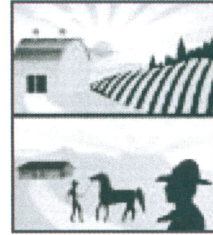


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Robert W. & Thomas E. Estoup

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Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation



Century Farm & Ranch Program

Application

Date June 25 2004

ESTOUP FAMILY FARM

Type of designation (please check) ☒ Century Farm ☐ Century RanchLegal owner's name Robert W Estoup & Thomas E. Estoup

(Please attach contact information if other than legal owner)

Redacted for Privacy

Mailing address

Redacted for Privacy

Telephone Redacted for Privacy E-mail address _____County Linn Location of farm or ranch (distance from nearest town) 4 miles

Redacted for Privacy

Township 6 N Range 35 EWM Section 28Original family owner(s) or founder(s) MICHAEL ESTOUPDate (year) this farm or ranch was acquired by founder(s) July 24, 1876

(Attach verifying documentation, see qualification #7)

Founder(s) came to Oregon from Bordeaux France Through California Thence To Ore.Who farms or ranches the land today? Robert W Estoup & Thomas E. Estoup CousinsRelationship to original owner (See qualification #5, please explain lineage) Great grandsons of MichaelAre any of the original buildings still in use? ☒ Yes ☐ No Listed on National Register? ☐ Yes ☒ NoIf yes, please describe one house and a barn are 2nd generation buildingsconstructed about 1895 original log cabin burned...Residence #2 constructed 1929 - Remodeled 1940 - photo enclosed.History of crops or livestock raised on farm or ranch livestock operation initially, then dairyinghay and grain crops later also poultry commercial asparagus plantingand some Prune Orchard. - Finally a custom pet boarding & groomingWhat is raised on the farm or ranch today? Purebred Shorthorn Cattle business.

Irrigated Pasture for Commercial beef Cows

How many generations live on the farm or ranch today? onePlease list names and birth years Thomas Edwin Estoup 10/22/48Robert Warren Estoup 1-15-31

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, Robert W Estoup (+ Thomas F Estoup),
hereby affirm and declare that the farm or ranch which I own at Redacted for Privacy
Redacted for Privacy LTN 6W Rn 35 EWM Section 28
in the County of Umatilla,
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.

Robert W Estoup
Signature of Owner

Date

6-25-04

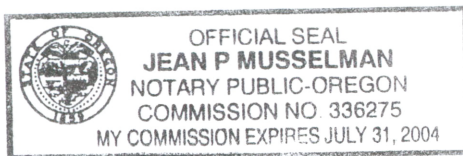
Certification by Notary Public

State of Oregon

County of Umatilla

Be it remembered, that on this 25 day of June, 2004, before me, the undersigned, a
Notary Public in and for said county and state, personally appeared the within named
Robert Estoup, known to me to be the identical individual described in
and who executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that
he (Robert Estoup) 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.



Jean P. Musselman
Notary Public for Oregon

My Commission Expires 07/31/04

Fees

Application Fee (includes one certificate)	\$ <u>50.00</u>
Additional Certificates (\$15 each)	\$ <u>15-</u>
Total enclosed	\$ <u>65-</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. _____



Free 6
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Residence #2 Circa 1980

Built 1929 Remodeled 1940

June 25, 2004

Mr. Glen Mason &
Board of the Century Farm & Ranch Program

Thank you for considering the application of Estoup Family Farm
for century farm status.

A question arises as to eligibility because of the gross income
requirement, from farming and ranching activities. Since 1975
income has consisted of yearly pasture rent and income from the board-
ing kennel and grooming business. Since 1992 income has been der-
ived from yearly pasture rent and rental income from residence
#2 (picture enclosed).

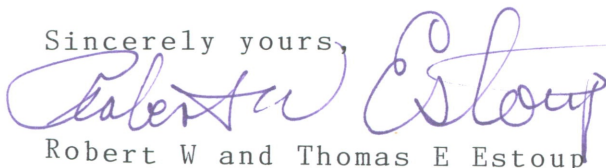
Operations have always been under family control and are constantly
monitored and subject to change at any time. Income is used for taxes
water assessment and general maintenance.

I realize this may be a stretch of the requirement but I am
hopeful that the past history and present circumstances will allow
you to give us the fullest consideration.
There are two additional considerations that come to mind.

First someone from one or both families has been in continuous
residence on the farm from 1865 to 2004 and second eligibility
could have been established as early as 1976 and as late as 1992
without question had it been initiated at that time.

Once again thank you for your consideration. We are
proud of our pioneer heritage and our attachment to the land
in Umatilla County and in the state of Oregon.

Sincerely yours,



Robert W and Thomas E Estoup

July 25, 2004

Mr. Glenn Mason, Project Coordinator
Oregon Century Farm & Ranch Program
8890 N.W. Ash St.
Portland, Oregon 97229

Dear Mr. Mason;

I received your request for more information yesterday and will answer as best I can. Size, scope and nature of the farm limits the amount of management involvement necessary, however operation has always been under family control and is subject to change any time.

