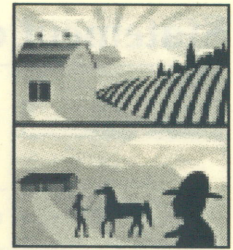


CFR 1046

Charlie Jensen

Century Farm & Ranch Program Application



Date 5/29/02

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

Owner's name Charlie Jensen

Mailing address Redacted for Privacy

Telephone Redacted for Privacy County Curry

Location of farm or ranch Redacted for Privacy

Township 31 South Range 15 West Section 14

Original family owner(s) or founder(s) Orlinnie Jensen

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

(Attach verifying documentation, see Rule 7)

Founder(s) came to Oregon from Orlinnie (mother): Native 1863 John (father): Nykobing, Denmark

Who farms or ranches the land today? Charlie Jensen

Relationship to original owner Son

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

If yes, please describe _____

History of crops or livestock raised on farm or ranch Dairy cows, beef cattle, blueberries, and timber

What is raised on the farm or ranch today? Beef cattle, blueberries, and timber

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

Please list names and birth years Charlie Jensen 1901 and John Jensen (son) 1953

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, Charlie Jensen
hereby affirm and declare that the farm or ranch which I own at Redacted for Privacy
Langlois, Oregon
in the County of Curry
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.

Charlie Jensen 6/12/02
Signature of Owner Date

Certification by Notary Public

State of Oregon
County of Curry

Be it remembered, that on this 12th day of JUNE, 2002, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, personally appeared the within named Charlie Jensen, 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.



Tricia M. Brown
Notary Public for Oregon

My Commission Expires Oct 5, 2002

Fees

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

Make checks payable to
Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation or OAEF

For office use only

Date Received _____

Approved? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Authorization _____

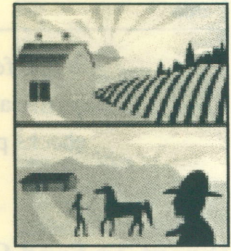
OAEF project coordinator

OHS Library

MSS 1604 Program ID No. _____

Century Farm & Ranch Program

Application Guidelines



Background

The Century Farm & Ranch Program started in 1958, on the eve of the Statehood Centennial Celebration, to honor farm and ranch families with century-long connections to the land. This program recognizes Oregon's rich agricultural heritage and has registered nearly 1,000 properties during the past 40 years. It is administered by the Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation in partnership with the Oregon Department of Agriculture, the Oregon Historical Society, and the Oregon Farm Bureau. All applications are added to the Oregon Historical Society (OHS) Library and can provide valuable information about settlement patterns, livestock and crop choices, building design, and family history. Successful applicants receive a special certificate, signed by the Governor of Oregon, and a metal road sign to identify their historic Century Farm or Century Ranch property.

Qualifications

1. Only the legal owner(s) of the property may apply for the Century Farm or Century Ranch honor.
2. Your farm or ranch must have been operated continuously in the same family for 100 years or more. A farm or ranch settled any time 100 years ago or earlier will be eligible if it meets other requirements. If the farm or ranch has ever been rented or leased, it will not qualify.
3. The farm or ranch must have a gross income from farming or ranching activities of not less than \$1,000 per year for three out of the five years immediately preceding the application.
4. You must live on the farm or ranch, or if you live off the property, you must actively manage and direct the farming or ranching activity on the land.
5. The line of ownership from the original settler or buyer may be through children, siblings, or nephews and nieces. Adopted children will be recognized equally with other descendants.
6. Applications must be submitted on official forms provided by the OHS with all questions filled out completely. Applicants should submit additional descriptive information to provide other family history details not specifically requested in the application (two or three pages of narrative). All information will be deposited in the OHS Library for future reference.
7. All applications must include verification of continuous ownership for 100 years. Acceptable forms of proof include a document (either original or photocopy) showing the date of earliest ownership. This may take the form of an official document such as a Donation Land Claim, Deed of Sale, or Homestead Certificate. Other records, subject to review, include Family Bible, diary entry, or correspondence.
8. Applications must be signed and certified by a Notary Public.
9. Deadline for returning applications is July 1 of the current year. All applications bearing postmark by midnight of that date will be considered. If July 1 falls on a Saturday, June 30 will be used as the application deadline; if it falls on a Sunday, July 2 will become the deadline.

Fees

A \$30 fee is required with each application. This fee covers administrative costs and includes **one** certificate. Additional certificates may be ordered at the time of application at a cost of \$10 each. Make checks payable to Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation or OAEF.

