

CFR 1090

Margaret M. Tilbury

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## Century Farm & Ranch Program Application

Date May 29, 2005

Type of designation (please check)

☐ Century Farm

☒ Century Ranch

Legal owner's name Margaret M. Tilbury

(Please attach contact information if different than legal owner)

Redacted for Privacy

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

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

County Douglas Location of farm or ranch (distance from nearest town) 9 miles from Oakland, OR

Willamette Meridian  
Township 24 Range 4 West Sections 21, 22, 26, 27, 28, 33 & 34

Original family owner(s) or founder(s) Richard Thomas

Date (year) this farm or ranch was acquired by founder(s) 1863  
(Attach verifying documentation. See Application Qualification #7)

Founder(s) came to Oregon from Schuykill County, Pennsylvania

Who farms or ranches the land today? Margaret Tilbury

Please see  
"Estates",  
Exb, "B"  
attached

Relationship to original owner (See Appl. Qualification #5. Please explain lineage) Great granddaughter

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 (use additional pages, as needed) detailed in attached narrative, but has always been a stock ranch, first primarily sheep and then exclusively cattle.

How many generations live on the farm or ranch today? One. I live there part time and part time in  
Please list names and birth years Margaret Tilbury, born 1927 Portland

[ 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 next page.)

## Statement of Affirmation

I, Margaret M. Tilbury  
hereby affirm and declare that the farm or ranch which I own at Redacted for Privacy  
Oakland, OR, in the County of Douglas  
has 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 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. By signing below, I understand that I am consenting to the use of both information and photographs.

Margaret M. Tilbury 5.27.05  
Signature of Owner Date

## Certification by Notary Public

State of Oregon  
County of Washington

Be it remembered, that on this 27 day of May, 2005, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, personally appeared the within named Margaret M. Tilbury, known to me to be the identical individual described in and who executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that Margaret M. Tilbury 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.



[Signature]  
Notary Public for Oregon

My Commission Expires Aug. 28, 2006

### Fees

Application Fee  
(includes one certificate) \$ 50.00

Additional Certificates (\$15 each) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to:

**Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation or OAEF**

### For office use only

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_

Approved? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Authorization \_\_\_\_\_  
Century Farm & Ranch Program Coordinator  
**OHS Library**

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

THE  
THOMAS – DEAR  
RANCH

## THE THOMAS-DEAR RANCH HISTORY

Our present family is somewhat shakey on details about the history of its earlier members. Much has had to be reconstructed from sources that do not always seem congruent. Some vital statistics were lost when my great aunt tore out the page from the family bible containing birth information for preceding generations. She was acutely sensitive about anyone knowing her age, and for the rest of the family that sensitivity carried a price.

Richard Thomas, my great grandfather, was the original owner of the Thomas Ranch. He was born in Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania November 25, 1837. When he was sixteen he left to go, by way of Nicaragua, to the gold fields of California and for three years worked as a miner. In the fall of 1856 he left California and came to Douglas County (believe at that time it was Umpqua County). In his book "Umpqua: The Lost County of Oregon, Jerry Winterbotham said that what attracted settlers to the area was the "vast prairies of waving grass". He began farming outside the small town of Oakland and eventually put together land totalling 1700 acres. He married Sarah Hall Cozad in 1864 and they built a large beautifully crafted house on the property which burned about the turn of the century. Its loss was reported and the house described in an article in the Oregon Historical Society. Supplies to the property were regularly taken up the Calapooia River from Oakland and then on to the ranch with horses which had been tied for them at the docking site. The system ran afoul when Indians discovered the routine and made off first with the horses and then with the supplies.

When the main house burned, Richard took his wife and young children into Oakland leaving the "hands" to look after the ranch and stock. He built a hotel in Old Town Oakland and managed to keep both the hotel and ranch operating profitably until a second disastrous fire destroyed the original Oakland town site. The town then moved a mile and a half further south to its present site and with its rebuilding came the new Depot Hotel which eventually became the Thomas Hotel.

