

CFR 1062

David and Susan Peters

# Century Farm & Ranch Program Application



Date May 23, 2003

Type of designation (please check)



Century Farm



Century Ranch

Legal owner's name David and Susan Peters TTEE FOR DAVID AND SUSAN PETERS TRUST  
(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) 2 miles

Township 7 Range 5 W W M Section 27

Original family owner(s) or founder(s) David Peters (D.D.PETERS)

Date (year) this farm or ranch was acquired by founder(s) August 15, 1903.  
(Attach verifying documentation, see qualification #7)

Founder(s) came to Oregon from From Manitoba in 1891.

Who farms or ranches the land today? At 91 david still oversees the lessees.

Relationship to original owner (See qualification #5, please explain lineage) David, 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 A new planting of Italian prunes 20 acres.  
About 60 acres of oak groves and pasture were. At times much of  
the open ground was leased out.

What is raised on the farm or ranch today? 18 acres of cherriss, 15 acres of prunes,  
20 acres of grass, and the balance in wheat.  
Also have about 10 head of feeders on pasture.

How many generations live on the farm or ranch today? At present only David and his  
wife Susan.

Please list names and birth years David 2-7-12 Susan 1-4-25.

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.

(Please continue application on the back of this form.)

# Statement of Affirmation

I, DAVID PETERS,  
hereby affirm and declare that the farm or ranch which I own at Redacted for Privacy  
DALLAS, OREGON  
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.

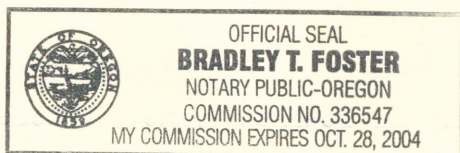
David Peters 6-5-03  
Signature of Owner Date

## Certification by Notary Public

State of Oregon  
County of Polk

Be it remembered, that on this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2003, before me, the undersigned, a  
Notary Public in and for said county and state, personally appeared the within named  
David Peters, 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.



Bradley T. Foster  
Notary Public for Oregon  
My Commission Expires 10-28-2004

### Fees

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

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. \_\_\_\_\_



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

Name of Applicant: David + Susan Peters

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

1. Applicant is legal owner. yes 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.

yes KD

4. Living on or actively managing and directing the farming or ranching activity on the land. yes 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. yes 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: Son of original owner still managing land.

Approved KD KJL

Not Approved





2003  
DAVID Peters

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2003  
Katie Ciba  
DON Schellenberg  
DAVID Peters  
Richard Engeman

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## PETERS CENTURY FARM

Polk County records show that on August 15, 1903 David Peters purchased 220 acres of land near Dallas, Oregon. He had been living with the family on Beck road. Apparently that was too far away from civilization. Of the two hundred twenty acres twenty were sold to his father and he built a house there so he could live near his son.

The farm consisted of approximately one hundred acres of open ground, including twenty acres of newly planted prunes. the balance was pasture and oak grubs. In early years the farming ground was leased out but the prunes he personally cared for. When his son grew up then he took over all of the farming. Thousands of feet of tiles were laid to improve the soils.

He believed the good life so a watertower, tank and running water were installed. He also installed a carbide gas light system, even running it to the barn. Unfortunately a frost put that luxury out of commission. When electricity came near enough then two neighbors and he built a private line to serve those homes.

Prunes were the crop of the moment and so he planted more.

Walnuts were also of interest so a large acreage was planted.

Many of those were taken out before they bore much and later all were removed because they were a poor variety and harvest came too late. There also several acres of apples and they did not last too long.



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Cherries and prunes provided much of their livelihood. A variety of field crops were grown including wheat, oats, barley, common and hairy vetch, red and crimson clover, and alfalfa and other grasses mostly for hay. At first only horses were available but the tractors were invented and they came into use. The first one was a Samson, a three wheeler and built low for orchard work. Then there was a Fordson, and a Caterpillar, Caterpillars and John Deere. As the family of four girls and one boy grew they helped where necessary. Eventually he took over the operation of the farm. He hired help as needed and he aged <sup>he</sup> found it necessary to lease out the farming ground. He retained control of the pasture and woods. At first he milked a few Jersey cows since they were in his blood since the family came to Oregon in 1891. To make better use of the feed grains on the farm hogs were also raised. From time to time some chickens were kept.

The house was quite new since the former one had burned down. It had four bedrooms upstairs, a bedroom, living room, dining room, and another room downstairs. The kitchen was off to the north side and quite small. When the family grew a large family room and two storage type rooms were added.

The barn was constructed with large beams mortised together and secured by wooden pins. The outside walls were vertical shiplap. There was space for five horses, space for three cows, and large bins for grain storage. The hay loft stored about twenty tons of hay. There was a carrier to raise and transport the hay. Also an apron dryer was to handle the crops. This was modernized several times.

When my father ran into conflicts because of name similarity  
he started using the middle initial to avoid confusion. I don't  
think it was ever legally added.

David Peters

Jabez J. Thurston, single, and Samuel T. Thurston and Wife

to

No. 1032.

David Peters.

THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH; That Jabez J. Thurston, an unmarried man, of Suver, Polk County, Oregon, and Samuel Thurston and Marian Blanche Thurston, his wife, of Crawfordville, Linn County, Oregon, for the consideration of the sum of Eight Thousand (\$8,000.00) Dollars, to them paid, have bargained and sold and by these presents do bargain, sell and convey unto David Peters, of Perrydale, Polk County, Oregon, the following described premises, to wit:

Beginning at a point in the County Road leading from Dallas to Salem, said point being twenty-nine(29)chains North from the Southeast corner of the Donation Land Claim of F. W. C. Brown and Wife, Notification No. 1855<sup>claim</sup> No. 84, in Township seven(7)South, Range five(5) West of the Willamette Meridian, in Polk County, State of Oregon, and running thence East fifteen(15) chains and forty-seven(47)links; thence North fifteen(15)chains and eleven(11)links; thence West five(5)chains, thence North ten(10)chains; thence East five(5)chains; thence North fifty (50)chains and eighty-nine(89) links; thence West ~~thirty~~ thirty-six(36)chains and forty-five(45)links, thence South forty-six (46) chains; thence East ten(10)chains; thence South nineteen(19)chains and eighty-nine(89)links, and thence South sixty-four(64)degrees East eleven(11)chains and twenty-nine(29)links to the place of beginning, containing two hundred and twenty-two and forty-five one-hundredths (222.45) acres, more or less.

Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in anywise appertaining.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said premises, with their appurtenances, unto the said David Peters, his heirs and assigns forever.

And the said Jabez J. Thurston and Samuel T. Thurston do hereby covenant to and with the said David Peters, 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, they have hereunto set their hands and seals, this 15th day of August, 1903.

Done in the presence of )

J. N. Hart )

L. D. Brown )  
As to Jabez J. Thurston. )

W. S. McFadden )

Nellie V. Skelton. )  
As to Samuel T. Thurston and )  
Marian Blanche Thurston. )

Jabez J. Thurston (Seal.)

Samuel T. Thurston (Seal.)

Blanche Marian Thurston (Seal.)

STATE OF OREGON )

County of Polk )

ss.

On this the 15th day of August, 1903, personally came before



THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH, That David D. Peters, a widower.

for and in consideration of the sum of  
Ten and No/100- - - - - DOLLARS  
to me paid by David Peters

do hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said grantees, as tenants by the entirety and not as tenants in community property, their heirs and assigns, all the following real property, with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances, situated in the County of Polk, State of Oregon, bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

A part of the Donation Land Claim of W. C. Brown and wife, Notification No. 1955, Claim No. 64 and a part of the Donation Land Claim of T. J. Lovelady and wife, Claim No. 65, Notification No. 1967 in Township 7 South, Range 5 West of the Willamette Meridian in Polk County, Oregon, beginning at a point 64.79 chains North and 15.52 chains East of the Southeast corner of said Brown Donation Land Claim; thence North 36.14 chains to the Northeast corner of the said Brown Donation Land Claim; thence West 35.65 chains to the East side of the County Road; thence South 18.60 chains; thence South 88° East 7.95 chains; thence South 15.03 chains; thence West 25 links; thence South 1° West 5.60 chains; thence South 38° East 3.61 chains; thence North 4.50 chains to the Northwest corner of the D. D. Peters land; thence North 87° 30' East 25.50 chains to the place of beginning, containing 114.01 acres more or less. Also a part of the said W. C. Brown Donation Land Claim, beginning 53.83 chains North and 10.13 chains West of the Southeast corner of said Brown Claim at a stone at the Northeast corner of the "Enn's Land"; thence West 10.00 chains to a stone; thence North 2.95 chains; thence North 39° East 5.90 chains; thence East 3.50 chains; thence South 38° East 4.36 chains; thence South 4.10 chains to the place of beginning and containing 6.85 acres more or less.

Also, beginning at a point 29 chains North of the Southeast corner of the Donation Land Claim of W. C. Brown and wife, aforesaid, running thence East 15.52 chains; thence North 14.90 chains; thence West 5.00 chains; thence North 10.00 chains; thence East 5.00 chains; thence North 10.68 chains; thence South 87° 30' West 25.50 chains; thence South 29.67 chains to the County Road leading from Dallas to Salem, Oregon; thence South 64° East 11.29 chains to the place of beginning and containing 82.02 acres more or less, all in the County of Polk and State of Oregon.



TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said premises, with their appurtenances, unto the said David Peters

Heirs and Assigns forever  
And, I, the said grantor do hereby  
covenant to and with the said grantee,  
Heirs and Assigns that  
I, as the owner, in fee simple of said premises; that they are free from all in-  
cumbrances and that I will warrant and defend the same from all lawful  
claims whatsoever

Witness my hand and seal this 21 day of August 1948  
David D. Peters (SEAL)  
(SEAL)

STATE OF OREGON, } ss.  
County of Polk,

On this the 21 day of August 1948 before me, a Notary Public  
the undersigned officer, personally appeared David D. Peters, a widower,

known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be the person, whose name is subscribed to the within  
instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same for the purposes therein contained.  
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal

John D. Egan  
My Commission Expires 4/1/1950

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# Warranty Deed

David D. Peters

To

David Peters

STATE OF OREGON, } ss.  
County of Polk

I certify that the within instrument was  
received for record on the 14 day  
of August 1948  
at 3:45 o'clock P. M. and recorded  
in Book 173 on Page 712  
Record of Deeds for said County.

Witness my hand and Seal of County  
Clerk

Betty Adams County Clerk  
By John D. Egan Deputy

RETURN TO

David Peters  
Box 568  
Wallace Oregon

2cc

DAVID & SUSAN PETERS

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& RANCH

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CENTURY FARM & RANCH PROGRAM

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