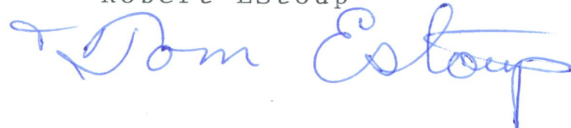
Tom lives on the premises so he maintains a constant awareness while I live 60 miles away in Hermiston. I am there at least monthly and we keep in touch on a regular basis. We monitor irrigation water use ensuring minimum use is maintained and overuse prevented, also that fences are maintained and pastures mowed. We are active members of the Fruitvale Water Users Assn. whose ditch runs as a live stream through the farm. In 1998 we restricted access by cattle to the stream and are allowing it to return to a more natural waterway. Tom maintains his portion of the farm and I attempt to do likewise. Some of the things I have done in the last ten years include tearing out old fences and corrals, cleaning out 40 years' accumulation of scrap and junk from sheds, painting buildings and roofing the house. Now there are two trees that need removing that will be done in the fall.

I hope that this explanation demonstrates that we are indeed involved within the limited scope of our operation. Thank you again for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Robert Estoup



HISTORY ESTOUP FAMILY FARM

Michael Estoup was born in Bordeaux France in 1833. He ran away at the age of fourteen and shipped aboard a schooner as a cabin boy. Where he LANDED And how he made his way to California is unknown but he made his way in the gold fields and as a teamster and freighter. Both gold and freighting brought him to Oregon where he landed in the Walla Walla valley in 1855/1866. He ran a freight line to the gold fields in Baker County. It was at this time he formed a partnership with Charles E. Lewis to run cattle.

February 18 1866 he married Nancy Johnson. Little is known of Nancy and her background except she was a colorful character who chewed and smoked a corn^Acob pipe. A disastrous winter in 1872/1873 wiped out the cattle and the partnership. Michael purchased half of the NE Quarter of Section 28 in July 1876 AND THE OTHER HALF IN December 1878 for \$800 gold coin. The gold was said to be hidden behind a loose rock in the chimney during the Cayuse war. The Estoups maintained a cordial relationship with the Indians. A main trail from the Whitman Mission to the Umatilla River ran in a southeasterly direction through the farm and a permanent campground was located in the southeast corner. Several graves lay along the route and artifacts could be found in the cultivated ground every spring.

Eight children were born and six survived. Of the surviving sons George and Frank stayed on the land. George married Elizabeth (Lizzie) Chapman in December 1895. A home was constructed and a barn built about this time and the young couple began dairying.

This home is still in use and the barn still page 2

standing. Hay and grain crops were grown to support the dairy operation. Two sons were born. John in 1903 and Warren Mitchel known as Mitch in 1909. Demands of family and a bank closure shrunk the original 160 acres to 60. John stayed on the farm and in July 1929 married Osie Black. A son Robert was born in January 1931. Mitch left the farm, became an accomplished mechanic and served in the marines in World War II. He married Ernestine Fiddes in 1934 and three children; Jerry Warren, Cindy Kay and Thomas Edwin were eventually born. George deeded $\frac{1}{2}$ of the sixty acres to John and Osie and the other half to Mitch and Ernestine. The farm was always operated as a single unit however. George continued to live in the home until his death in 1942. Dairying was the principle enterprise until after the war. Twenty five cows were milked by hand by George, John and Robert. Electricity came in 1937, a DeLaval milking machine in 1939 and a John Deere "H" in 1940. A commercial asparagus acreage of twentyfive acres a laying hen flock and a prune orchad were established. Truly a diversified farm.

After the war Mitch and Ernestine returned to live in the original house. John and Osie built the second house in 1929 remodeled and enlarged it in 1940. Cost to upgrade the dairy facilities was prohibitive (besides everyone was tired of milking cows) so the livestock operation was switched to Beef Cattle and a purebred Shorthorn herd developed known as "Meadowmoor Shorthorns. The herd was converted to commercial production when Robert finished at Oregon State and entered the Army.

John and Osie continued to raise cattle and ran a custom bailing operation. Later they established a well-known pet boarding and grooming business. After John's death in 1980 Osie continued to live in the house and operate the business until ill health forced her to leave in 1992. Robert settled in Hermiston to work with livestock producers. Semiretired now he hopes to relocate on the farm and develop it into a producing unit once again.

Mitch and Ernestine continued to live in the original house.

An untimely death took Mitch in 1957 and left Ernestine to raise the children the oldest of which was fourteen.

Both families were active and well thought of in the Fruitvale-Milton Freewater community. Ill health forced Ernestine to leave her home and shortly thereafter Tom and his wife Ruth located on the premises where they reside today.