On the ranch the family raised sheep, turkeys and, always, horses. Sarah's father, Dr. Langley Hall, brought long-wooled Leicestershire sheep from England. They were the first brought to the "Western Country", and the first wool of its

kind ever sold in Chicago.\*

The ranch has always been timbered on the hills, and, for some of the early buildings the lumber came from a small sawmill on the property. When I was a child there were still remnants of that operation, but today there is no trace left.

Timber still covers about one third of the ranch. Below the timber is some oak savanah and uncultivated grazing land. The balance of the property today is in permanent pasture divided into about thirty paddocks for the rotational grazing of cattle. During the time my great aunt Mary (the one who was age-sensitive) oversaw operations, it was exclusively a sheep ranch. For almost thirty years she had a wonderful Basque manage that stock operation. With her death in 1964 my parents, Maurice and Elizabeth Dear who had been helping her as her health failed, converted the ranch to cattle. They ran a commercial cow/calf operation with Herefords. With my father's death in 1982, I assumed management of the ranch. Today I run about 250 head of commercial cross breed cattle in a cow/calf operation and usually a truckload (60 to 62) feeders.

Since inheriting from my parents, my husband and I added adjoining land as it became available and now the ranch includes about 2500 acres. Each year I do some logging. We operate under a Stewardship program that qualifies ours as Certified Lumber. Each log intended for harvest is individually marked by my timber manager with no clear cutting. We have logged under this system for 25 years<sup>and</sup>, the volumn has increased by 20%

For about eight years we had 20,000 Christmas trees which for a small grower must be one of the world's most miserable businesses. The young trees are attractive to both deer and rabbits, insects, and, oddly, they are susceptible to a fungus transmitted by ferns - of which we have an abundance. The ferns don't seem to suffer from the fungus, but the 20,000 trees had to be sprayed - twice. One cycle of the Christmas tree business was eight years of loss and stress.

\*From The History of the Hall Family from 1761 to 1969 by J. V. Chenoweth in the Douglas County Historical Museum Library.

Last fall (2004) I began a program of land clearing on a new 320 acre parcel which adjoins the ranch to the east. One of the worst problems we contend with in Driver Valley is the aggressive growth of hawthorn. It was brought in by the English settlers, my people, to serve as hedgerows, and it is a vicious weed creating fast spreading thickets with 3/4" thorns that will put out a cow's eye. Part of the new land had recently been logged before I bought it, and I have been dismayed to find how much has been taken over by hawthorn. Once the hawthorn has been dozed out a portion of the property will be planted to timber and the more accessible areas planted in permanent pasture. To date, this new parcel has been gated, perimeter-fenced and the clearing started. When the ranch passes to my daughter she will be the fifth generation to own the land. I am fortunate in that she loves the property as much as I do, and I believe her twelve year old daughter already feels the same. As I age there is something comforting in that continuity.

The legal passing of the property is given in succinct form in Exhibit B, titled "Estates" as part of the Douglas County Title Company Report which is included.

H I S T O R Y  
of  
T H O M A S - S C H E L L - D E A R  
R A N C H

Prepared June 14, 1988

by: Douglas County Title Company

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THOMAS - SCHELL - DEAR - RANCH

EXHIBIT "A"

All of the following parcels are located in Township 24 South, Range 4 West, Willamette Meridian, Douglas County, Oregon.

- A - Lots 1 and 2 of Section 21
- B - Lots 7, 8, 9, and 10 of Section 22
- C - The South half of the Southeast quarter of Section 21; and the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 22
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- K - Lots 3 and 4 of Section 28
- L - William Howard Donation Land Claim No. 44 in Sections 27 and 28
- M - The North half of the Southeast quarter and the Southwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 27
- N - Commencing at the northwest corner of the Elizabeth Johnson Donation Land Claim No. 45, running thence East along said Claim to the centerline of Section 28; thence North along said line, 40 rods to R. Thomas land; thence West to a point due North of the northwest corner of said Johnson Claim; thence South to the place of beginning, and being the northeast corner of Lot 5 of Section 28
- O - Elizabeth Johnson Donation Land Claim No. 45 in Sections 27, 28 and 33
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- V - Lots 3 and 4 of Section 27

"ESTATES"

EXHIBIT "B"

Estate of RICHARD THOMAS who died April 21, 1889, file #5, Box 28 of Probate Records of Douglas County, Oregon. He devised a life estate to his widow, Sarah E. Thomas, and the remainder to his daughters, Fannie Dear, now known as Fannie Von Dreathen, and Mary Thomas.

