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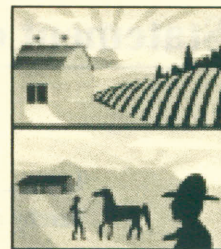
Lyle and Cynthia Christensen

Received 4-25-02

YAMHILL

Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation

Century Farm & Ranch Program Application



Date April 2002

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

Owner's name Lyle & Cynthia Christensen

Mailing address Redacted for Privacy

Telephone Redacted for Privacy

County Yamhill

Location of farm or ranch Redacted for Privacy

Township 5 South Range 5 west Section 15 & 22

Original family owner(s) or founder(s) Jepp Christensen

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

Who farms or ranches the land today? Don Christensen & Lyle Christensen

Relationship to original owner Great grandsons

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

If yes, please describe The house built in the 1860's by George Olds is occupied

History of crops or livestock raised on farm or ranch The farm has progressed from multiple crops (hay, grain, seed) & livestock (sheep, cows, swine) to primarily grass seed production.

What is raised on the farm or ranch today? Grass seed and recently we planted about an acre of chestnuts.

How many generations live on the farm or ranch today? 2 generations in two families

Please list names and birth years Lyle (1955), Cynthia (1961), Celene (1988), Emily (1990)
Bill (1951) & Lynn (1960) & Sammy Slater (1994)

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, Lyle Christensen
hereby affirm and declare that the farm or ranch which I own at Redacted for Privacy
near McMinnville
in the County of Yamhill
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.

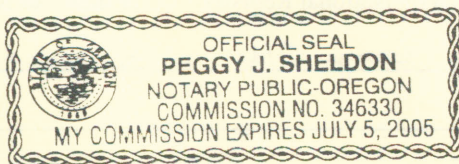
Lyle W Christensen 4/10/2002
Signature of Owner Date
Lyle W Christensen 4/10/2002

Certification by Notary Public

State of Oregon
County of Multnomah

Be it remembered, that on this 17TH day of APRIL, 2002, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, personally appeared the within named LYLE W. CHRISTENSEN, known to me to be the identical individual described in and who executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that LYLE W CHRISTENSEN 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.



Peggy J. Sheldon

Notary Public for Oregon

My Commission Expires July 5, 2005

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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Approved? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Authorization Rick Reed
OAEF project coordinator

