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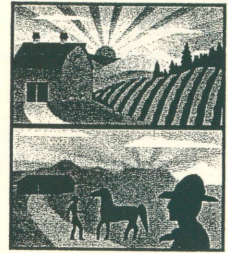
Raymond E. VanGilder

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Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation

# Century Farm & Ranch Program Application



Date May 12, 2004

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

Legal owner's name Raymond E. VanGilder

(Please attach contact information if other than legal owner)

Mailing address Redacted for Privacy

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

County Sherman Location of farm or ranch (distance from nearest town) 3 1/2 miles west of Wasco

Township One North Range Sixteen (160 EWM) Section SW Quarter of Section Twelve  
(12)

Original family owner(s) or founder(s) Milon (M.A.) Van Gilder

Date (year) this farm or ranch was acquired by founder(s) December 8, 1898  
(Attach verifying documentation, see qualification #7)

Founder(s) came to Oregon from New York

Who farms or ranches the land today? Raymond and Bryan VanGilder

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

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

If yes, please describe Only building that didn't get burned down is the garage.

History of crops or livestock raised on farm or ranch Over the years raised cattle, pigs and chickens.

What is raised on the farm or ranch today? Strictly wheat and barley at this time.

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

Please list names and birth years Bryan May 1956, Benjamin VanGilder Jan. 1990 & Chloe Nov 1993

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, Raymond E. VanGilder

hereby affirm and declare that the farm or ranch which I own at Redacted for Privacy

WASCO, OR 97065

in the County of Sherman

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.

Raymond E. VanGilder 5/12/2004

Signature of Owner

Date

## Certification by Notary Public

State of Oregon

County of Sherman

Be it remembered, that on this 12 day of May, 20 04, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, personally appeared the within named

Raymond E. VanGilder, known to me to be the identical individual described in and who executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that

Raymond E. VanGilder 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.



Linda Cornie

Notary Public for Oregon

My Commission Expires Oct. 20, 2005

### Fees

Application Fee

(includes one certificate)

\$ 50.00

Additional Certificates (\$15 each)

\$ 60

Total enclosed

\$ 110.00

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*

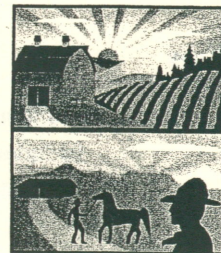
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MSS 1604 Program ID No. \_\_\_\_\_



# 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 and recognize Oregon's rich agricultural heritage. The program is operated through the Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation and partially funded through a partnership with the Oregon Farm Bureau, Oregon Department of Agriculture, and the Oregon Historical Society. All applications are added to the Oregon Historical Society (OHS) Library and 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 *Century Farm and Ranch Program* 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

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A \$50 *non-refundable* 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 \$15 each. Make checks payable to Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation or OAEF.

## Where To Send Completed Application Packets

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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

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All applications are checked for completeness by the project coordinator. They are reviewed in July by the Project Board. Following the review, all applicants will be notified about their status by mail.

## Honoring Ceremony

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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. The certificate has the name of the farm or ranch done in beautiful calligraphy and is suitable for framing (11 x 14 inches).

## Still Have Questions About the Program?

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Please contact Glenn Mason, Project Coordinator, at 503-297-5892 or [orcentury@juno.com](mailto:orcentury@juno.com)

*Note: A source to help you research a farm or ranch history, American Farms: Exploring Their History, written by R. Douglas Hurt, published by Krieger Publishing Co., Malabar, FL., originally printed in 1996, is available at some Oregon Libraries or through interlibrary loan.*



## BRIEF HISTORY OF VANGILDER FAMILY

### Wasco, OR, Sherman County

Milon A. VanGilder, son of a Dutch family, and trained as carpenter and farmer, emigrated from New York c1890 to Sherman County, and purchased 400 acres of farm land on December 8, 1898 (as recorded). There he erected a family house and barn. In 1904 he purchased an additional 200 acres from Isaac and Julia Maxwell. Included on the property was a small orchard. Mr. VanGilder also owned several three-quarter blood Percheron horses. Over the years, the livestock raised included cattle, pigs and chickens. Milon's youngest son, Bryan, worked the farm until his death in 1944. After Bryan's death, the property was farmed by his son, Raymond E. VanGilder. Currently, Raymond E. VanGilder and his son, Bryan, are working the farm. The crops grown are wheat and barley.

(From telephone call to VanGilder's August 6, 2004. spoke with Mrs. Raymond VanGilder)

of our subject, died in Nunda, New York, in 1897. The mother still lives at Perry, Wyoming county, New York.