Estate of SARAH E. THOMAS who died November 27, 1924, Volume 160, #2026 of Probate Records of Douglas County, Oregon. Devisees to the estate were daughters Fannie Von Dreathen, Mary Thomas, and son Marion A. Cozad.

Fannie Von Dreathen conveyed her interest in ranch to Mary Thomas Schell and S.S. Schell, her husband, by deed dated June 14, 1926, and recorded June 18, 1926, in Volume 88, Page 234, Recorder's No. 65335, Deed Records of Douglas County, Oregon.

Estate of S.S. SCHELL who died November 6, 1937, intestate, Volume 210, #3530 of Probate Records of Douglas County, Oregon. His interest in the ranch was left to his widow, Mary Thomas Schell. There were no children.

Estate of MARY THOMAS SCHELL who died February 11, 1964, testate, #8082 of Probate Records of Douglas County, Oregon. Her interest in the ranch was devised to Maurice Dear, a nephew.

Estate of MAURICE DEAR who died August 9, 1982, testate, Case No. 83-62 of Probate Records of Douglas County, Oregon. His interest in the Thomas-Schell Ranch was bequeathed to Elizabeth A. Dear, his widow, and Margaret Tilbury, his daughter.

## CHAINS OF TITLE

PARCELS A & H - Patent from USA, Andrew Johnson, President, to Richard Thomas dated August 15, 1865, and recorded February 19, 1878, in Volume 9, Page 524, Deed Records of Douglas County, Oregon. (see "Estates", Exhibit "B" for remaining chain of title)

PARCEL B - Patent from USA, Grover Cleveland, President, to Richard Thomas dated July 20, 1887, and recorded February 9, 1888, in Volume 19, Page 460, Deed Records of Douglas County, Oregon. (see "Estates", Exhibit "B" for remaining chain of title)

PARCEL C - Patent from USA, Andrew Johnson, President, to Richard Thomas dated August 15, 1865, and recorded February 19, 1878, in Volume 9, Page 523, Deed Records of Douglas County, Oregon. (see "Estates", Exhibit "B" for remaining chain of title)

PARCEL D - Patent from USA, Andrew Johnson, President, to Richard Thomas dated August 15, 1865, and recorded February 19, 1878, in Volume 9, Page 524, Deed Records of Douglas County, Oregon. (see "Estates", Exhibit "B" for remaining chain of title)

PARCEL E - Patent from USA, Andrew Johnson, President, to Jacob Pitman (Donation Land Claim No. 43) dated June 20, 1866, and recorded November 17, 1880, in Volume 11, Page 612, Deed Records of Douglas County, Oregon.

Jacob Pitman and Rhoda Pitman conveyed their interest in Donation Land Claim No. 43 to Richard Thomas by deed dated November 12, 1864, and recorded February 13, 1865, in Volume 3, Page 80, Deed Records of Douglas County, Oregon. (see "Estates", Exhibit "B" for remaining chain of title)

PARCEL F - Patent from USA, Andrew Johnson, President, to James Weaver and Louisa Weaver, husband and wife, dated June 5, 1866, and recorded October 26, 1880, in Volume 11, Page 574, Deed Records of Douglas County, Oregon. (Donation Land Claim No. 42)

James Weaver and Louisa Weaver, husband and wife, conveyed most of Donation Land Claim No. 42 to Richard Thomas by deed dated January 7, 1863, and recorded July 30, 1864, in Volume 2, Page 770, Deed Records of Douglas County, Oregon.