Where To Send Completed Application Packets

When you have completed the required forms and provided the necessary documentation, please separate the Application Form and Statement of Affirmation page (front and back) and send the forms, with fee payment, to:

**Century Farm & Ranch Program
Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation
3415 Commercial Street SE
Salem, OR 97302**

(Suggestion: Make a file copy of your completed application forms before mailing)

Review Process and Notification

All applications are checked for completeness by the project coordinator. They are reviewed in July by a Project Board composed of representatives from the Oregon Department of Agriculture, Oregon Farm Bureau, OSU Extension Service, and other statewide agricultural organizations. Following the review, all applicants will be notified about their status by mail.

Honoring Ceremony

Successful applicants are invited to a special ceremony at the Oregon State Fair in Salem and receive a handsome certificate signed by the governor of Oregon and OHS officials. The handsome certificate has the name of the farm or ranch done in beautiful calligraphy and is suitable for framing (11 x 14 inches). A metal road sign, designed to identify the historic property, is also presented to each family at this time.

Still Have Questions About the Program?

Please contact Rick Read, project coordinator, at 503-357-0311 or <grus@jps.net>.

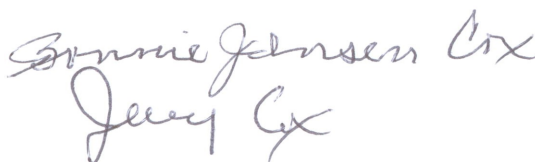


REQUEST

On December 31, 2002 (the deadline for 2002 Century Farm applications) the Jensen family farm will have been in the family for 99 years, 339 days. Having been purchased on January 26, 1903, it officially will miss qualifying for this wonderful distinction by 26 days. This is a request to allow this historic Curry County ranch to be declared a "Century Farm" this year.

The farm has been home to Charlie Jensen (born in 1901) for essentially all of his life. For 99 of his 100 years, the farm has been his domicile. He has toiled the land for nearly a century and although his spirit is still willing and he still manages to prune the blueberries and tend the garden, time is starting to catch up. If at all possible, the family requests that the Jensen family farm be considered for "Century Farm" status this year. If the honor is bestowed, it will bring great happiness and pride to a true Oregon pioneer.

Respectfully,

Handwritten signatures of Bonnie Jensen Cox and Jerry Cox. The signature of Bonnie Jensen Cox is written in a cursive script, and the signature of Jerry Cox is written below it in a similar cursive style.

Bonnie Jensen Cox (daughter)
Jerry Cox (son-in-law)

John and Linnie Jensen, along with their five children, Jack, Mabel, Nellie, Bessie, and Charlie, moved to Denmark, Oregon in 1902 and settled in the Willow Creek area on a 160 acre homestead that was adjacent to homesteads owned by John's two half-brothers, Jimmy Olsen and Andrew Olsen, and his brother-in law, Peter Haagensen. Linnie purchased the 160 acre homestead on January 26, 1903 for \$1100, which included a house and two barns, one for horses and one for cows. The wood-frame house did not have electricity, plumbing, or closets, as was the case with most homes in this area during the era. Items of clothing were limited and a person's entire wardrobe could easily be hung on a few nails. At the time, the acreage was considered of little value as it was covered with old growth Douglas fir and Port Orford Cedar. The timber had small economic importance at that time and was considered an obstacle to farming. Trees had to be felled using axes and crosscut saws and huge fires built to burn the massive logs. The farm occupied the west slope of the coastal hills and whereas the land was fertile, it was often difficult for horses to plow. In later years, when plowing the contour of a hill, counter-balances sometimes had to be employed on the uphill side so that the iron-wheeled tractor would not tip over! The entire area surrounding Denmark was settled primarily by immigrants from Denmark, Europe and proved ideal for raising dairy cows for the manufacture of fine cheese.

Charlie, the youngest child, turned 100 years old in 2002 and the original farm has been his home during his entire lifetime. At age 13, he hauled cans of milks from neighboring dairies with his small pony-cart to the Denmark Cheese Factory. His pay was ten cents a day, but in 1915 he was given a full-time job as a helper to the head cheese-maker and saw his salary elevated to \$15 per month. In subsequent years, Charlie would not only make

Mello-West cheese at Denmark, but also Tillamook cheese at Sixes, and the famous bleu cheese at Langlois, Oregon.

