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Carole Newtson William & Barbara Andrus Michael Kilby

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Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation

Century Farm & Ranch Program
Application
Date THIE 10, 2004
Type of designation (please check) Century Farm Century Ranch
Legal owner's name CAROLE NEWTSON - WILLIAM And BARBANA ANDIUS - KILBY
(Please attach contact information if other than legal owner) Redacted for Privacy
Mailing address <u>Go of Michael Kriby</u> -
Redacted for Privacy Redacted for Privacy Telephone E-mail address
County <u>UMATICA</u> Location of farm or ranch (distance from nearest town) Redacted for Privacy
or 20 Milis North of PENDLETON
Township 5 Noeth Range 32 E Section NE/4 of Sec 15
Original family owner(s) or founder(s) Newt Newtson
Date (year) this farm or ranch was acquired by founder(s)
(Attach verifying documentation, see qualification #7)
Founder(s) came to Oregon from NorwAy
Who farms or ranches the land today? MichAEL KILBY
Relationship to original owner (See qualification #5, please explain lineage)
Are any of the original buildings still in use? 🗅 Yes 🖄 No Listed on National Register? 🗅 Yes 🌋 No
If yes, please describe THERE WERE NO BUILDINGS IN 1904
History of crops or livestock raised on farm or ranch WHEAT - BARLEY - SUMMERFUR
What is raised on the farm or ranch today? WHEAT + BARLey
How many generations live on the farm or ranch today? $NONE$
Please list names and birth years

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

Redacted for Privacy hereby affirm and declare that the farm or ranch which I own at Redacted for Privacy in the County of UMATICA 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 June 14,2007 Signature of Owner **Certification by Notary Public** State of Oregon Umatilla Be it remembered, that on this 14 day of JUNE, 2004, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, personally appeared the within named MichAeL KILBY, known to me to be the identical individual described in and who executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that MichAel Kilby 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. Notary Public for Oregon **KIM THUI** NOTARY PUBLIC -My Commission Expires June 18, 2004 COMMISSION N Fees For office use only Date Received **Application Fee** (includes one certificate) \$ 50.00 Additional Certificates (\$15 each) Authorization Century Farm and Ranch Project Coordinator \$ Total enclosed **OHS Library** Make checks payable to Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation or OAEF 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.

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

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

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

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?

Please contact Glenn Mason, Project Coordinator, at 503-297-5892 or orcentury@juno.com

Note: A source to help you research a farm or ranch history, <u>American Farms: Exploring Their History</u>, 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. The first member of our family to own this farm was a young Norwegian immigrant named Newt Newtson. At the time of his immigration, he was Knud Knudsen but somehow in the process of coming to this country his name was changed. The theory with the most credibility is that in dealing with a local bank, the paperwork ended up with him signing as Newt Newtson. From that time forward he always used that name and signed all papers in that manner.

Newt was born in Voygie, Norway on March 20,1863. Times were difficult for young Norwegian men. For many years, sons in Norway had gone to sea on sailing ships but with the invention of the steam engine, fewer jobs were available. Agents from the U.S. visited Norway and told of the broad expanse of the country, and if you worked hard there was a pot at the end of the rainbow.

Newt and a fellow Norwegian, Salve Olson, immigrated to Umatilla County. Newt was 24 years old. In 1887 he homesteaded 160 acres between Vansycle and Juniper Canyon. This has always been known as the "home place" and became a century farm in 1987.

On October 14, 1891, Newt married Inger Jensen, a fellow Norwegian. Inger was born June 6, 1864. They became parents to six children. The second son, Jens, born on August 27, 1893 is the father of the present owners of this farm.

This farm, which we call Sandhole, was purchased by Newt in 1904 for \$4000 from H.J. and Grace Johnson. It consists of 320 acres. Although it is good fertile soil, there is about a five acre sandy area right in the middle of the half section. This is where all the buildings were erected over the years and thus became known as Sandhole. Newt acquired other property over the years and upon his death in 1936, each son inherited 160 acres. Jens inherited the North East Quarter of Section 15 and his older brother Newt Junior inherited the Northwest Quarter of Section 14 both in Township 5 North Range 32 East. The two brothers farmed this and other land together for the next 20 years. In 1956, Jens and his wife Gudrun formed J and G farms and Jens and Newt Jr. divided the land they had been farming together. Jens became the sole owner of all of the half section at Sandhole.

