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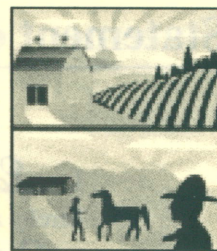
John, Patricia & Mary Rose Brandt

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MARION

Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation

Century Farm & Ranch Program Application



Date April 7, 2002

Type of designation (please check)

☒ Century Farm

☐ Century Ranch

Owner's name Patricia, Mary Rose, John Brandt, Katherine (Brandt) Huber, Carol (Brandt) Sandaal, Ivy Oak Farm, Inc.

Mailing address Redacted for Privacy

Telephone Redacted for Privacy

County Marion

Location of farm or ranch Redacted for Privacy

Township 6 Range 1 WWM Section 27

Original family owner(s) or founder(s) Helmuth Alfred Brandt, Jr. & Meda (Hobart) Brandt

Date (year) this farm or ranch was acquired by founder(s) 1902

(Attach verifying documentation, see Rule 7)

Founder(s) came to Oregon from Iowa, Oregon

Who farms or ranches the land today? John M. Brandt, for the corporation

Relationship to original owner Grandson, grandchildren

Are any of the original buildings still in use?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Listed on National Register?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If yes, please describe The house was built in 1878 by previous owner. Fruit house built by H.A. Brandt still standing.

History of crops or livestock raised on farm or ranch Livestock (dairy cows, pigs, sheep, poultry) hay, grain, occasional row crops, certified grass & clover seed

What is raised on the farm or ranch today? certified seed, grain

How many generations live on the farm or ranch today? 1

Please list names and birth years Patricia Brandt (1932), Mary Rose Brandt (1942)

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, Patricia Brandt, Pres., Ivy Oak Farm, Inc.
hereby affirm and declare that the farm or ranch which I own at Redacted for Privacy

Oregon
in the County of Marion
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.

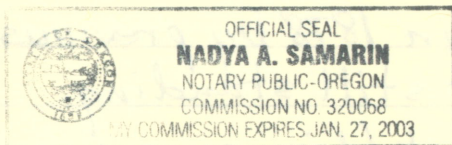
Patricia Brandt April 8, 2002
Signature of Owner Date

Certification by Notary Public

State of Oregon
County of Marion

Be it remembered, that on this 8 day of April, 2002, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, personally appeared the within named Patricia Brandt, known to me to be the identical individual described in and who executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that Patricia Brandt 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.



Nadya A. Samarin
Notary Public for Oregon
My Commission Expires JAN 27, 2003

Fees

Application Fee (includes one certificate)	\$ <u>30.00</u>
Additional Certificates (\$10 each)	\$ _____
Total enclosed	\$ <u>30.00</u>

Make checks payable to
Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation or OAEF

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Date Received 4-8-02
Approved? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Authorization Rick Reed
OAEF project coordinator

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do Indemnitee (Witness), That Mary A. Eisenhart and
H. C. Eisenhart her husband for the consideration of the sum of
Five Thousand Dollars,
to them paid, have bargained and sold and by these presents do bargain, sell and convey unto
Helmut A. Brandt and Meta C. Brandt
the following described premises, to-wit:

Commencing at the Northeast corner of Claim
No. 44 in Township 6 South Range 1 West and being parts of Sections 27
28, 33 and 34 in Township 6 South Range 1 West in Marion County, Oregon,
running: Thence West One Hundred and Twenty Nine (129) Rods; Thence
South One Hundred Twenty Nine and One One Hundred and Twenty
Ninety (124 4/29) Rods; Thence East One Hundred and Twenty Nine (129)
Rods; Thence North One Hundred Twenty Nine and Four hundred and twenty
ninths (124 4/29) Rods to the place of beginning and containing One
Hundred (100) Acres of land, more or less, in Marion County, Oregon.

31.

To have and to hold the said premises, with their appurtenances, unto the said Helmut A. Brandt
and Meta C. Brandt their heirs and assigns forever.
And the said Mary A. Eisenhart and H. C. Eisenhart do hereby covenant
to and with the said Helmut A. Brandt and Meta C. Brandt
their heirs and assigns
that they are the owner in fee simple of said premises; that they are free from all incumbrances
and that they will warrant and defend the same from all lawful claims whatsoever

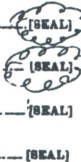
In Witness Whereof, we have hereunto set our hand and seal ✓
this 25th day of October A.D. 1902

Done in the presence of

Squire Parnass

Gabrielle Clark

Mary A. Eisenhart
H. C. Eisenhart



STATE OF OREGON,
COUNTY OF Marion }

On this, the 28th day of October A.D. 1902, personally came before me, a

Notary Public in and for said County and State, the within named
Mary A. Eisenhart and H. C. Eisenhart her husband

IVY OAK FARM, INC.