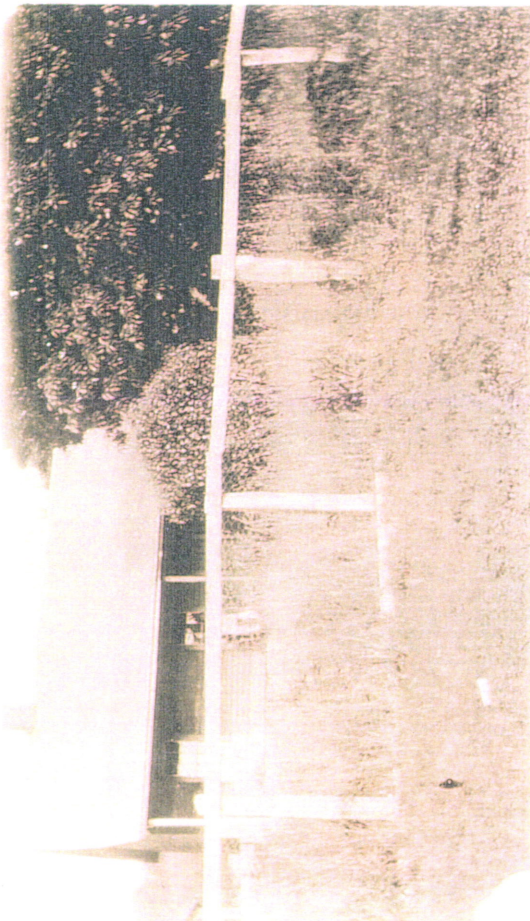
Charlie is known as Mr. Music throughout Southwest Oregon. He performed professionally and established music programs at both Langlois and Port Orford schools. He taught music at area schools for 11 years. In 1955, a decision to diversify resulted in three acres of blueberries being planted at the farm. Today, this original patch of blueberries still draws thousands of pickers from all over the world. During the 1960's, in addition to running the farm, Charlie established a music store in Port Orford that was later relocated in North Bend. His introduction to music occurred in 1914 when at the age of 13, he made a critical decision. With his mother away in Gold Beach, Charlie used the proceeds from the family's six dairy cows to make the \$35 down payment on a piano. Fascinated by the family's pump organ, Charlie could not refuse the offer of traveling salesmen from Marshfield who convinced him that he could put a new piano in the house for \$335, a huge sum of money for the family. Charlie milked cows, hauled milk and logs, cut fence posts, and did any other available work to make the \$25 payment that was required every three months. The purchase was fortuitous and launched Charlie and his entire family into a lifelong passion for music.

Charlie married his wife of 67 years, Wilma in 1935. They have raised seven children, all of whom are musical and all who have maintained a close relationship with the farm throughout their life. Linnie lived on the farm until age 96 and is buried in the Denmark Cemetery

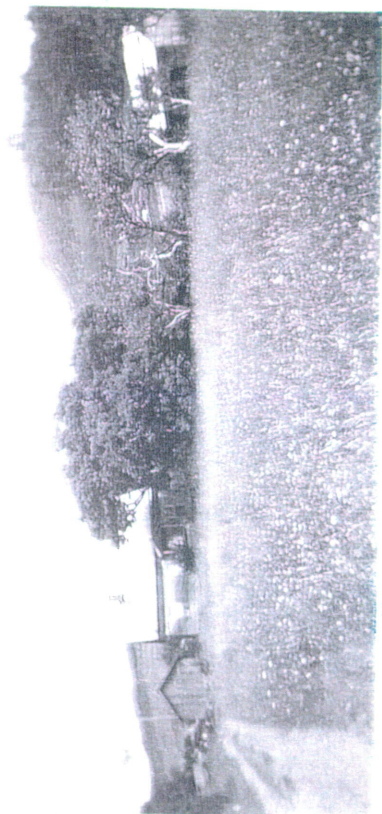
Today a lighted treble clef, an American flag, and the national flag of Denmark adorn the farm's large red barn that sits along Highway 101 and alerts all passers that this is both a Danish-American ancestral farm and the "birthplace of music" on the southern Oregon coast.



Jensen Farm 2000



Jensen Farm circa 1930



Jensen Farm circa 1944

DATE: July 9, 2002

TO: Roylene Read

FROM: Jerry and Bonnie Cox

RE: Warranty Deed for Jensen Century Farm

Sorry for the oversight. Thank you very much for your assistance.

CAPTION.

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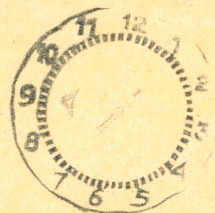
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160 acres situated in Curry County,

Oregon.



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THE FEDERAL LAND BANK
OF SPOKANE

TITLE POLICY

ABSTRACT

LOAN NO. 37664

Mrs.Melisse E.Button

To

Mrs.Linnie Jensen.

: Warranty Deed.
: Dated January 26th, 1903.
: Recorded March 11th, 1903.
: Vol. 10. (Deeds) Page 19.
: Consideration \$1100.00.

This is an ordinary form warranty deed, conveying the land described in the Caption of this abstract.

Signed: Mrs.Melisse E.Button, seal with scroll,
Two witnesses to signature.

Acknowledged before Notary public for Calif.

Notary Seal affixed.

(Grantor not certified single)