James Weaver and Louisa Weaver, husband and wife, conveyed the remaining portion of Donation Land Claim No. 42 to William Howard by deed dated October 13, 1866, and recorded October 15, 1866, in Volume 3, Page 427, Deed Records of Douglas County, Oregon.

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Chains of Title - continued

William Howard conveyed his interest as to that portion of Donation Land Claim No. 42 deeded to him above, to Richard Thomas by deed acknowledged and recorded August 3, 1875, in Volume 7, Page 402, Deed Records of Douglas County, Oregon. (see "Estates", Exhibit "B" for remaining chain)

PARCEL G - Patent from USA, Andrew Johnson, President, to Richard Thomas dated August 15, 1865, and recorded February 19, 1878, in Volume 9, Page 520, Deed Records of Douglas County, Oregon. (see "Estates", Exhibit "B" for remaining chain)

PARCEL I - Patent from USA, Benjamin Harrison, President, to Edwin W. Smith dated May 28, 1890, and recorded April 14, 1893, in Volume 25, Page 110, Deed Records of Douglas County, Oregon.

Edwin W. Smith, widower, conveyed his interest to E.G. Young & Co., by deed dated July 7, 1894, and recorded July 9, 1894, in Volume 31, Page 499, Deed Records of Douglas County, Oregon.

E.G. Young & Co., conveyed their interest in said parcel to Warren McCauley by deed dated September 14, 1893, and recorded September 15, 1893, in Volume 29, Page 402, Deed Records of Douglas County, Oregon.

Warren McCauley and Mary E. McCauley conveyed their interest in said parcel, together with the East half of the Northeast quarter of Section 26, Township 24 South, Range 4 West, Willamette Meridian, Douglas County, Oregon, to John R. Richards by deed dated July 1, 1926, and recorded July 6, 1926, in Volume 88, Page 264, Recorder's No. 65520, Deed Records of Douglas County, Oregon.

John R. Richards and Eva M. Richards conveyed their interest in Parcel I, with other property, to S.S. Schell by deed dated March 8, 1930, and recorded March 8, 1930, in Volume 92, Page 203, Recorder's No. 79035, Deed Records of Douglas County, Oregon. (see "Estates", Exhibit "B" for remaining chain)

PARCEL J - Patent from USA, Andrew Johnson, President, to Richard Thomas dated August 15, 1865, and recorded February 19, 1878, in Volume 9, Page 521, Deed Records of Douglas County, Oregon. (see "Estates", Exhibit "B" for remaining chain)

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Chains of Title - continued

PARCEL K - Patent from USA, Andrew Johnson, President, to William Howard dated May 10, 1866, and recorded November 17, 1880, in Volume 11, Page 611, Deed Records of Douglas County, Oregon.

William Howard conveyed his interest in said parcel to Richard Thomas by deed acknowledged and recorded August 3, 1875, in Volume 7, Page 402, Deed Records of Douglas County, Oregon. (see "Estates", Exhibit "B" for remaining chain of title)

PARCEL L - Patent from USA, Andrew Johnson, President, to William Howard (Donation Land Claim No. 44), dated April 19, 1867, and recorded February 19, 1878, in Volume 9, Page 518, Deed Records of Douglas County, Oregon.

William Howard conveyed his interest in Donation Land Claim No. 44 to Richard Thomas by deed acknowledged and recorded August 3, 1875, in Volume 7, Page 402, Deed Records of Douglas County, Oregon. (see "Estates", Exhibit "B" for remaining chain of title)

PARCELS M & T - Patent from USA to the State of Oregon recorded September 5, 1908, in Volume 54, Page 408, Deed Records of Douglas County, Oregon.