It was in the old Empire State that our subject was reared until 1889. He became a farmer and carpenter, but came to Sherman county finally and purchased four hundred acres of land. In 1904 he increased the estate to six hundred acres. On this he erected a handsome, two-story house and large, well-appointed barn. This was in 1897.

March 26, 1884, at Nunda, Mr. Van Gilder was united in marriage to Miss Jennie Porter, a native of New York, born February 15, 1864. Her parents, Richard and Jane (Shephard) Porter, were also natives of New York state. Her father was a descendant of the old Porter family distinguished for many years in American history. David Porter was an American naval officer, born at Chester, Boston, Massachusetts, February 1, 1780, dying at Washington, March 3, 1843; David Dixon Porter was an American Admiral, son of the preceding, born at Chester, Pennsylvania, June 8, 1813, and dying at Washington, D. C., February 13, 1891. Fitz-John Porter, distinguished in the Civil war, and a cousin of D. D. Porter, was born at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, August 31, 1822. He was a graduate of West Point and served as police commissioner of New York city from 1884 to 1888.

Milon A. Van Gilder, our subject, has three brothers and one sister; Charles, in the ice business in New York city; Frank, a farmer at Nunda, New York; Elmer, a cement manufacturer, at the same place; Julia, wife of Herbert Kenyon, of Perry, Wyoming county, New York. Mrs. Van Gilder has three brothers and three sisters; James, a Pennsylvania lumberman; Albert, and Delbert, farmers in Sherman county; Othelia, wife of George Knox, an attorney in Los Angeles, California; Julia, wife of William Clark, a carpenter at Mount Morris, New York; and Inez, wife of Morris Nash, of Sherman county. Mr. and Mrs. Van Gilder have five children, Inez, Harry, Vernon, Bryan, and Darwin.

It should not escape mention that Fort Porter, at Buffalo, New York, was named after Commodore Porter, distinguished in the War of 1812.

Fraternally Mr. Van Gilder is a member of Taylor Lodge, No. 99, of Wasco, of which he is past master, the first master of the lodge, a charter member and at present master. He has served as delegate to the grand lodge of the state. Politically he is a Prohibitionist and as such has frequently served as delegate to the county conventions of that party. He and his wife are members of the United Brethren church.

Our subject has a fine, though small orchard,

and he owns several three-quarter blood Percheron horses. He is one of the solid, substantial business men of Sherman county, a broad-minded and liberal citizen in every respect. His residence is built in a very desirable and eligible location, surrounded by a spacious lawn which will, in the future, be irrigated.

**MILON A. VAN GILDER.** The subject of this biographical sketch is a prosperous and successful farmer living three miles west of Wasco. He was born in Livingston county, New York, November 4, 1854. His father, Hiram Van Gilder, also a native of the Empire State, born in Washington county, was a descendant of an old and distinguished Holland family. Three brothers formed what was known as the "Van Gilder Settlement." The father of Hiram was in the War of 1812; two of our subject's brothers were killed in the Civil war; Thomas and Eli. The mother of our subject, Juliet (Russell) Van Gilder, also a native of New York, born in Hartford, Washington county, is a descendant of one of the oldest New England families, a family that furnished two governors of Massachusetts. Hiram Van Gilder, the father



Malen Van Gilder

Inez Van Gilder  
Vernon Van Gilder

Harry Van Gilder Jennie Foster Van Gilder  
Bryan Van Gilder





This certifies, that on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 1898, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared the within named Wm. Moore & Laura Moore his wife, He & A. Moore & Louisa Moore, his wife who are known to me to be the identical persons described in and who executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the use and purpose therein mentioned.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand & Notarial seal the day and year last above written.



W. Stanley

Notary Public for Oregon.

The Oregon Mtg. Co., Ltd.  
To  
M. A. Van Gilder }

Filed for Record Dec 8<sup>th</sup>  
1898 at 2<sup>45</sup> o'clock, P. M.

Know all Men by these Presents, That The Oregon Mortgage Company Limited in consideration of One Thousand Six Hundred and Thirty-five (\$1635) Dollars, to it paid by M. A. Van Gilder has bargained and sold, and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said M. A. Van Gilder his heirs and assigns all the following described real property situated in the County of Sherman & State of Oregon.

The South-west quarter (SW<sup>1</sup>) of section Twelve (12) in Township One (1) North of Range Sixteen (16) East of the Willamette Meridian containing 160 acres more or less.

Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging or in any wise appertaining, and also all its estate, right, title, and interest in and to the same, including dower and claim of dower.

