Finn

Notary Public for Oregon



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... WARRANTY DEED ...

FROM
John Von Blokland
and wife
TO
M. J. Coe

STATE OF OREGON, }
COUNTY OF UNION, } ss.

I Certify that the within instrument was
received for record on the 3rd
day of January 1901
at 9 o'clock A.M., and recorded in
Book 38 on page 432. Records of
Deeds of said County.

Witness my hand and official seal.

C. H. Finn
Recorder of Conveyances
By *W. A. Gaylord* Deputy

FROM LAW AND NOTARY OFFICE OF
C. H. FINN,
LA GRANDE, OREGON.

Notice—This instrument should be filed at once with
the Recorder of Conveyances for record.

Lewis Printers, La Grande

block 131 PAGE 527

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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That W. J. Case (whose full name is William J. Case) unmarried widower of Ella Case, deceased and surviving tenant under the entirety estate, in consideration of Ten-----, grantor, and other valuable considerations ----- Dollars, to him paid by John Case and Arline Case, husband and wife

do hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said grantee, their heirs and assigns, all the following real property, with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances, situated in the County of Union and State of Oregon, bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a point on the north line of Section 17, in township 2 south, range 39 east of the Willamette Meridian, 1320 feet east of the northwest corner of said section, and running thence south 880 feet; thence east 3960 feet to the east line of said section 17; thence north 880 feet to the northeast corner of said section; thence west along the north line of said section, 3960 feet to the point of beginning; containing 80 acres, more or less. ALSO,

The north half of northwest quarter of section 16, in township 2 south, range 39 east of the Willamette Meridian, containing 80 acres, more or less.

ALL SUBJECT TO easements for public roads, telephone and electric transmission lines as same appear of record or exist.

To Have and to Hold, the above described and granted premises unto the said grantee, their heirs and assigns forever. as tenants in common and not as tenants by the entirety.

Witness my hand and seal this 19 day of October, 1952.

(SEAL)

(SEAL)

STATE OF OREGON,

County of Union

ss.

On this 19 day of October, 1952, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared the within named W. J. Case (whose full name is William J. Case)

who is 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 hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the day and year last above written.

Charles R. Peterson

Notary Public Oregon

My Commission Expires 12/31/54

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Bargain and Sale

DEED

(FORM No. 723)

TO

STATE OF OREGON,

County of Union

I certify that the within instrument was received for record on the 19th day of October, 1952, at 9:40 o'clock A.M., and recorded in book 131 on page 527. Record of Deeds of said County.

Witness my hand and seal of County affixed.

C. L. GRAHAM

By Hazel C. Graham
County Clerk-Recorder
Deputy

502 STEVENS LAW PUB. CO., PORTLAND, ORE.

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WARRANTY DEED¹

ARLINE CASE, aka ARLENE CASE, Grantor, conveys and warrants to RODNEY R. CASE and WENDY ANNE CASE, husband and wife, with right of survivorship, Grantees, the following described real property free of encumbrances except as specifically set forth herein situated in Union County, Oregon, to-wit:

SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT A

THIS INSTRUMENT WILL NOT ALLOW USE OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS INSTRUMENT IN VIOLATION OF APPLICABLE LAND USE LAWS AND REGULATIONS. BEFORE SIGNING OR ACCEPTING THIS INSTRUMENT, THE PERSON ACQUIRING FEE TITLE TO THE PROPERTY SHOULD CHECK WITH THE APPROPRIATE CITY OR COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO VERIFY APPROVED USES, AND TO DETERMINE ANY LIMITS ON LAWSUITS AGAINST FARMING OR FOREST PRACTICE AS DEFINED IN ORS 30.930.

The true consideration for this conveyance is \$240,000.00.

DATED this 18 day of November, 1998.

Arline Case
ARLINE CASE

STATE OF OREGON)

County of Union)

November 18, 1998

PERSONALLY APPEARED the above named ARLINE CASE, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be her voluntary act and deed.