The State of Oregon conveyed their interest in the Southeast quarter of Section 27, Township 24 South, Range 4 West, Willamette Meridian, Douglas County, Oregon, to Sarah Thomas by deed dated May 13, 1898 and recorded May 18, 1898, in Volume 37, Page 128, Deed Records of Douglas County, Oregon. (affects Parcel M)

The State of Oregon conveyed their interest in Government Lots 1 and 2 of Section 27, Township 24 South, Range 4 West, Willamette Meridian, Douglas County, Oregon, to Richard Thomas by deed dated May 21, 1872, and recorded February 16, 1886, in Volume 17, Page 186, Deed Records of Douglas County, Oregon. (affects Parcel T)

Sarah Thomas as Executrix of the Estate of Richard Thomas; and Fannie Dear and R.P. Dear, wife and husband, and Mary Thomas, heirs to said estate, conveyed the Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 27, Township 24 South, Range 4 West, Willamette Meridian, Douglas County, Oregon (part of Parcel M), to T.J. Medley by deed dated September 28, 1895, and recorded April 9, 1895, in Volume 37, Page 39, Deed Records of Douglas County, Oregon. (see "Estates", Exhibit "B" for remaining chain of title)

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Chains of Title - continued

PARCEL N - Patent from USA, Andrew Johnson, President, to Charles Jones and Candace Victoria Jones, dated June 20, 1866, and recorded December 8, 1944, in Volume 108, Page 503, Deed Records of Douglas County, Oregon.

Charles Jones and Candace V. Jones conveyed their interest in said parcel to Ralph Cocheram by deed dated April 6, 1866, and recorded April 26, 1866, in Volume 3, Page 333, Deed Records of Douglas County, Oregon.

Ralph Cocheram, a widower, conveyed his interest in that portion of Parcel N being the Northeast quarter of Government Lot 5 of Section 28, to Sarah E. Thomas by Warranty Deed dated August 12, 1905, and recorded January 30, 1907, in Volume 56, Page 219, Deed Records of Douglas County, Oregon. (see "Estates", Exhibit "B" for remaining chain of title)

PARCEL O - Patent from USA, R. B. Hayes, President, to Elizabeth A. Johnson dated June 14, 1877, and recorded February 4, 1888, in Volume 21, Page 14, Deed Records of Douglas County, Oregon. (Donation Land Claim No. 45)

Elizabeth Snider and George W. Snider conveyed their interest in said parcel to James Appleton by deed dated April 26, 1859, and recorded July 27, 1864, in Volume 2, Page 763, Deed Records of Douglas County, Oregon.

James Appleton and Mahala S. Appleton conveyed their interest in Parcel O to Charles Jones by deed dated May 6, 1859, and recorded July 27, 1864, in Volume 2, Page 764, Deed Records of Douglas County, Oregon.

Charles Jones and Candace V. Jones conveyed their interest in said parcel to Richard Thomas by deed dated August 8, 1863, and recorded July 27, 1864, in Volume 2, Page 765, Deed Records of Douglas County, Oregon.

Sarah Thomas, widow of Richard Thomas, conveyed her interest to The Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of the Northwest quarter (part of Donation Land Claim No. 45) in Section 33, to Ralph Cocheram by deed dated August 12, 1905, and recorded August 14, 1905, in Volume 50, Page 512, Deed Records of Douglas County, Oregon. (see "Estates", Exhibit "B" for remaining chain of title)

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Chains of Title - continued

PARCEL P - U.S. Patent not recorded.

The interest of M.A. Cozad, a bachelor, in Parcel P, was conveyed to Richard Thomas by deed dated April 23, 1884, and recorded May 1, 1884, in Volume 15, Page 311, Deed Records of Douglas County, Oregon. (see "Estates", Exhibit "B" for remaining chain of title)

PARCEL Q - Patent from USA, Woodrow Wilson, President, to Mary Thomas (Schell) dated June 21, 1916, and recorded June 5, 1926, in Volume 88, Page 221, Recorder's No. 65252, Deed Records of Douglas County, Oregon. (see "Estates", Exhibit "B" for remaining chain of title)

PARCEL R - Patent from USA, Grover Cleveland, President, to Oregon California Railroad Co., dated April 27, 1895, and recorded December 4, 1895, in Volume 33, Page 390, Deed Records of Douglas County, Oregon.