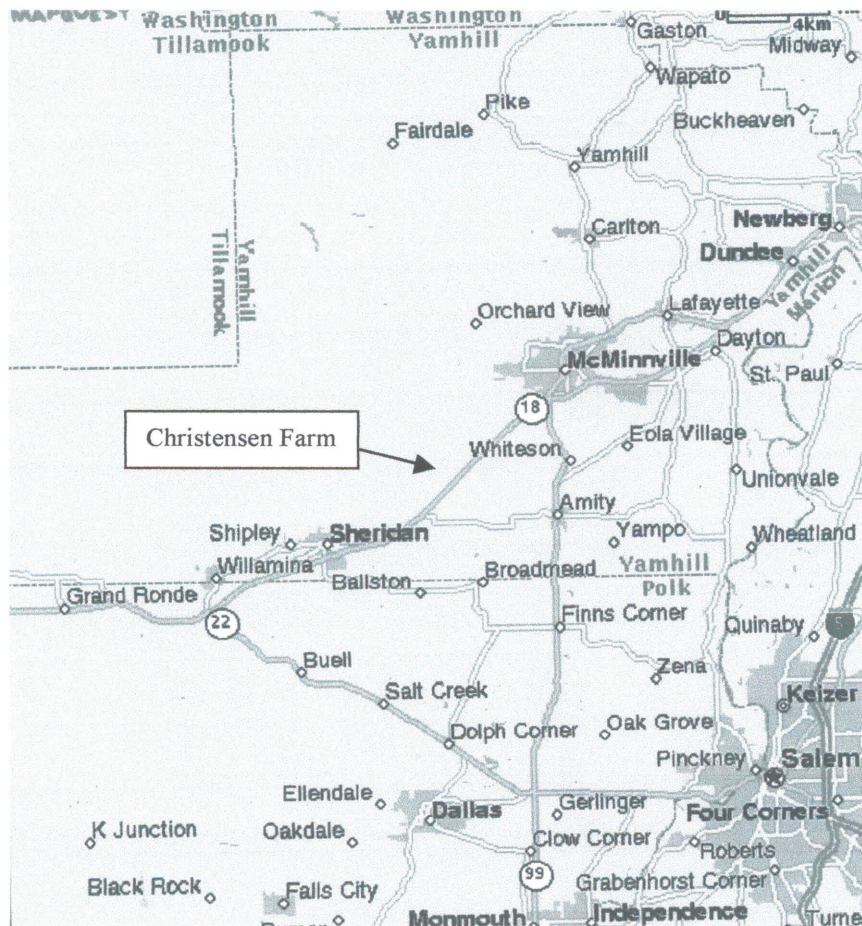
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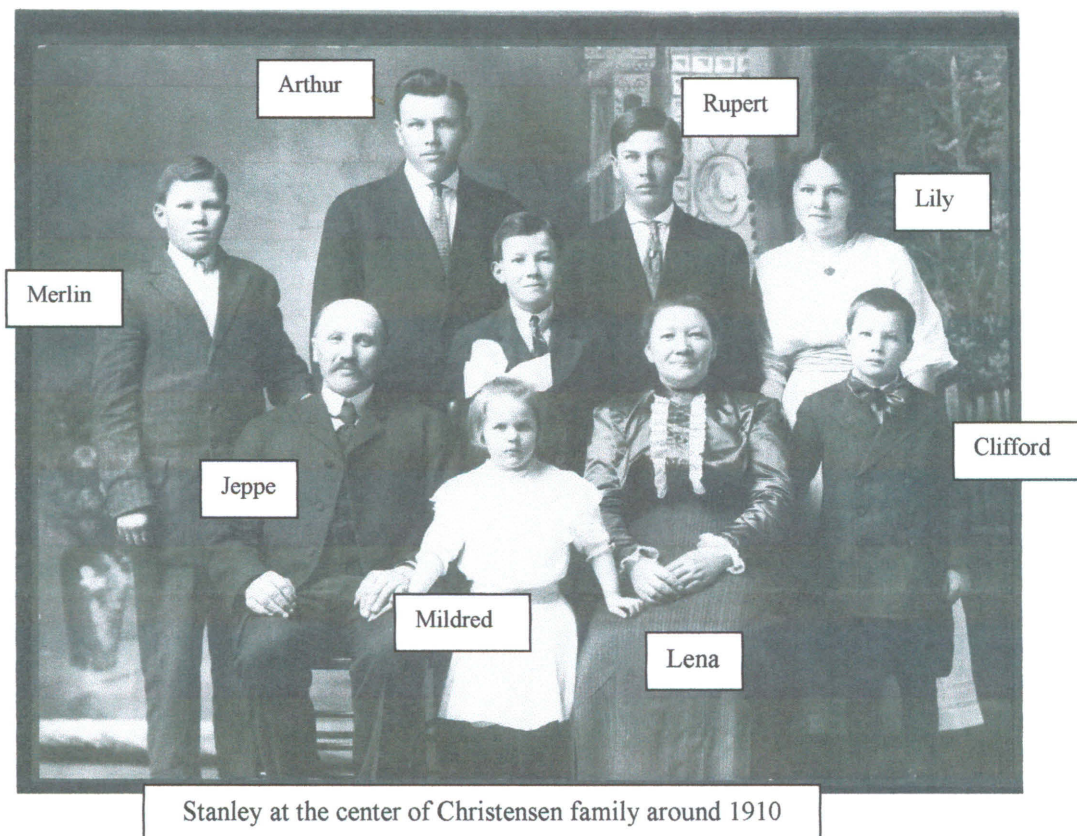
Christensen Century Farm

1902-2002

The **Christensen "Home Place"** farm history began when Jeppe Christian Christensen left Denmark and the farm that he grew up on. Jeppe was the youngest of six brothers and one sister. In 1883 shortly before his 23rd birthday, Jeppe left his parents home for America, following two older brothers who had emigrated earlier. He worked in Illinois for almost two years before moving to Iowa in 1884. He eventually owned and farmed about 160 acres near Gilmore City. This was his home and where he started his family over the next 18 years. In 1891 at the age of 31, he married Olina Marie Christiansen who had recently emigrated from Denmark. In 1894 he gained United States citizenship. In 1902 he traveled to Oregon and purchased this farm from George Olds.



At that time he paid \$8500 for a little more than 136 acres. This property had been purchased by George Olds in 1858 (80 acres for \$700) and in 1864 (60 acres for \$300) from John Hibler who obtained the property as a quarter section Donation Land Claim that was patented (#47) in 1873. George Olds built a house and a barn on the property in the 1860s, which is just below the Glacial Erratic Rock state geologic wayside. Jeppe brought with him his wife and 5 children [Arthur (b.1892), Rupert (b.1894), Lily (b.1896), Merlin (b.1898), and Stanley (b. 1900)]. Three more children were born at this farm (Clifford (b.1905), Mildred (b. 1908) and Mabel b.???). The last child, died in infancy. The rest of the Christensen children married and lived their lives in Oregon.



