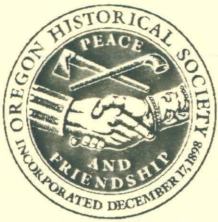


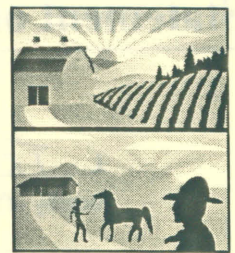
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Terry and Nancy Williams



Oregon Historical Society

Century Farm & Ranch Program Application



Date June 26, 2001

Type of designation (please check) Century Farm Century Ranch

Dash W Bar Ranch
is the registered name with State of Oregon as an LLC

Owner's name Terry & Nancy Williams

Mailing address Redacted for Privacy

Telephone Redacted for Privacy County Harney

Location of farm or ranch Drewsey

Township 20 Range 36 E Section 19/30

Original family owner(s) or founder(s) Hiram (or Hiram) Williams

Date (year) this farm or ranch was acquired by founder(s) 1895

(Attach verifying documentation, see Rule 7)

Founder(s) came to Oregon from Utah

Who farms or ranches the land today? Terry ^{Nancy} & Travis (son) Williams

Relationship to original owner Great grandfather of Terry Williams

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

If yes, please describe Log cabin (see photo) which was one of the first dwellings in Drewsey Valley

History of crops or livestock raised on farm or ranch sheep, cattle, hay

What is raised on the farm or ranch today? commercial cattle & hay

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

Please list names and birth years Terry Williams (1936) Travis Williams (1969) Joshua Williams (1992) Tanya W. (1996) Samuel W. (1998)

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, TERRY WILLIAMS,
hereby affirm and declare that the farm or ranch which I own at Redacted for Privacy,
in the County of HARNEY,
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.

Terry Williams
Signature of Owner

6-26-01
Date

Certification by Notary Public

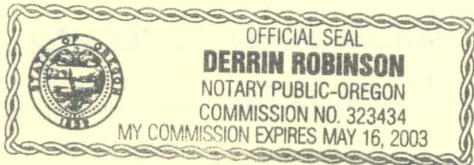
State of Oregon
County of Harney

Be it remembered, that on this 26 day of June, 2001, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, personally appeared the within named Terry Williams, 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.

Derrin Robinson
Notary Public for Oregon

My Commission Expires 5/16/03



Fees

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|---|----|--------------|
| Application Fee (includes one certificate) | \$ | <u>30.00</u> |
| Additional Certificates (\$10 each) | \$ | <u>0</u> |
| Total enclosed <u>ck # 578</u> | \$ | <u>30.00</u> |

Make checks payable to Oregon Historical Society or OHS

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Date Received 7-3-01
Approved? Yes No
Authorization _____
Field Services Coordinator
OHS Library _____
MSS 1604 Program ID No. _____

This Indenture, Witnesseth, That James A. Littings
 an unmarried man for and in consideration of Two Dollars
 to him paid has bargained and sold, and by these
 presents does bargain, sell and convey unto Hyrum
 Williams, the following described premises, to-wit:

All of my right title and interest in and to those
 certain ditches and waterright situate and being
 in Harney County, Oregon, now owned by him
 and used to conduct water upon N. W. ⁴ of N. E. ⁴ & N. E. ⁴
 N. W. ⁴ of Sec. 30 + S. W. ⁴ S. E. ⁴ & S. E. ⁴ of S. W. ⁴ of Sec. 19 all
 in T. 20 S. R. 36 E. W. M.

Ad. No. 583.

To Have and to hold the said premises with their
 appurtenances, unto the said Hyrum Williams
 his heirs and assigns forever.

In Witness Whereof, I have set my hand
 and seal this 18th day of April A. D. 1898.

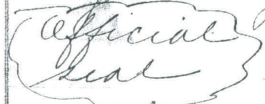
Done in the Presence of
 C. A. Swick,
 H. Kelley

James A. Littings 

State of Oregon }
 County of Harney } ss.