This farm is one of the oldest under continuous ownership and operation in the Milton Freewater area and all of Umatilla County. Provisions have been made for successive ownership to future generations.

Charles E. Lewis

Deed.

TO

Mitchael Stoup

Dated July 24th 1876

Recorded at the Request of

Aug' 8 A. D. 1878

at 55 minutes past 8

A. M., in Vol. "T"

of Deeds, page 611-612 & 613

G. A. Hartman Clerk.
By G. P. Rosenberg - Deputy

Deed.

Charles E. Lewis

TO

Michel Estoup

Dated December 23rd 1878

Recorded at the Request of

Michel Estoup

Dec 23 A. D. 1878

at minutes past 9 o'clock

A. M., in Record "D"

of Deeds, page 406 = 7

J. B. Kearney
Clerk

Warranty Deed.

Michel Estoup et ux

TO

George Henry Estoup

STATE OF OREGON,

County of Umatilla } ss.

I certify that the within instrument
was received for record on the 10th
day of April A. D. 1897
at 11.05 o'clock A. M., and recorded in
Book 73 on Page 57 Record of Deeds
of said County.

Witness my hand and seal of County
affixed.

H. E. Nickers
Recorder of Conveyances.

By J. B. Linnerson
Fees \$1.00 No. 606 Deputy.

FROM THE OFFICE OF

E. S. Stover,
Million
Oregon

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Warranty Deed

George Henry Estoup, a widower,

TO

John H. Estoup and Osie

Estoup, husband and wife,

STATE OF OREGON,

County of Umatilla } ss.

I certify that the within instrument was received for record on the 19 day of June A. D. 1942, at 8:12 o'clock a. M., and recorded in book 164 on page 372 Record of Deeds of said County.

WITNESS my hand and seal of County affixed.

Jack Folsom
County ~~Clark~~

Recorder of Conveyances

By Rec #160 52028 Deputy.

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STEVENS-NESS LAW PUB. CO., PORTLAND

John H. Estoup
Wife
Umatilla
Oregon X

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UMATILLA COUNTY
RECORDS

After recording return to
Thomas J. Ditton
Redacted for Privacy

BARGAIN AND SALE DEED

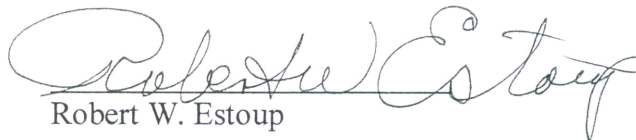
Robert W. Estoup, Grantor, conveys to his wife, Barbara A. Estoup, Grantee, an undivided one-half interest in the following property not as tenants in common, but with right of survivorship, it being the intention of the Grantor to create a tenancy by the entirety between Grantor and Grantee.

See Exhibit 'A' which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

The true consideration in terms of dollars for this transfer is \$0.00. Estate planning.

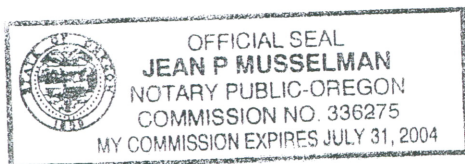
THIS INSTRUMENT WILL NOT ALLOW USE OF THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS INSTRUMENT IN VIOLATION OF APPLICABLE LAND USE LAWS AND REGULATIONS. BEFORE SIGNING OR ACCEPTING THIS INSTRUMENT, THE PERSON ACQUIRING FEE TITLE TO THE PROPERTY SHOULD CHECK WITH THE APPROPRIATE CITY OR COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT TO VERIFY APPROVED USES AND TO DETERMINE ANY LIMITS ON LAWSUITS AGAINST FARMING OR FOREST PRACTICES AS DEFINED IN ORS 30.930.

Dated March 31, 2004.


Robert W. Estoup

STATE OF OREGON)
) ss
County of Umatilla)
March 31, 2004

Personally appeared the above-named Robert W. Estoup and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be his voluntary act and deed. Before me:



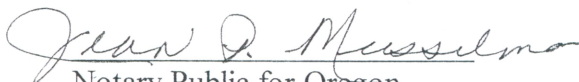

Notary Public for Oregon
My Commission expires: 07/31/04



EXHIBIT 'A' "

The East Half of the West Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; the West Half of the East Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter; the West Half of the East Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 28, Township 6 North, Range 35, E.W.M.

Also, beginning at a point 10 rods West of the Northeast corner of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 28, Township 6 North, Range 35, E.W.M., running thence Southwesterly to the line running East and West through the center of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section, said point being 20 rods West of the Southeast corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of said Section 28; thence due North a distance of 40 rods, more or less, to the North line of said Section 28; thence East 10 rods, more or less, to the place of beginning.

Together with all water rights and ditch rights appertaining thereto.

All being located in Umatilla County, State of Oregon.

State of Oregon)
County of Umatilla)

This instrument was received
and recorded on

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Office of County Records


Records Officer