To Have and to Hold the above described and granted premises

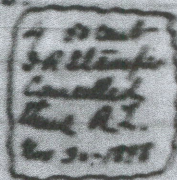


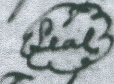
unto the said M. A. Van Gilder his heirs & assigns forever. And The Oregon Mortgage Company limited the grantor above named does covenant to and with M. A. Van Gilder the above named grantee his heirs and assigns, that the above granted premises are free from all incumbrances and that it will and its successors, legal representatives and assigns shall warrant and forever defend the above granted premises, and every part and parcel thereof against the lawful claims and demands of all persons whomsoever. In Witness Whereof, These presents are signed & sealed the 30<sup>th</sup> day of November A.D. 1898.

Signed, sealed & delivered in Presence of }

Jas White

John Bain



The Oregon Mortgage Company, Ltd.  
By R. Livingstone   
Attorney in Fact.

State of Oregon, County of Multnomah, ss.

On this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November A.D. 1898, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the State of Oregon, personally appeared R. Livingstone Attorney in fact for The Oregon Mortgage Company, Ltd. known to me to be the person described in and who executed the above and foregoing Deed as the act and deed of the said The Oregon Mortgage Company, Ltd. and acknowledged to me that he had executed the foregoing Deed for, on behalf of, and as the act and deed of the said The Oregon Mortgage Company, Ltd. for the purposes therein mentioned.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, the day and year last above written.



Jas White

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Notary Public for the State of Oregon, residing at Portland



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we are lawfull seized in fee simple of the above granted premises, that the above granted premises are free from all incumbrances and that we will and our heirs executors and administrators shall warrant and forever defend the above granted premises and every part and parcel thereof against the lawful claims and demands and of all persons whomsoever

In witness whereof we the grantors above named hereunto set our hands and seals  
this 25th day of November 1902.

Signed sealed and delivered in the  
presence of us as witnesses;  
Lizzie A Tooley; - Agnes Butts.

Adolph Sandrock (seal)

Sophia Sandrock (seal)

State of Oregon,  
County of Wasco, 35.

Be it remembered that on this 25th day of November A.D. 1902 before me the undersigned a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared the within named Adolph Sandrock and Sophia Sandrock husband and wife, who are known to me to be the identical individuals described in and who executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same freely and voluntarily.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and official seal  
the day and year last above written.

(seal)

Agnes Butts.

Notary Public for Oregon.

I.H. Maxwell, et ux.  
to  
M.A. VanGilder.

Filed for record Nov. 28, 1902.  
at 4.50, P.M.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, That Isaac H. Maxwell and Julia E. Maxwell, husband and wife of Moro, County of Sherman, State of Oregon, in consideration of Four Thousand Eight hundred dollars to them paid by Milton A. Van Gilder, of Wasco, County of Sherman State of Oregon, have bargained and sold and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and convey unto said Milton A. Van Gilder, his heirs and assigns all the following bounded and described real property situated in the County of Sherman and State of Oregon, to-wit:

The North west quarter (N.W. 1/4) and the East half (E. 1/2) of North west east quarter (N.E. 1/4) of section twenty six (26) all in township one (1) North Range sixteen (16) East of Willamette Meridian containing two hundred and forty (240) acres more or less according to Government survey.

Together with all and singular the tenements hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, and also all our estate right title and interest in and to the same including dower and claims of dower. To have and to hold the above described and granted premises unto the said Milton A. Van Gilder, his heirs and assigns forever. And Isaac H. Maxwell and Julia E. Maxwell, the grantors above named do covenant to and with Milton A. VanGilder the above named granted his heirs and assigns, that the above granted premises are free from all incumbrances, except a mortgage to State Land Bank for \$500.00 and mortgage to John A. Maxwell for \$400.00, which said mortgages said



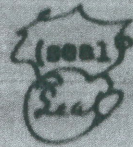
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grantee assumes and agrees to pay as a part of the purchase price and that we will and our heirs, executors, administrators shall warrant and forever defend the above granted premise and every part and parcel thereof against the lawful claims and demands of all persons whomsoever, except as against said mortgages and notes secured thereby.

In witness whereof we the p grantors above named hereunto set our hands and seals this 28th day of November A.D.1902,

Signed sealed and delivered in the presence of us as witnesses; C.J.Bright;- S.E.Driskill.

Isaac H. Maxwell



\$1.25, I.R stamps, cancelled.