Helmuth Alfred Brandt, Jr. left his father's farm near Garnavillo, Iowa, in 1901 to start a new life in the west. He ended his journey in Silverton, Oregon, where he began working on the farm of Scott Hobart, a progressive farmer and Oregon pioneer of 1853. Scott's father had resided briefly in Oregon in 1850 on his way to practice his profession as a blacksmith in California, and he was included in the 1850 census, making the Hobart family one of Oregon's First Families. Scott's daughter, Meda Estelle, was a school teacher who was often absent teaching at various schools as far away as the Oregon coast. Nevertheless, Helmuth found time to court Meda, and they were married Oct 7, 1902, at the Hobart home. Later that month, on Oct. 28, 1902, the newlyweds purchased a 100 acre farm for \$6,000 from G.C. Eisenhart, a local merchant, and his wife Mary. The Brandts thus became the third owners of this corner of the Peter Cox Donation Land Claim. The Eisenharts had acquired the farm from Peter Cox's estate in Jan., 1877, for \$2,000. In 1878 they built a large house, which is still standing, along with various outbuilding, including a large barn. For some reason Helmuth did not trust fireplaces, so one of the first changes he made in the house was to remove the large walk-in fireplace. He also added a woodshed and made other minor changes. Of the buildings that Helmuth added, only a fruit house still stands. In 1928 he bought an additional 28 acres abutting the western boundary of his farm.

Coming from Iowa, Helmuth was a modern farmer, and his farming practices were often far in advance of others in the area. He was a fine teamster, and between agricultural activities he worked on various construction projects, including the local National Guard Armory. In 1905 he installed a gas powered pumping system with a 500 gallon water tank to provide water for his animals and the house. (The tank is still here but too full of holes to use). About 1908 he planted

two orchards, mainly with apple trees but also some prunes, pears and cherries.

From the first he had to contend with the remains of trees which had been logged off but whose roots were still in the soil, and in his spare time he worked at removing these problems so he could expand his fields. Among the crops he grew were oats, seed wheat, field corn and other grains. He always had a good team of work horses, but he was the first in the area to acquire a John Deere tractor, using it not only for farm work but also for grinding grain. (The John Deere is now on display at Lennon's Farm Machinery in Woodburn) He often purchased shares in various pieces of infrequently used equipment in conjunction with neighbors, including such machinery as a subsoiler, rake, binder and ensilage cutter.

Helmuth built up a herd of cows and shipped cream to Portland, using the skim milk to feed a large herd of pigs. He had a few registered Guernsey cows, and his son Winfield bought a registered Guernsey bull calf, Wandamere Auburn's Douglas, to build up the herd. For some time Helmuth also raised sheep for wool, as well as bees for honey. Meda raised chickens, usually Leghorns, selling the eggs to Silverton stores.

Helmuth and Meda had three sons, Carrol, Louis and Winfield. Louis and Winfield both graduated in agriculture from Oregon State College. Louis farmed in eastern Oregon, while Winfield worked as an official milk tester, and he was one of the first employees of the Portland Board of Health.

In 1939 Helmuth died suddenly, and Winfield was elected to return home to take over the farm. His specialty was dairying, and from the few registered Guernseys left by his father he built up to a herd of over 100 registered Guernseys. He named his herd Ivy Oak, and over the years that name became famous when several of his cows made production records and others

won prizes at fairs. When Winfield developed lung cancer, the herd was sold.

At first Winfield continued to raise pigs and sell cream to the Mt. Angel Cooperative Creamery. During World War II he discontinued the pig crop and began selling factory whole milk to the creamery for cheese and ice cream production. He detested sheep, since he had spent some of his youth packing wool sacks, so sheep farming ceased.

In 1931 Winfield married Gertrude Sharkey, a school teacher, and they had 5 children, 4 girls, Patricia, Katherine Huber, Carol Sandaal and Mary Rose and a boy, John. The children helped with the farm work, and each of them cared for a flock of some kind of poultry, including turkeys, Toulouse geese and Mallard, Muskovy and Pekin ducks. Gertrude raised Rhode Island Red chickens who were much calmer than the Leghorns.

The field crops became those that would serve the dairy herd--oats, wheat, barley, sudan grass, corn, alfalfa and pasture. Winfield was probably the first in the area to use sudan grass for summer pasture and one of the earliest to grow alfalfa. He had always hoped to put in an irrigation well for the pastures, but WWII intervened, and it was only after his death that Gertrude had an irrigation well dug.

Winfield strongly believed in the cooperative movement, and he joined almost every coop in the area. Not only did he join, but he served many years on the boards of directors of Mt. Angel Cooperative Creamery and Valley Farmers Cooperative, now Wilco.

When Winfield died in 1978 his son John replaced him. John, however, had a full time job, so he began to raise crops that could be cared for on weekends. He has grown wheat and oats, but in recent years he has specialized in certified rye grass and clover seed. Occasionally other seed crops are grown. The gross income from these crops each year far exceeds \$1,000.

Gertrude Brandt died in 1994 and left the farm to her five children. The farm is now incorporated as Ivy Oak Farm, Inc., although John carries out the farming operation. Patricia and Mary Rose live in the farm house.

Of all the buildings on the property when Helmuth Brandt purchased it, all that remains is the farm house, built in 1878. It was considerably modified when Winfield and Gertrude moved there in 1939. A basement was added, as well as dormers so all of the second floor could be used; and electricity and plumbing were installed and rooms were rearranged.

Unfortunately, the Brandt farm lies on the edge of the city of Silverton, and constant vigilance is required to maintain the property as a farm. Although the land is zoned as Exclusive Farm Use, there has been a good deal of pressure by various groups, including the school district, to develop the property for other purposes. The force of Oregon's land use laws has helped the family maintain this land as a farm.