

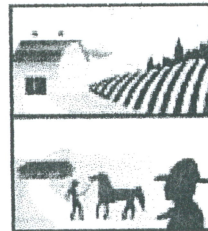
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James T. Richardson

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Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation



Century Farm & Ranch Program Application

Date June 9, 2004

Type of designation (please check) Century Farm Century Ranch

Legal owner's name James T. Richardson

(Please attach contact information if other than legal owner)
Redacted for Privacy

Mailing address Redacted for Privacy

Telephone Redacted for Privacy E-mail address Redacted for Privacy

County Linn Location of farm or ranch (distance from nearest town) Scio - 8 miles

Redacted for Privacy

Township 10 (ten) Range 1 (one) Section 15 and 16

Original family owner(s) or founder(s) Charles W. Richardson

Date (year) this farm or ranch was acquired by founder(s) 1874
(Attach verifying documentation, see qualification #7)

Founder(s) came to Oregon from Illinois

Who farms or ranches the land today? Applicant

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

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 feed, other grain,

vegetables, cattle, other livestock and timber

What is raised on the farm or ranch today? Today the property is being utilized as a tree farm.

How many generations live on the farm or ranch today? NONE - nobody resides on

Please list names and birth years the property

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, James T. Richardson,
hereby affirm and declare that the farm or ranch which I own at Redacted for Privacy
in the County of LINN
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.

James T. Richardson June 9, 2004
Signature of Owner Date

Certification by Notary Public

State of Oregon
County of MULTNOMAH

Be it remembered, that on this 9th day of JUNE, 2004, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, personally appeared the within named JAMES T. RICHARDSON, known to me to be the identical individual described in and who executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that JAMES T. RICHARDSON 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.



Julie M. Markezich
Notary Public for Oregon
My Commission Expires 2-22-08

Fees	
Application Fee <i>(includes one certificate)</i>	\$ <u>50.00</u>
Additional Certificates (\$15 each)	\$ <u>30.00</u>
Total enclosed	\$ <u>80.00</u>

*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. _____

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION IN SUPPORT OF
CENTURY FARM APPLICATION
OF JAMES T. RICHARDSON

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[Redacted]

The Richardson family property located at [Redacted for Privacy] was initially acquired by Charles W. Richardson (my great grandfather) on August 1, 1874. Pursuant to the Homestead Act, he was issued Homestead Certificate Number 423 for 160 acres. Subsequent to that time he purchased adjacent parcels, which increased the total size of the property to approximately 340 acres. This property has been in the family since its initial acquisition and has been farmed and ranched continuously.

Charles Richardson was born July 25, 1839 in Adams County, Illinois. He came west over the Oregon Trail, arriving in 1851. Susan Ray, my great grandmother, was born June 24, 1842 in Ohio. At some point she moved to Missouri and then came west with her father to Oregon at the age of eleven. My great grandparents were married September 9, 1860 in Linn County. They had five children: Virgil (1861-1935), Thomas – my grandfather (1865-1954), Louisa (1866-1898), George (1867- 1891) and Ada Elizabeth –known as Addie (1869-1953).

The Charles Richardson's lived on the property and actively farmed it. Crops were grown, an orchard was planted, timber was maintained and harvested and pasture land was utilized for cattle. Over time, all of the children except for Addie moved away from the property. On February 3, 1903, Addie married Eli DeLong in Linn County. Mr. DeLong began to take over the management of the property. After the death of Charles Richardson on September 9, 1910 (his 50th wedding anniversary), the DeLongs moved into the family home and took care of Susan Richardson until her death on March 7, 1923.

Eli and Addie DeLong had two children. Twin girls (Hazel and Maysel) were born June 25, 1904 in Scio. Both girls grew up on the farm and both ultimately went to the Normal School in Monmouth and became elementary school teachers. By this time, my grandfather Thomas Richardson had married Mary Woodmansee (a Scio resident whose former husband had died from injuries suffered in fighting a fire). They had a son – my father – Verlin C. Richardson, who was born March 11, 1907 in Scio. My father stayed in close contact with the DeLong girls over the years.

Sometime in the early 1920's, a neighbor boy, Francis Fraba, began to work on the farm. Except for his absence for military service in World War II, he continued to work for the family and ultimately helped manage the property with Hazel Wirth until his death in 1999. Hazel and Maysel began teaching school in the mid – 1920's after completing their education. In this period, Hazel married William Wirth, a local man. They had no children.

Hazel and Maysel taught at local schools during this time and Mr. Wirth began to assume control over farm activities. This control increased in 1937 when Eli DeLong died. At some point, Maysel met Albert Eberhardt. He was a farmer and almost certainly was involved with the property. Maysel and Albert were married in the early 1940's. They had no children.

Unfortunately, William Wirth had been exposed to poison gas during his military service in World War I and his health gradually deteriorated, culminating in his death in 1944. In 1946 family money was used to purchase farm property in Jefferson, Oregon. Both properties were owned in the names of Addie, Hazel and Maysel, until Addie's death in 1953, when the girls inherited joint ownership of the properties. Albert and Maysel moved to Jefferson and operated that farm. Albert continued to assist in the operation of the Burmester property as well. Hazel lived on the family property from 1944 until her death in 1996 (except for the last year in a nursing home) and she began to assume direct control over farm and property activities, in addition to continuing her teaching career. Francis Fraba was involved full-time in farm activities from this point forward.