Julia E. Maxwell

State of Oregon, County of Sherman, SS. This certifies that on this 28th day of November A.D.1902 before me the undersigned a Notary Public in and for said County and State personally appeared to within named Isaac H. Maxwell and Julia E. Maxwell husband and wife, who are known to me to be the identical persons described in and who executed the within instrument and severally acknowledged to me that they executed the same freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial seal the day and year last above written. C.J.Bright, Notary Public for Oregon.

Clark Dunlap, et ux, to Lillie May Murchie

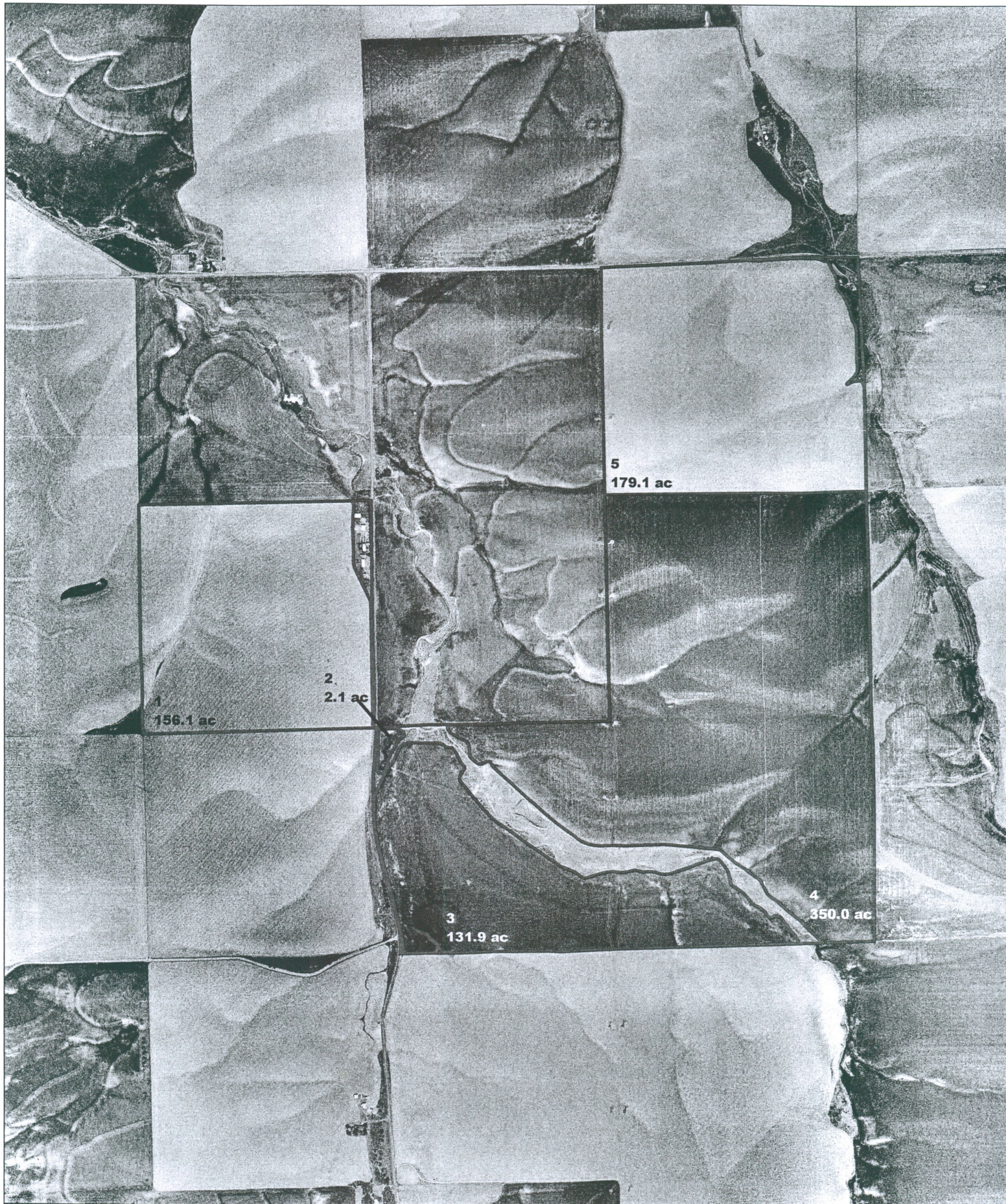
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KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that We, Clark Dunlap and Nancy J. Dunlap husband and wife of Wasco, County of Sherman, State of Oregon, in consideration of Three Hundred and no/100 Dollars to us paid by Lillie May Murchie of Wasco County of Sherman, State of Oregon, gave bargained and sold and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and convey unto said Lillie May Murchie, her heirs and assigns all the following bounded and described real property situated in the County of Sherman, and State of Oregon, to-wit:

Lots One ~~two~~ (1) two (2) Three (3) Four (4) and five (5) and Six (6) of block one of Dunlap's First Addition to Wasco, according to the plat of said addition to said Town as same appears of record in the office of County Clerk in and for said County and State, said lots being each Fifty (50) feet wide and One hundred (100) feet long.