On this, the 18th day of April A. D. 1898
 personally came before me, County Clerk in and
 for said County the within named James A. Littings
 an unmarried man to me personally known to be the identical
 person described in and who executed the foregoing
 conveyance, and acknowledged to me that he
 executed the same freely and voluntarily for the
 uses and purposes therein named.

Witness my hand and official seal, this
 day and year in the certificate above written.



H. Kelley, Clerk.

Original Indoned.

Received for Record April 18, 1898.

H. Kelley

County Clerk.

Know all Men by these Presents, That Mirian C. Sun of Drewsey, State of Oregon, in consideration of twenty-eight hundred and ²⁵/₁₀₀ dollars, to him paid by Hyrum N. Williams, of Drewsey, State of Oregon, have bargained and sold, and by these presents do bargain, sell and convey unto said Hyrum N. Williams, his heirs and assigns, all the following bounded, and described real property, situated in the County of Harney, and State of Oregon:

The South half of the South East quarter, the North West quarter of the South East quarter, and the South West quarter of the North East quarter of Section thirty (30), in Township twenty, South of Range thirty-six, East of Willameth Meridian in Oregon, containing one hundred, and six acres, plus two-fifths interest in the irrigation ditch known as the "Sun-ican irrigation ditch" recorded in Canyon City, Ore. Book of Water Rights, Vol. B, page 82, dated August 31st, 1883.

Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances therunto belonging or in any wise appertaining, and also all his estate, right, title and interest in and to the same, including dower and claim of dower.

To have and to hold, the above described and granted premises unto the said Hyrum N. Williams, his heirs and assigns forever. And the said Mirian C. Sun-ican, the grantor above named, does covenant, and with Hyrum N. Williams the above named grantee, his heirs and assigns, that he is lawfully seized in fee simple of the above granted premises, that the above granted premises are free from all incumbrances, and that he will, and his heirs, executors and administrators shall warrant and forever defend the above granted premises, and every part and parcel of, against the lawful claims and demands of all persons whomsoever.

In Witness Whereof, I, the grantor above named, hereunto set my hand and seal this 14th day of December, 1895.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of me, notary public; John S. Saly.
T. M. Bartlett.

Mirian C. Sun-ican, (Seal)

Original Endorsement
Received for Record, December 16, 1895, at 1 o'clock P. M. by C. H. Kenyon, County Clerk.

State of Oregon, }
County of Harney } ss. This Certifies that on this 14th day of December, A. D. 1895, before me the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared the within named Mirian C. Sun-ican, known to me to be the identical person described in and who executed the within instruments and acknowledged to me that he executed the same.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal, this day and year first above written,
John S. Saly,

Williams family has deep roots in Drewsey

By Larry Meyer
ARGUS OBSERVER

The history of an Oregon Century ranch in the Drewsey area, just across the border and a mountain pass from Malheur County, actually began on a wagon train to Utah.

Hiram Williams came west in 1848 with the Brigham Young wagon train, according to his grandson, Drex Williams of Juntura.

Hiram grew up in Salt Lake City and went on to operate stage and mail routes throughout the West, including routes in Utah, Arizona, Idaho and Montana.

He secured the mail contract from Burns to Ontario and started operating the stage route in 1894.

He also acquired the first property of the Williams holding that year.

Hiram died at age 53, at which time his son Sylvester Williams, one of five children, took over and continued operation of the mail line at age 22 and ran it for 10 years.

"The service was 36 hours from Burns to Ontario," Drex said, which included carrying the mail and passengers. Forty-eight horses were in the harnesses in a 24-hour period, he said.

"Mail a letter in Burns to Ontario today and it won't get there in 36 hours," Drex said with a chuckle and pride in his voice.

"Liking the area, my father began picking up other properties," Drex said of Drewsey.

Sylvester married Effie Holladay in 1900.

At that time Drewsey was a town of nearly 60 businesses. They had five children, Leë, born in 1902; Francis Marie, born in 1904; Drex, born in 1911; and Rotha born in 1913.

Drex and Rotha are the surviving children.

Effie was one of the founding members of the community church in Drewsey, Drex said.

