

CFR 1102

Wayne A. Pieren

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Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation

## Century Farm & Ranch Program Application

Date 05-05-05

Type of designation (please check)

☒ Century Farm

☐ Century Ranch

Legal owner's name

Wayne A. Pieren

(Please attach contact information if different than legal owner)

Redacted for Privacy

Mailing address

Telephone

Redacted for Privacy

E-mail address

N/A

County

Washington Location of farm or ranch (distance from nearest town) on Helvetia Rd.  
about 7 miles north of Hillsboro, OR

Township

T1N

T2N

Range

R2W

R2W

Section

4 33

Original family owner(s) or founder(s)

John & Elizabeth Pieren

Date (year) this farm or ranch was acquired by founder(s)

Dec 31st 1890

(Attach verifying documentation. See Application Qualification #7)

Founder(s) came to Oregon from

Switzerland

Who farms or ranches the land today?

Wayne Pieren

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

great-grandson

Are any of the original buildings still in use?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Listed on National Register?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If yes, please describe

Original house built in 1870 Barn and shop and  
wagon shed built in 1905

History of crops or livestock raised on farm or ranch (use additional pages, as needed)

Founder John  
Pieren milked cows, raised own hay and grain,  
along with chickens, pigs. John Pieren's, son Conrad Pieren (cont)

How many generations live on the farm or ranch today?

Three

Please list names and birth years

Clarence Pieren 1916

Wayne Pieren 1953

Sarah Pieren 1981

[ 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, Wayne Pieren Redacted for Privacy  
hereby affirm and declare that the farm or ranch which I own at Hillsboro OR, in the County of Washington  
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.

Wayne Pieren  
Signature of Owner

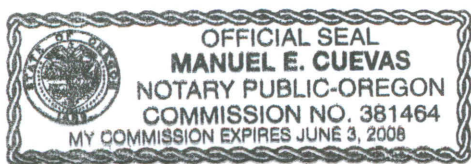
05-09-05  
Date

### Certification by Notary Public

State of Oregon  
County of WASHINGTON

Be it remembered, that on this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2005, before me, the  
undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, personally appeared the within named  
WAYNE A. PIEREN, known to me to be the identical individual described in and who  
executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he 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 JUNE 3, 2008

#### Fees

Application Fee  
(includes one certificate) \$ 50.00

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

Total enclosed \$ 50.00

Make checks payable to:  
**Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation or OAEF**

#### For office use only

Date Received 5-16-05

Approved? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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

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

also was completely self-sufficient on the farm milking cows, raising and harvesting their own crops. He was first to buy a tractor in 1941. It was a WD30 steel wheeled McCormick-Deering. Up until this time everything was done by horses. Founder John Pieren died in 1917 at the age of 75 years old. At that time my grand father Conrad Pieren took over the farm. Conrad Pieren died in 1968 at the age of 86 years old. The original house is still standing and was lived in until 1990. It was built in 1870 according to Washington County tax records. The barn which is still in use was built in 1905 and the old wagon shed and shop are still in good shape and being used. My father, Clarence Pieren purchased the farm in 1961. He raised hay and grain and run beef cattle but of course at this time he worked out on a job during the day and farmed at night and week-ends

Me, the fourth generation to own the farm purchased it in 1990 from Clarence Pieren my father. I raise my own hay and run beef cattle, raise a few pigs. Of course I work out also and farm on weekends and evenings. We usually have about a dozen cattle and sell beef and the extra hay. The original farm in 1890 was fifty-acres, a house, and a barn purchased for \$2550<sup>00</sup>. I have no record of what Conrad Pieren paid for the farm. Clarence Pieren purchased the farm in 1961 for \$5000<sup>00</sup>. I, Wayne Pieren purchased the farm in 1990 for \$130,000<sup>00</sup>. John Pieren raised five children on the farm including Alfred Pieren, John Pieren Jr, Conrad Pieren, Fred Pieren and Lydia Pieren. Conrad Pieren also raised five children on the farm including Ted Pieren Wilma Pieren, Clarence Pieren, Don Pieren and Pearl Pieren. Clarence Pieren raised four children

on the farm including Raytha Pieren,  
Wayne Pieren, Curtis Pieren and Ronda  
Pieren.

I, Wayne Pieren raised three children on  
the farm including Nathaniel Pieren,  
Andrew Pieren and Sarah Pieren.

Helvetia is a old Swiss settlement, but all  
that is left is a tavern-restaurant. There  
are very few old-times left and new people  
moving in all the time. Times are changing.  
Our hope is that the farm can be passed  
down to another generation, but we never  
know what can take place.

Sincerely,

Wayne A Pieren

05-05-05







Know all Men by these Presents, That I Benedict Thurnher

a single man

in consideration of Twenty five hundred and fifty <sup>99</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Dollars

to Me paid by John Pierce

do hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey to said John Pierce

his

heirs and assigns, forever, the parcel of real estate, situate, lying and being in Washington

County, State of Oregon and bounded and particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Commencing at the North East Corner of Section four (4) in Township One (1) North of Range two (2) West of the Willamette Meridian in Oregon, thence West twenty five (25) chains, thence South twenty (20) chains, thence East twenty five (25) chains, thence North twenty (20) chains to the place of Beginning, containing fifty acres.

Together with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging, or in anywise appertaining; and also all my estate, right, title and interest, at law and equity therein or thereto, including dower and right of dower.

To Have and to Hold the same to the said John Pierce his

heirs and assigns forever. And I Benedict Thurnher

do covenant with the said John Pierce his heirs, assigns

and all other legal representatives forever, that the said real estate is free from incumbrances.

and that

I will, and my heirs, executors and administrators shall WARRANT AND DEFEND the same to the said

John Pierce his

heirs and assigns forever, against the lawful claims and demand of all persons whomsoever

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 9/ <sup>th</sup>

day of Decembre A. D. 1890

Executed in presence of

David Wenger

John J. Kurath

Benedict Thurnher



(SEAL)

(SEAL)

(SEAL)

STATE OF OREGON,  
County of Washington } ss.

This Certifies, That on this the 31<sup>th</sup> day of December A. D. 1890, before me the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared the within named Benedict Thurnher a single man to me known to be the identical person described in and who executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same freely and voluntarily, for the uses and purposes therein mentioned. And

\_\_\_\_\_ wi of the said \_\_\_\_\_ on an examination made by me, separate and apart from said husband acknowledged to me that \_\_\_\_\_ executed the same freely and voluntarily and without fear, coercion or compulsion from any one.

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

John J. Kurathi  
Notary Public



Warranty Deed.

+ Benedict Thurnher

TO  
+ John Freeman

STATE OF OREGON,  
County of Washington ss.

I certify that the within instrument of writing was received for record on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of January at 1.15 o'clock P. m., 1891, and recorded on page 122 in Book 30 Records of Deeds of said County.

Witness my hand and Seal of County affixed.

Willis Waggoner  
Recorder of Conveyances  
By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy.

From the Office of  
John J. Kurathi  
Notary Public

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