Together with all and singular the tenements hereditaments and appurtenances therunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, and also all our estate, right, title and interest in and to the same including dower and claim of dower. To have and to hold the above described and





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**Farm 40**

**Sherman County**

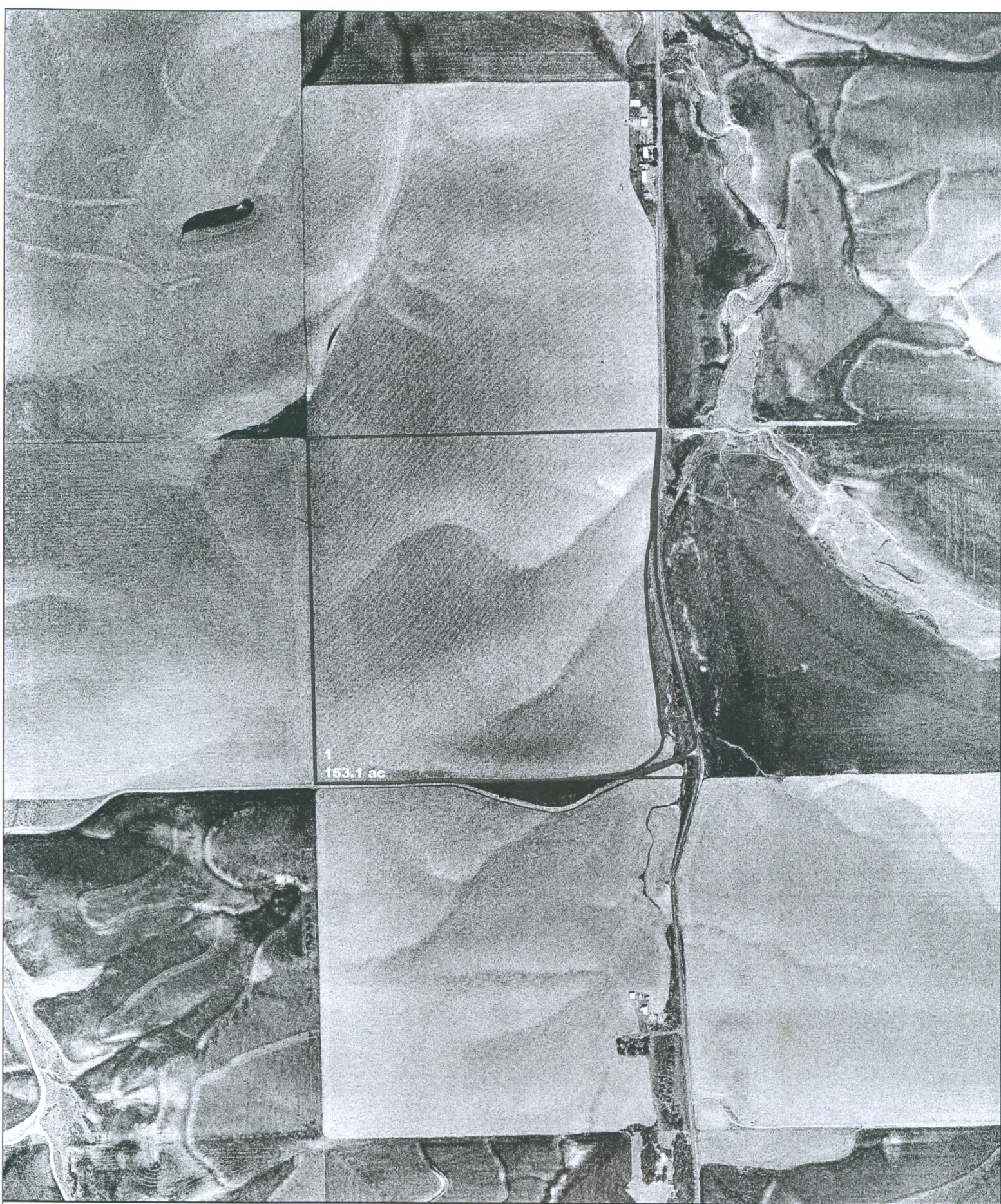
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*April 28, 2004*