The Eberhardts operated the Jefferson property until Albert's death from a heart attack in 1962. Maysel continued to live on the property and leased the farm out until her death in 1983.

It is my understanding that Hazel and Francis operated the farm and ranch together from the 1940's until the mid – 1990's. Crops were planted and harvested, an orchard was maintained and timber was managed. Live stock was also raised. At the time of the settlement of Hazel's estate, 67 head of cattle were inventoried and sold.

In 1938, my father and mother (Verlin Richardson and Margarete Roche) were married. I was born in 1947. We resided in Eugene, Oregon and I have lived in Portland for most of my adult life. I married Gaye Bradley in 1989 and we have a daughter Megan, born in 1992. Gaye has a son, Ryan James, born in 1984. My mother died in 1991 and my father died in 1999.

Hazel was a very frugal and independent woman who had a strong desire to keep the property in the family. Because of her relationship with my father and the fact that she had no children of her own, she left the property to me at the time of her death in 1996. The Jefferson property was sold during the period of estate administration.

I continue to operate the property as a tree farm. Nobody resides on the property, nor is any of it leased to third parties. I utilize various independent contractors to assist me and I visit the site regularly. Financial statements are attached (prepared by Blumhagen & Co., P.C. – CPA's), reflecting operating results for the past five years which meet the financial criteria to qualify for Century Farm designation.

I intend to keep operating the farm in the current manner. My daughter Megan is very excited about the opportunity she will have one day to keep the property in the Richardson family!

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

JAMES T. RICHARDSON

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SCHEDULE OF ATTACHMENTS

Proof Required Under Homestead Act – Executed, Witnessed, Notarized – May 20, 1874.

Linn County Clerk's Certificate of Recording Homestead Final Certificate No. 423 (Application No. 1004) and Evidence of the Certificate in the name of Charles W. Richardson (two pages). The Clerk's certificate is dated March 11, 1889. Homestead Certificate No. 423 still exists, but it would be very difficult to copy.

Financial Statements – 1999 – 2003 for Scio Farm Property prepared by Blumhagen & Co., CPA's.

Legal Description of Property at Redacted for Privacy

Photographs of the Property taken in 1997.

Copy of Last Will and Testament of Hazel DeLong Wirth dated January 20, 1994.

Copy of Death Certificate of Hazel DeLong Wirth (D/O/D – December 22, 1996)

PROOF REQUIRED UNDER HOMESTEAD ACTS MAY 20, 1862, AND JUNE 21, 1866.

WE, William Burton & E. Burmester do solemnly swear that we have known Charles W. Richardson for Six years last past; that he is the head of family consisting of wife and five children by birth a citizen of the United States; that he is an inhabitant of the S¹/₂ of NW¹/₄ & N¹/₂ of SW¹/₄ of section No. 15 in Township No. 10 South of Range No. 1 East and that no other person resided upon the said land entitled to the right of Homestead or Pre-emption.

That the said Charles W. Richardson entered upon and made settlement on said land on the — day of December, 1867, and has built a house thereon a log house about 16 by 26 feet one and half story high, five doors & five windows toward roof planked floor, and is a comfortable house to live in and has lived in the said house and made it his exclusive home from the 22 day of February, 1868, to the present time, and that he has, since said settlement, plowed, fenced, and cultivated about thirty acres of said land, and has made the following improvements thereon, to wit: built a log barn, planted an orchard of fruit trees, has built some small out houses and has about 100 acres in pasture

Wm Burton
H E Burmester

I, Henry Warren Reese, do hereby certify that the above affidavit was taken and subscribed before me this 20 day of May, 1874

Henry Warren

WE CERTIFY that William Burton & H E Burmester whose names are subscribed to the foregoing affidavit, are persons of respectability.

Owen Wade, Register.
Henry Warren, Receiver.

423
Charles W. Richardson

State of Oregon,
County of Linn

I certify that the within was
received and duly recorded by
me in Linn County Records, Book
of Deeds, Vol. 35 Page 170
on the 11th day of March
1889

E. E. Davis
County Recorder

Filed at 1 PM March 1889

E. E. Davis
Recorder

Jordan (hand written)

Final Certificate No 423

Homestead Application No 1004

Charles W. Richardson
Oregon City Oregon

May 20th 1874

Sect. 15 - 10 S - 1 E.

June 22. 1874 apt^d
for patenting.
True

Patented August 1. 1874

Recorded vol 2. page
227.

1 S + E
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Legal Description of Property

Real property located at Redacted for Privacy

Tract I

The South half of the Northwest quarter, the Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter and the Southwest quarter of Section 15, in Township 10 South of Range 1 East of the Willamette Meridian, in Linn County, Oregon.

Save and Except that portion reserved by Oregon and California Railroad Company by deed recorded June 24, 1886, in Book 31, Page 43, Deed Records Linn County, Oregon.

Tract II

The East half of the East half of the southeast quarter, and the East half of the East half of the Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 16, in said Township 10 South of Range 1 East of the Willamette Meridian, in Linn County, Oregon.



Exhibit 8 Redacted for Privacy
Photo #1036-21



Exhibit 9 House on Redacted for Privacy
Photo #1036-16



Exhibit 10 Southeast corner of [Redacted for Privacy]
Photo #1036-19



Exhibit 11 Northwest corner of [Redacted for Privacy]
Photo #1036-15

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