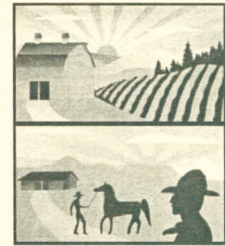


CFR 1061

Virgel Alvin Tharp

## Century Farm & Ranch Program Application



Date 5/25/63

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

Legal owner's name Virgel Alvin Tharp  
(Please attach contact information if other than legal owner)

Mailing address Redacted for Privacy

Telephone Redacted for Privacy E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

County Polk Location of farm or ranch (distance from nearest town) Redacted for Privacy

West of Williams OR on Salmon River Hwy. 18<sup>th</sup>

Township 06 Range 7 Section 15

Original family owner(s) or founder(s) Abraham Tharp + wife Margaret

Date (year) this farm or ranch was acquired by founder(s) Sept. 6, 1866  
(Attach verifying documentation, see qualification #7)

Founder(s) came to Oregon from New Jersey

Who farms or ranches the land today? Virgel A Tharp + Timothy Tharp

Relationship to original owner (See qualification #5, please explain lineage) Great Grandfather

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 Beef Cattle - Milk Cattle Hay  
Oats, Barley, wheat, Grass seed

What is raised on the farm or ranch today? Grass seed, Timber, + wild animal  
Habitat

How many generations live on the farm or ranch today? Two - from 6

Please list names and birth years Timothy B. Tharp 1/28, 1948 + Timothy  
M. Tharp 6/21/86

Please submit two or three pages of family history narrative, including, but not limited to generational transfers of the farm or ranch. You are also encouraged to submit photos of the property.

## Statement of Affirmation

I, Virgel A Tharp  
hereby affirm and declare that the farm or ranch which I own at Redacted for Privacy  
Williamina OR on Hwy 18  
in the County of Polk  
shall have been owned by my family for at least 100 continuous 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, including that the farm or ranch has 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 making this statement. I understand that the application materials will become property of the Oregon Historical Society Library and be made available for public use.

Virgel Tharp  
Signature of Owner

5/27/03  
Date

### Certification by Notary Public

State of Oregon

County of Lane

Be it remembered, that on this 27 day of May, 2003, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, personally appeared the within named Virgel A Tharp, known to me to be the identical individual described in and who executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that Virgel A Tharp 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.



St. L. Holeman

Notary Public for Oregon

My Commission Expires May 11, 2006

#### Fees

Application Fee  
(includes one certificate) \$ 50.00  
Additional Certificates (\$15 each) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to  
Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation or OAEF

#### For office use only

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

Approved? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Authorization \_\_\_\_\_  
Century Farm and Ranch Project Coordinator

#### OHS Library

MSS 1604 Program ID No. \_\_\_\_\_







a valentine heart tim  
& his friend made  
Jammie for Valentine  
Day. April 2003

2003 L→R  
KATIE COBA, VIRGEL THARP,  
DON SCHELLENBERG  
TIM THARP  
RICHARD ENGEMAN

Tim & Jammie's farm  
Tim's red & white  
& blue car in the tree  
April 2003.  
Rt 44 sign

2003 L→R  
KATIE COBA, VIRGEL THARP  
DON SCHELLENBERG  
TIM THARP  
RICHARD ENGEMAN

### The Tharp Family Farm

Abraham Tharp and his family came by wagon train to Oregon in 1845 and bought the Joseph Danforth land claim south of Belvue, and later (1866) got a donation land claim about 3 miles west of Willamina, and left 400 acres of that to my grandfather Joseph. Joseph had 4 children he left about 100 acres to each Alanzo, Sophia, Zopher and Alvin father. My father Alvin left me about 35 acres and when my uncle Alanzo died I bought his place of 100 acres. I rent out 60 acres and have 10 acres in wild life habitat and have 4 acres in shallow water pond for wild birds. The rest is in timber so I just let it grow.