Jens Newtson and Gudrun Marie Omlid were married on January 1, 1930. Gudrun was another Norwegian that had been born in the U.S. but had spent much of her youth back in

Norway. They became parents of three daughters. Carole was born on August 18, 1932, Janet on April 5, 1939, and Barbara on May 17, 1941. Carole has never married, Janet married Michael Kilby on September 13, 1959 and Barbara married William Andrus on April 19, 1963.

Bill and Barbara Andrus returned to the farm in 1963 and farmed with Jens and Gudrun until Jens suffered a stroke in 1975. At that time Bill and Barbara Andrus and Janet and Mick Kilby formed a partership called Sandhole Ranch and leased Sandhole as well as

other property.

Jens passed away on April 20, 1976. His will bequeathed 60% of Sandhole to his wife Gudrun and 40% to his three daughters, Carole, Janet and Barbara. Gudrun was granted a life estate in the 40% bequeathed to the daughters for her lifetime. Gudrun passed away on June 18, 1999 and the remainder of Sandhole was willed to Carole, Janet and Barbara.

In 1986, Janet and Mick Kilby purchased the Andrus's share of the Sandhole Ranch partnership. Janet and Mick farmed this and other property until Janet passed away on August 19, 2000. Mick continues to farm the land today.

Wheat is the primary crop with Spring Barley at times to try and clean up noxious weed problems. So far it has been a summerfallow rotation. However, chemical fallow is being tried this year to see if it a viable option from a cost and yield standpoint. No doubt, in the not too distant future, summerfallow will only be used when combating weeds or other pests.

This is a concise history of Sandhole through three generations from 1904 to 2004.

H. J. Johnson start WARRANTY DEED. New Kentson Know all Men by these Presents, That St. J. Johnson and Free W. Johnson, Suistand and wife Perideton UmatillaCounty of State of Oregon, in consideration of Sour thousand DOLLARS. to thread paid by Hewtson of Pendleton Amatilla County of State of Oregon, have bargained and sold, and by these presents do ~ GRANT, BARGAIN, SELL and CONVEY unto said. Heart dewtson, hisheirs and assigns, all Almatilla and State of Oregon: the following bounded and described real property, situated in the County of ... The North west quarter of Section Fourteen and the North East quarter of Section Sifteen in Township Siver. North of Mange Shirty two East of the Willamette Meridiand Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining, and also all their 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 heirs and assigns forever. And A. J. Johnson and Frace M. Johnson huisband and wife the grantor & above named do covenant to and with Aust Newtson the above named grantee his heirs and assigns, that the above granted premises are free from all incumbrances except to yes for the year 1900 and subsequent years and that they will, and their 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 of all persons whomsoever. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, they the grantor & above named, hereunto set their hands and seal s this 22 nd day of October A. D. 1904 H. J. Johnson (SEAL) Grace M. Johnson (SEAL) Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of Trank B. blopton Walter C. Whitman (SEAL) (SEAL) STATE OF OREGON, day of October 24th COUNTY OF Unatella THIS CERTIFIES that on this A. D. 1904, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the said County and State, personally appeared the within named A. J. Johnson & Frace M. Johnson husband and wife who and known to me to be the identical person & described in and who executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same freely and voluntarily for the purposes and uses therein mentioned. Janso B blopton IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal the day and year last above Notary Public written. Notary Public for Oregon. State of Oregon Filed for record at 10. o'clock Q.M., Nor 23"

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June 14, 2004

Michael Kilby Redacted for Privacy

Dear Mr. Kilby:

This letter officially acknowledges receipt of your Century Farm & Ranch Program application and the appropriate application fee in the amount of \$50.00. Thank you for your interest in this award program celebrating Oregon's agricultural heritage and the families who have continuously worked the land for over a hundred years.

The Century Farm & Ranch Program board meets during the second week of July at which time they will review all applications and make their determinations. I shall be in touch with you about the outcome of that meeting by mid-July.

Should you have any questions, please call or email me.

Best regards,

Glenn Mason Project Coordinator