Stanley at the center of Christensen family around 1910

The four oldest boys became farmers. Arthur and Rupert initially farmed together and later bought their own farms several miles away. Stanley and Merlin farmed together as Stanley took over responsibility for the *Home Place* and Merlin married the daughter of a neighboring farmer, taking on ownership of that farm. In 1937, Jeppe sold about five acres of land to the Oregon State Highway Commission for \$150 per acre to construct a portion of the McMinnville-Tillamook Highway (Highway 18). In 1941, Stanley Christensen and his wife Hazel Osen Christensen purchased 132 acres from Jeppe for \$10000. Jeppe passed away in 1948 in his 87th year. Stanley and Hazel were parents to four children (Stanley Jr., Dorothy, Marian, and Darrell). Stanley semi-retired in 1964 and turned over the majority of the farming of the *Home Place* property to Stanley Jr. who had married Mary Erdmann Christensen and they had purchased an adjacent farm in the early 1960s. Stanley Jr. and Mary farmed the *Home Place* and raised five children on their farm. In 1980 Stanley passed away. Stanley and Hazel's four children inherited the *Home Place*. In the late 1980's Don Christensen, the son of Arthur's oldest son Glen became the fourth Christensen generation to farm the *Home Place*. In 1999, Lyle (middle child of Stan and Mary) and his wife, Cynthia Warnock Christensen purchased from his Aunt Dorothy and Aunt Marian the *Home Place* house along with about 60 acres of the original farm. They share residency in the house with Lyle's youngest sister Lynn Christensen Slater, her husband Bill and their son Sammy. Lyle and Cynthia have planted about an acre of Chestnut trees around the 1860's farmhouse. Don continues farming the rest of the original farm along with his son Zach who becomes the fifth generation to farm this same ground in the first hundred years.



Home Place today

This Indenture Witnesseth, That We, George W. Olds

and Nancy E. Olds,

his wife, for the consideration of the sum of

Eight Thousand and Five Hundred DOLLARS,

to us paid, have bargained and sold, and by these presents do bargain, sell and convey unto Jeppe, C. Christensen, the following described premises,

to-wit: A portion of the Donation Land Claim of John P. Wibler, Notification No. 2371, Claim No. 47, being part of Sections Fifteen (15) and Twenty-two (22) in Township Five South of Range Five West of the Willamette Meridian, and more particularly described as beginning at a point Five and 96/100 (5.96) Chains North and Thirty-five and 57/100 (35.57) Chains East of the North West corner of said Section Fifteen, (same being the South West corner of said D.L.C.) and running thence East Twenty-six (26.00) Chains to the East boundary line of said Claim; thence North Fifty and 70/100 (50.70) Chains to North East corner of said Claim; thence West Twenty-six (26.00) Chains, and thence South Fifty and 70/100 (50.70) Chains to the place of beginning, containing, 131.80 acres

Also the following described tract of real property, to-wit:

Beginning at a point on the East boundary line of the Donation Land Claim of James Toney, Fifteen Chains South of the North East corner of said D.L.C. in Township Five South of Range Five West of the Willamette Meridian, and running thence South Fourteen and 15/100 (14.15) Chains; thence East Seventeen and 50/100 (17.50) Chains; thence North Fourteen and 15/100 (14.15) Chains, and thence West Seventeen and 50/100 (17.50) Chains to the place of beginning, containing 24.76 acres in Township Five South of Range Five West of the Willamette Meridian, in Yamhill County, Oregon.

Also the following described tract of real property, to-wit:

Beginning at a point Twenty-five and 04/100 (25.04) Chains South from the North East corner of D.S. Holman Donation Land Claim, No. 48, in Township Five South of Range Five West of Willamette Meridian and running thence South Two and 14/100 (2.14) Chains; thence East to the West line of the A.E. Garrison Donation Land Claim; thence North Twenty-three degrees West to a point due East of the place of beginning; and at the S.W. corner of a tract of land sold by Elijah J. Wright to A.J. Baker; thence West Eighteen (18.00) Chains and Eighty-five links to the place of beginning, containing Four (4) acres, in Sec. 14, in T. 5. S. R. 5. W. containing in all 160.56 acres all in Yamhill County, Oregon.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said premises, with their appurtenances, unto the said Jeppe C. Christensen, his, heirs and assigns forever.

And the said George W. Olds and Nancy E. Olds, do hereby covenant to and with the said Jeppe C. Christensen, his, heirs and assigns, that they are the owners 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 hands and seal this 8th day of July A. D. 1902

Done in the Presence of

R. L. Combs
J. Jacobsen

*Geo. W. Olds**Nancy E. Olds*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.

STATE OF OREGON,
COUNTY OF YAMHILL, } ss.

On this the 8th day of July A. D. 1902, personally came before me, a Notary Public, in and for said County, the within-named George W. Olds and Nancy E. Olds, his wife, to me personally known to be the identical person described in, and who executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same freely for the uses and purposes therein named. And the said Nancy E. Olds, acknowledged to me that she executed the same freely and voluntarily.

WITNESS my hand and Notarial Seal this 8th day of July A. D. 1902

R. L. Conner
Notary Public for Oregon.

WARRANTY DEED.

FROM

Geo. W. Olds and Nancy E. Olds

TO

C.
Jeppe Christensen,

STATE OF OREGON,
COUNTY OF Yamhill ss.

I certify that the within was re-

ceived and duly recorded by me in

Yamhill County Records

Book of Deeds, Volume 42

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July 1902
J. L. Conner
Recorder.

Filed July 21st 1902
at 5:30 P. M.

J. L. Conner
Recorder.
R. L. CONNER,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

McMINNVILLE, ORE.