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Alfred W. & Dale A. Peters  
Deborah A. Vojtech

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# Century Farm & Ranch Program

## Application

Date 5-30-05

Type of designation (please check)  Century Farm  Century Ranch

Legal owner's name Alfred W & Dale A. Peters + Deborah A. Vojtech  
(Please attach contact information if different than legal owner)

Mailing address Redacted for Privacy

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

County Umatilla Location of farm or ranch (distance from nearest town) 13 miles North of Pendleton

Township 4N Range 32 Section 9 + 16

Original family owner(s) or founder(s) John H. Peters

Date (year) this farm or ranch was acquired by founder(s) 1902  
(Attach verifying documentation. See Application Qualification #7)

Founder(s) came to Oregon from Illinois

Who farms or ranches the land today? Dale A. Peters, Great Grand son

Relationship to original owner (See Appl. 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 \_\_\_\_\_

History of crops or livestock raised on farm or ranch (use additional pages, as needed) Dry land farm - wheat and Barley

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

Please list names and birth years Dale A. Peters 2-4-52

[ 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, Alfred W. Peters,  
hereby affirm and declare that the farm or ranch which I own at Pendleton, Or.  
Union, in the County of Umatilla  
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.

Alfred W. Peters  
Signature of Owner

6-9-05  
Date

**Certification by Notary Public**

State of Oregon  
County of Union

Be it remembered, that on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2005, before me, the  
undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, personally appeared the within named  
Alfred W. Peters, known to me to be the identical individual described in and who  
executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that Alfred W. Peters 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



Regina Hearing  
Notary Public for Oregon

My Commission Expires 9/19/07

**Fees**

Application Fee \$ 50.00  
(includes one certificate)  
Additional Certificates (\$15 each) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Total enclosed \$ 50.00  
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 Peters Farm thirteen miles north of Pendleton, Oregon dates back to October 1902. John H. Peters came to America in 1882 from Germany. The first few years were spent in Illinois and Indiana. He married Johanna Soldwedel on February 16, 1894.

In the late Summer of 1902 John H. Peters along with his wife and children, John W. & Margareta S., moved to Oregon where they purchased farm land close to Pendleton, Oregon.

In 1916 they traveled to San Francisco for the Worlds Fair. While at the Fair Margareta came down with pneumonia and died a short time later. This death devastated the family.

In December 1918, John W. married Goldie Groth, a teacher in the local school district. At that time John H. and wife moved to Pendleton, Oregon and John W. and wife took over the farm as a renter.

John H. died 8-26-1946, and the property was willed to John W. John W. farmed the property till November 1967 when he died. The property was willed to his wife and children, Harold and Alfred. John W. wife and son <sup>Harold</sup> took over



Farming the property till December 1974 when Goldie died and passed her interest in the property to sons Harold and Alfred. Harold continued to farm the property till June 1986. Harold willed his interest in the property to Alfred's children Dale and Deborah with a life estate to Alfred.

Dale, Alfred's son continues to farm the property. All the property is undivided with ownership in the Peters family. Transfer of ownership has always been done by will.



Hugh J. Bell et al.  
TO  
John H. Peters

# Warranty Deed.

Know all Men by these Presents, That *W.E. Hugh J. Bell and Zella R. Bell husband and wife*  
of *Athena* County of *Umatilla* State of Oregon, in consideration of  
to us paid by *John H. Peters* *Twenty-six Hundred and fifty* Dollars,

of *Pendleton* County of *Umatilla* State of Oregon, have bargained  
and sold, and by these presents do GRANT, BARGAIN, SELL and CONVEY unto said  
*John H. Peters and unto his* heirs and assigns, all

the following bounded and described real property, situated in the County of *Umatilla* and State of Oregon:  
*The North West quarter of Section nine in Township Four North, Range Thirty-two East of Willamette Meridian*

Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise 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 granted premises unto the said  
*John H. Peters and unto his* heirs and assigns forever. And *W.E. Hugh J. Bell and Zella R. Bell* the  
grantor *S.* above named do covenant to and with *John H. Peters* the above named grantee *his*  
heirs and assigns, that the above granted premises are free from all incumbrances *except a mortgage dated*  
*Sep 15<sup>th</sup> 1902 for \$1250 in favor of Charles Smith.*  
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 of all persons  
whomsoever, *except the mortgage above mentioned*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, *WE* the grantor *S.* above named, hereunto set *our* hand *S.* and seal *S.* this *20<sup>th</sup>*  
day of *October* A. D. 190*2*.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of  
*Joe H. Parkes*  
*Christ Breding*

*Hugh J. Bell* (SEAL)  
*Zella R. Bell* (SEAL)  
(SEAL.)  
(SEAL.)

STATE OF OREGON, }  
County of *Umatilla* } ss. THIS CERTIFIES that on this *20<sup>th</sup>* day of *October*  
A. D. 190*2*, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the said County and State, personally appeared the within named

*Hugh J. Bell and Zella R. Bell his wife*  
who are known to me to be the identical person *S.* 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.

*Joe H. Parkes*  
Notary Public  
Umatilla County  
Oregon

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal the day and year last above  
written.  
*Joe H. Parkes*  
Notary Public for Oregon.

Filed for record at *11:50* o'clock *A.M.* *October 20<sup>th</sup>* 190*2*

*Wm Johnson*  
Recorder of Conveyances.



Daniel Johnstone }  
John H Peters }

# Warranty Deed.

Know all Men by these Presents, That Daniel Johnstone and Margaret Johnstone husband and wife of Cass Bridge County of Dundas Province of Ontario "State of Oregon", in consideration of Seven thousand five hundred Dollars, to them paid by John H. Peters

of Reedleton County of Umatilla State of Oregon, have bargained and sold, and by these presents do GRANT, BARGAIN, SELL and CONVEY unto said John H Peters and unto his heirs and assigns, all

the following bounded and described real property, situated in the County of Umatilla and State of Oregon: The South half of Section nine (9) in township four (4) North of Range Thirty-two (32) East of the Willamette Meridian containing three hundred and twenty acres

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 John H Peters and unto his heirs and assigns forever. And Daniel Johnstone and Margaret Johnstone grantor & above named do covenant to and with John H Peters the above named grantee his heirs and assigns, that the above granted premises are free from all incumbrances

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 hand & seal & seal this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November A. D. 1902

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of  
S. S. Reveler  
J. H. Barkley

Daniel Johnstone  
Margaret Johnstone  
(SEAL)  
(SEAL)

Dominion of Canada  
Province of Ontario  
"STATE OF OREGON,"  
County of Dundas } ss.

THIS CERTIFIES that on this Seventeenth day of November A. D. 1902, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for the said County and State, personally appeared the within named Daniel Johnstone and Margaret Johnstone husband and wife

Notary Public  
Ontario

who are 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 use therein mentioned.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal the day and year last above written.

S. S. Reveler  
Notary Public for Oregon-  
Province of Ontario

Filed for record at 2:05 o'clock P.M., Nov 29 1902

Wm Tolson  
Recorder of Conveyances.