Oregon California Railroad Co. conveyed their interest in Government Lot 3 of Section 33, Township 24 South, Range 4 West, Willamette Meridian, Douglas County, Oregon, to Richard Thomas by deed dated July 28, 1885, and recorded February 16, 1886, in Volume 17, Page 188, Deed Records of Douglas County, Oregon.

Oregon California Railroad Co. conveyed their interest in the Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of Section 33, Township 24 South, Range 4 West, Willamette Meridian, to Richard Thomas by deed dated August 5, 1885, and recorded February 17, 1886, in Volume 17, Page 192, Deed Records of Douglas County, Oregon. (see "Estates", Exhibit "B" for remaining chain of title)

PARCEL S - Patent from USA, William H. Taft, President, to Lucius Tobias dated July 11, 1912, and recorded August 3, 1912, in Volume 71, Page 111, Recorder's No. 16574, Deed Records of Douglas County, Oregon.

Lucius Tobias and Nettie F. Tobias conveyed their interest in said parcel to A.J. Job and Minnie Job, husband and wife, by deed dated November 18, 1914, and recorded November 30, 1914, in Volume 74, Page 332, Recorder's No. 25253, Deed Records of Douglas County, Oregon.

Andrew J. Job, widower, conveyed his interest in Parcel S to F.A. Finley by deed dated May 20, 1942, and recorded August 6, 1942, in Volume 104, Page 229, Recorder's No. 25956, Deed Records of Douglas County, Oregon.

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Chains of Title - continued

F.A. Finley and Elnora Finley, husband and wife, conveyed their interest in Parcel S to Paul C. Trozelle and Clara B. Trozelle, by deed dated April 13, 1945, and recorded April 17, 1945, as Recorder's No. 40850, Deed Records of Douglas County, Oregon.

Paul C. Trozelle and Clara B. Trozelle conveyed their interest in said parcel to Mary Schell by deed dated May 16, 1945, and recorded May 23, 1945, in Volume 109, Page 525, Recorder's No. 41567, Deed Records of Douglas County, Oregon. (see "Estates", Exhibit "B" for remaining chain of title)