Marcia L. Rynearson
Notary Public for Oregon
My commission expires: 11-15-2001



¹ Until a change is requested, all tax statements shall be sent to the following address:

Rodney R. Case
Wendy Anne Case
63559 Wallsinger Road
Cove, Oregon 97824

After recording, return to:

Eastern Oregon Title, Inc.
P.O. Box 1084
La Grande, Oregon 97850

**EXHIBIT A
TO
CASE/CASE WARRANTY DEED**

Beginning at a point on the north line of Section 17, in township 2 South, Range 39 East of the Willamette Meridian, Union County, Oregon 1320 feet east of the northwest corner of said section, and running thence south 880 feet; thence East 3960 feet to the east line of said section 17; thence North 880 feet to the northeast corner of said section; thence West, along the north line of said section, 3960 feet to the point of beginning.

ALSO, the north half of northwest quarter of section 16, in Township 2 South, Range 39 East of the Willamette Meridian, Union County, Oregon.

EXCEPTING THEREFROM THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTIONS:

1. Taxes for 1998-99: \$1522.07 Total; with a discount of \$45.66; if paid by 11/15/98.
(Account No. 02S39-6800; Code 117; Ref. #7280)
2. Right-of-way for Union County Road No. 79 (Case County Road) across the West side of this property.
3. Easement to Construct, Maintain, and repair underground pipelines and/or mains for the purpose of conveying water over, across, through and under a portion of the north half of the northwest quarter of Section 16 including the terms and provisions thereof as conveyed in Book 152, at page 254, recorded December 28, 1965, Records of Union County, Oregon. Said easement was reaffirmed by an easement recorded March 3, 1998, as Microfilm Document No. 981408.

STATE OF OREGON

County of Union

SS

I certify that this instrument was received and recorded in the book of records of said county.

R. NELLIE BOGUE HIBBERT,
Union County Clerk

by: Shelton Deputy.

DOC#: 991241

RCPT: 25275

3/05/99 2:10 PM

35.00

Find enclosed pictures of the same farm - the one below as it was in 1940-41

And present day 2000 (next photo). Part of the lumber had been delivered (below) in preparation for the building of the long white shop (in next photo).



W. J. Case Farm 1940-1941

1. Garage 1926-1927
2. House 1913-1914
3. Tank House 1913
4. Blacksmith/Smoke House 1912
5. Chicken House
6. Old House-existed at purchase from J. H. Hughes in 1901

7. Woodshed and Ice House 1920
8. Granary
9. Dairy Barn and Auto Shed
10. Horse Barn/Machine Shed 1914-1915
11. Pig Shed
12. Machine Shed 1936-1937
13. Farmall A and H Tractors

SPRING 2000



Red & White Case
Kowen Farms
Hoop Case Farm
Cave of
Farm - Shop



ROD & WENDY CASE
ROWEN FARMS
Redacted for Privacy

**MILY
OUP
CORD**

NAME Homer Case (farmer)
 Born 8 Jul 1915 Place Alicel, Union, Ore
 Chr. _____ Place _____
 Marr. 20 Feb 1940 Place Twin Falls, Twin Falls, Idaho
 Died _____ Place _____
 Bur. _____ Place _____
 HUSBAND'S FATHER William Jasper CASE HUSBAND'S MOTHER Ella Van BLOKLAND
 HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES _____

WIFE		Lola Rae BUTTERFIELD	
Born	9 Dec 1920	Place	Ogden, Weber, Utah
Chr.		Place	
Died		Place	
Bur.		Place	
WIFE'S FATHER	Raymond Orien BUTTERFIELD		WIFE'S MOTHER Ellen May MORLEY
WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS			

[illegible]

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

1. Family record chart
2. Md. cert.
3. Birth cert.

OTHER MARRIAGES

2 md. 2nd, Sharen Kay GILLIAM, 16 Jun 1973
2 Md 3rd. Wanda Lois SCHAURES

#1 md. 2nd Ronald John REMICK

#3 md. 2nd Wendy Ann WILLIAMS. 5 DEC 1997
NORTH WALES, GREAT
BRITAIN
(UNITED KINGDOM)