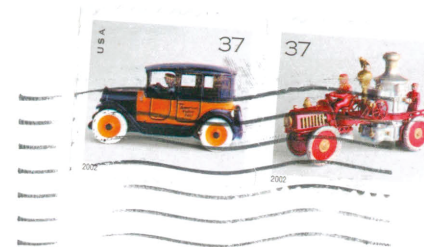
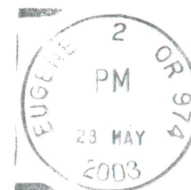
My son Timmothy Bruce and wife Jannie lives on the farm and helps me with the labor there. I am 89 years old and need some help. They has a son Timmothy Montane also lives on the farm

*Virgel Tharp*  
Virgel A Tharp





Mr. & Mrs. Virgel Tharp  
Redacted for Privacy



Oregon Agricultural Foundation  
3415 Commercial ST  
Suite 117  
Salem, OR,  
97302

97302+4897





# THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting:

Whereas, There has been deposited in the **GENERAL LAND OFFICE** of the UNITED STATES a Certificate numbered nineteen hundred and ninety seven \_\_\_\_\_ of the Receiver at Oregon City, Oregon, \_\_\_\_\_ whereby it appears that under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved the 27th day of September, 1850, entitled "An Act of Surveyor General of the Public Lands in Oregon, and to provide for the survey and to make donations to settlers of the said Public Lands," and the legislation supplemental to the act of Abraham Sharp and his wife Margaret Sharp, of Polk county, Oregon, Notification No. 7830, has been established \_\_\_\_\_ to a donation of one \_\_\_\_\_ section, or six hundred and forty \_\_\_\_\_ acres of land, and that the same has been designated as claim number fifty two, being parts of sections ten, eleven, fourteen, fifteen, twenty two and twenty three, in Township six South, of Range seven West, \_\_\_\_\_ according to the Official Plat of Survey returned to the **GENERAL LAND OFFICE** \_\_\_\_\_ being bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a point seventeen chains and fifty links North from the South East corner of said section ten, thence East twenty one chains and twenty five links; thence South five degrees East, seventy two chains and fifty two links; thence South five degrees and thirty minutes East, chains and twenty three links; thence North sixty eight degrees and thirty minutes West, fifty six chains; thence North sixty degrees and fifteen minutes West, forty six chains and twenty nine degrees and forty five minutes East, seventy five chains and twenty links, and thence East twenty two chains and seventy five links to the place of beginning, in the said section ten, containing six hundred and forty two acres and fifty three hundredths of an acre, \_\_\_\_\_

Now know ye, That the **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**, in consideration of the premises, and in conformity with the provisions of the Act aforesaid, **HAVE GIVEN AND GRANTED**, and do **GIVE AND GRANT**, unto the said Abraham Sharp and to his heirs the North half, and unto his wife the said Margaret Sharp and to her heirs the South half of the above described; \_\_\_\_\_ To have and to hold the said tract, with the appurtenances, unto the said Abraham Sharp and his heirs and assigns forever, their respective portions as aforesaid.

In testimony whereof, *J. Andrew Johnson*, \_\_\_\_\_ **PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES**, have caused these Letters to be made Patent of the **GENERAL LAND OFFICE** to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the **CITY OF WASHINGTON**, this sixth \_\_\_\_\_ day of September \_\_\_\_\_, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty six \_\_\_\_\_ and of the Independence of the United States the ninety first \_\_\_\_\_

BY THE PRESIDENT:

*Andrew Johnson*

By

*E. D. Smith* Secretary

*Martin Buell*, acting Recorder of the General Land Office ad interim.



**Oregon Century Farm and Ranch Program**  
**Application Check List**

Name of Applicant: Virgel Alvin Tharp

Notarized ✓ Posted by July ✓ \$50 Application fee ✓

1. Applicant is legal owner. yes though documented only by word + lineage KD
2. 100 years of continuous operation by same family. yes KD
3. Not less than \$1,000 gross income per year for three out of last five years.  
No documentation - Rents out the farmland - assumes that gross income is \$1,000 - certified to KD
4. Living on or actively managing and directing the farming or ranching activity on the land. Living on and managing Timber - Rents out farmland KD
5. Line of ownership from original settler or buyer through children, siblings, nephews or nieces. Adopted children will be recognized equally with other descendants. yes KD
6. Official form used with all questions answered completely including two to three pages of narrative. only 1/2 page of narrative - lineage KD
7. Documentation showing the date of earliest ownership (Donation Land Claim, Deed of Sale, or Homestead Certificate, Family Bible, diary entry, or correspondence). yes KD

Concerns or Questions: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Not Approved \_\_\_\_\_

all KD  
[Signature]

Dale RR Kye