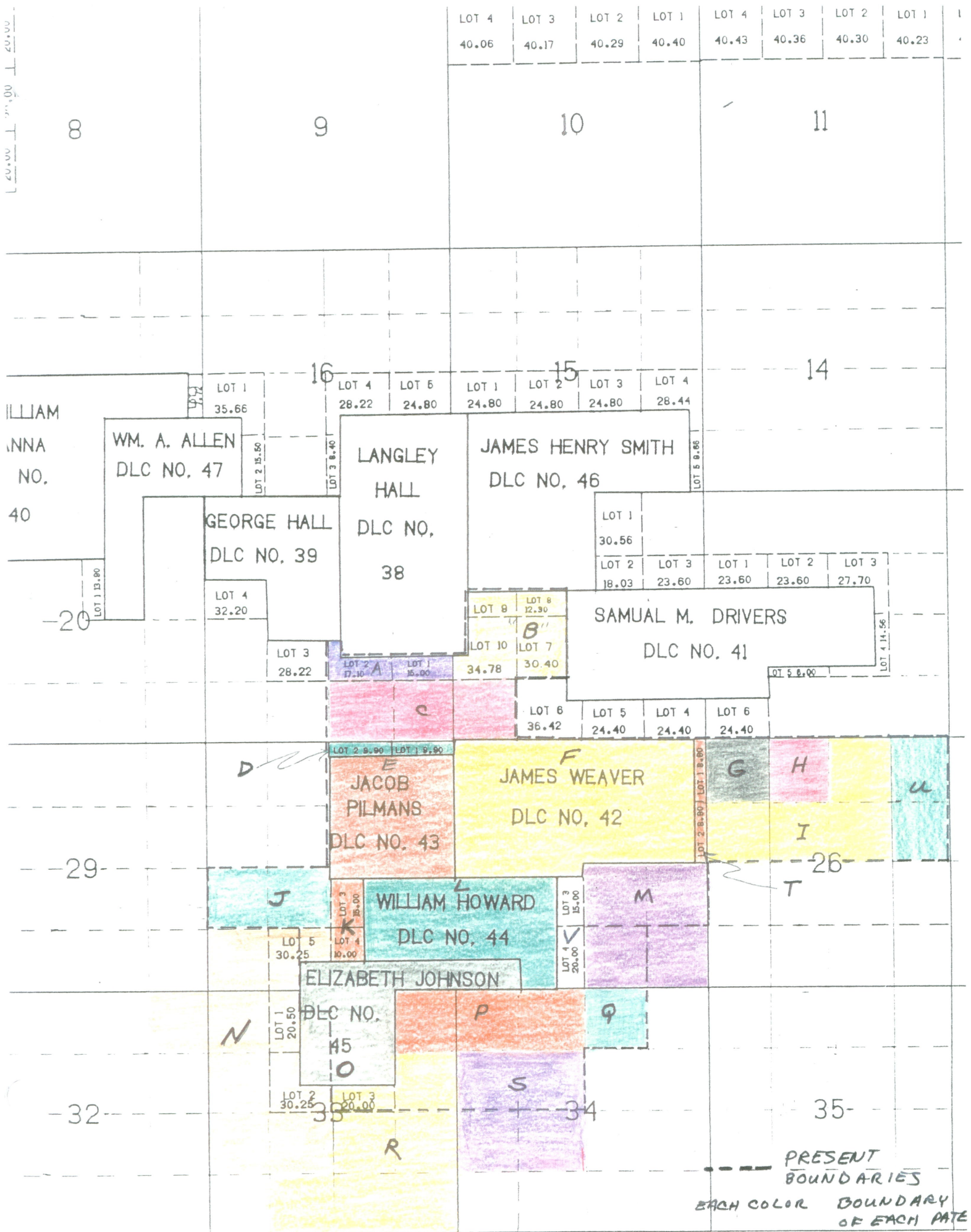
PARCEL U - Patent from USA, Theodore Roosevelt, President, to Joseph W. Longbrake dated April 11, 1907, and recorded October 9, 1909, in Volume 40, Page 438, Recorder's No. 5185, Deed Records of Douglas County, Oregon.