The original Williams property, according to Drex, was 160 acres.

Four more holdings in the Drewsey area and surrounding region were added, and Sylvester also acquired properties in Ontario, Drex said.

"I grew up on the home ranch," Williams said, which is on the east side of the Drewsey valley, north of U.S. Highway 20.

"Father wanted me to go to college, but I took \$1,000 and bought cattle," he said, explaining he was still at the ranch. "My father's outfit was large enough I could build on it," he said, adding Sylvester was running about 1,200 sheep in two bands.

His father died in 1937, and the sheep were sold off. "I had no use for sheep," Drex said. Also that year, Drex and Irene Goodman of Juntura were married.

They moved to Juntura in 1940 and his brother Lee took over the full ranch operation in the Drewsey region.

Drex bought into a ranch at Drewsey which he expanded over the years and at almost age 90 he has been content to

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This log cabin, which sits on the Williams Ranch next to the home of Travis and Linda Williams, is one of the first dwellings in the Drewsey Valley.



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About the Cover

Farming practices have changed with technology through the 20th century. In the main photo, a local farmer uses a modern tractor to take care of crops in the field. The inset photos reflect farming practices from the old thresher (top photo) to

horse-drawn equipment (bottom photos).

The old photos were contributed by Chris Moore and the Council Valley Museum, while the color photo was taken by Argus Observer photographer Larry Hoffman.

Ranch



Argus Observer/LARRY MEYER

Four generations of Williams' gather for a photo shoot at one of the early homesteads near Drewsey. They are (from left) Linda Williams, Drex Williams, Travis Williams holding son Sam, Josh Williams in front of his grandfather Terry Williams, Diane Willson, Tanya Williams and her husband Aaron Willson, standing in back. Drex Williams of Juntura, stands in for the oldest Williams generation surviving and Terry Williams and his family, including children and grandchildren, are the three generations currently living on the Williams ranch, founded in 1894. Josh, Tanya and Sam are the sixth generation.

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let his two sons take care of things. He kept his interest in the Drewsey ranch for several more years. During World War II, he said, all ranches were running 1,500 to 1,600 head of cattle and cotton seed meal was brought in to help feed them.

Very high in protein, Drex said the cotton seed meal was probably the best supplement they ever had.

The Drewsey ranch was later divided between Lee and his sister Rotha French when she and her husband LaVerne moved back from Portland. Her husband died in 1977.

She continues to live in the house which was moved to the

site, just out of Drewsey, in 1913.

It was a "Draper House" which cost \$3,000 and was the first in the area to have indoor plumbing and came equipped with a gas lighting system.

Her daughter and son-in-law, Barbara and Ken Arnold, live nearby. According to Rotha French, her holdings include about 3,500 acres.

Terry Williams, Lee Williams' son, Drex Williams' nephew, said he grew up all over the ranch. He has about 6,000 acres, including meadows and grazing property, he said, and includes the Williams original holdings.

"I've actually live in six different places and never left the

ranch," Terry said.

He began taking over the reins in 1977, when he bought his uncle's part of the ranch that year, and began leasing his parents' part after his dad Lee Williams died in 1981

Nancy Haines Williams, Terry's wife, grew up on a ranch south of Burns, near the headquarters of the Malheur Wildlife Refuge. Both went to Crane High School. They were married in 1958 and settled on the ranch. Terry said the ranch started with shorthorn cattle, and then raised Angus, followed by Herefords, and back to black Angus in the early 1950s. For the last 35 years it has been Charolais. Terry said

he takes satisfaction in raising the weaning weights of his calves from around 325 pounds to around 550 pounds. He is shooting for 600 pounds, he said, adding they have been up to 580. "We've never been able to get to 600 yet."

While they have used horses, a powered parachute comes in handy to check on cattle spread out over rangeland.

There are three generations on the ranch now. Joining Terry and Nancy on the ranch, is their son Travis (the one who does the flying), who is back on the ranch after working for a while in Ontario, and his wife Linda, and their three children, who represent the sixth generation.

Diane Williams Willson is the daughter of Terry & Nancy Williams