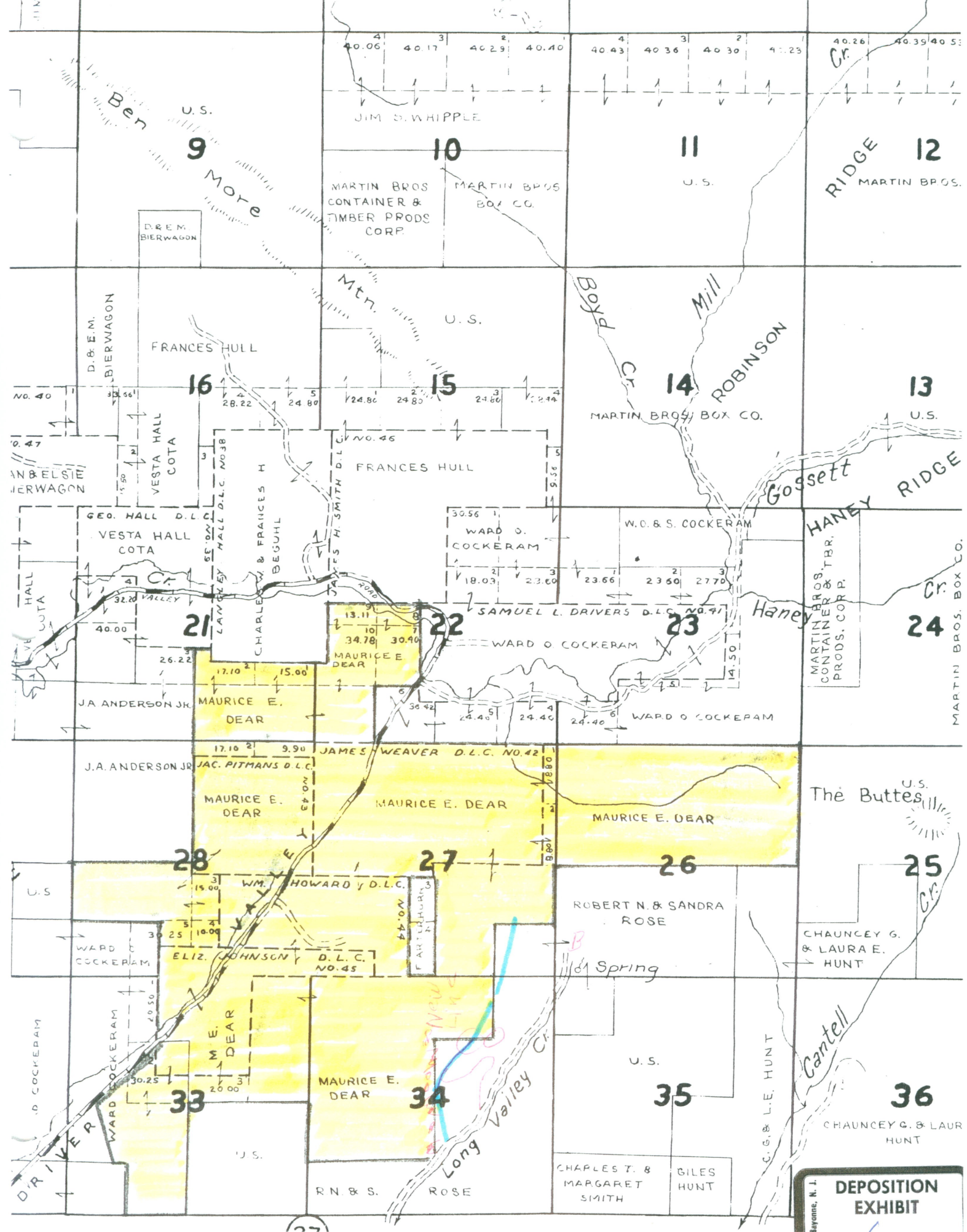
Joseph W. Longbrake conveyed his interest to Warren McCauley by deed dated October 18, 1909, and recorded October 19, 1909, in Volume 62, Page 543, Recorder's No. 5186, Deed Records of Douglas County, Oregon.

This parcel merged with Parcel I.

(see "Estates", Exhibit "B" for remaining chain of title)

PARCEL V - Owned by Dewayna Feller and Larry G. Arterburn, 3530 South Echo Tr., Plano, Texas. Assessed value is \$2,835.00. 35 acres, classified as forest land.







Sarah Hall Cozad Thomas, wife of Richard Thomas who was the original owner of the Thomas/Dear ranch. Photo is from the Oregon Historical Society. There is no photo the family has ever found of Richard Thomas.



Fannie Thomas Dear Von Dreathen, elder daughter of Richard and Sarah Thomas.  
The couple had only the two daughters, Fannie and Mary.



Mary Thomas Schell, younger daughter of Richard and Sarah Thomas.



Maurice Edgar Dear, grandson of Richard and Sarah Thomas. He was the son of Fannie Thomas, and nephew of Mary Thomas who jointly bequeathed him the ranch. Photo was taken during World War I where he served in the Mediterranean and off the coast of France. He was my father. Lucky me!



View from family ranch house looking south. Fields and timbered hills in background are ranch property.





New corral. Ranch houses and horse barn on far right of photo in the distance.



Stock pens at the corral as men get ready for branding.



Horse barn built in 1988



View from Driver Valley Road (County) which bisects the ranch. One of the haybarns in right of photo.



Ranch manager's house built in 1920's and remodeled in 1987.



Ranch manager, Stan Bowers, a nineteen year employee standing with "Ty" in front of a ready-to-harvest Christmas tree field.



Logging road overgrown in ten years.



New timber coming.



Ranch manager's wife in front of the family house with my daughter and granddaughter.



The end of the rainbow.