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Lewis Farm Inc.

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Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation

Century Farm & Ranch Program Application

Date 5-20-2005	
Type of designation (please check)	
Legal owner's name Lewis Farminc. By Dan Lewis	
(Please attach contact information if different than legal owner) Redacted for Privacy	
Mailing address	
Telephone Redacted for PrivacyE-mail addressRedacted for Privacy	
County Washington Location of farm or ranch (distance from nearest town) 2 miles southwest OF Banks, OR	
Township IN Range 4W Section 2	
Original family owner(s) or founder(s) Franklin James Lewis	
Date (year) this farm or ranch was acquired by founder(s) <u>March</u> , 1905 (Attach verifying documentation. See Application Qualification #7)	
Founder(s) came to Oregon from Nebraska	
Who farms or ranches the land today? Jim, Mark, Dan Lewis	
Relationship to original owner (See Appl. Qualification #5. Please explain lineage) Grandson, Great Grandsons	
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) <u>Prones</u> , <u>Cherries</u> , <u>filberts</u> , <u>wheat</u> , <u>oats</u> , <u>barley</u> , <u>corn(sweet and silage)</u> <u>grassseed</u> , <u>clover</u> , <u>alfalfa</u> , <u>peas</u> <u>green beans</u> , <u>califlower</u> , <u>brocoli</u> , <u>strawberrys</u> , <u>raspberrys</u> , <u>black berries</u> , <u>walnuts</u> .	
How many generations live on the farm or ranch today? 3 Please list names and birth years James Lewis (1931) Mark Lewis (1957) Dan Lewis (1970	1
Marks Children-Jacky Lewis (1979) Heidi Lewis (1982) Sharon Lewis (1983) Sandy Lewis (1985) Children-AbigailLewis (1987) Alfred Lewis (1989) Dans Children-AbigailLewis (1997) Dianalewis (20	00)
[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, Daniel (Lewis

hereby affirm and declare that the farm or ranch which I own at Redacted for Privacy

Forest Grove 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.

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Signature of Owner

Certification by Notary Public

State of Oregon County of <u>Washington</u>

Be it remembered, that on this 31° day of M_{UU} , 2015, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, personally appeared the within named Daniel C. Lewis, known to me to be the identical individual described in and who executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that Daniel C. Lewis 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.



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5-31-05 Date

Notary Public for Oregon

My Commission Expires 10/31/2008

Fees		
Application Fee (includes one certificate)	\$ 50.00	
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Additional Certificates (\$15 each)	\$	
Total enclosed	\$	
Make checks payable to: Oregon Agricultural Education	Foundation or OAE	F

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Date Received 6-6-05

Authorization

Century Farm & Ranch Program Coordinator OHS Library

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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 administered 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, with acknowledgement by the governor of Oregon and the director of the Oregon Department of Agriculture. A metal roadside sign identifying their historical Century Farm or Century Ranch property is also available at the owner's expense.

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
- 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. If the entire farm or ranch has ever been rented or leased, it may not qualify.
- 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 completed. Applicants must submit additional descriptive information on other family history details not specifically requested in the application (two or three pages of narrative). Copies of historical photographs are encouraged. All information, including photos, 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 date of earliest ownership. This may be provided through 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 **June 1** of the current year. All applications postmarked by midnight of that date will be considered.

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 @ \$15 each.

Make checks payable to Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation or OAEF.

Where To Send Completed Application Packets

When you have completed the form and gathered the necessary documentation, please send the pages titled **Application** and **Statement of Affirmation** and your documentation, 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 form before mailing.)

Review Process and Notification

All applications are checked for completeness by the program coordinator. They are reviewed in June by the Program 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 certificate, with acknowledgement by the governor of Oregon and the director of the State Department of Agriculture. The certificate has the name of the farm or ranch in calligraphy and is suitable for framing (11 x 14 inches).

Still Have Questions About the Program?

Please contact Glenn Mason, Program Coordinator, at 503-297-5892 or 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 Lewis Family Farm Chronology

In 1898 Franklin James Lewis arrived in Oregon from Nebraska. He was looking for a new beginning. His wife, Minnie, and daughter, Elsie, joined him in 1900. In 1902 he settled in the Kansas City district of Forest Grove. Minnie gave birth to a son, Alfred, in that year as well. She gave birth to another son, Victor, in 1904. In 1905 Franklin purchased a 20 acre farm. In 1913 he bought another 26 acre farm and built his house and barn there. The house is still there today, inhabited by his great grandson and his family. A strange thing happened in April of that year. For some unknown reason, Franklin felt a business deal was going bad and someone was going to take his farm. He deeded the farm to a neighbor lady for one dollar for about one week. At week's end, she deeded it back to him for another dollar. Nothing further came of the issue. During these early years he raised crops of prunes, as well as grain and hay for his horses and cattle.

In 1925 Alfred married Marguerite. Their first son, Edward, was born in 1925 (he died in 1935 from complications of an illness). In 1927 Vic married Ruth. Also in 1927, the original wood-fired, up-draft prune dryer burnt to the ground. Therefore, in 1928, Franklin and his sons built one of the first forced air, oil-fired, Miller Dehydrator in the valley. This dryer is still in use today.

During the 1930s, the farm survived some very tough times by selling the prunes for one cent a pound and raising strawberries as well as grain and hay to feed the animals. Alfred had two more children, James in 1931 and Mary in 1937. By the late 1930s, they started raising turkeys—a very profitable venture at the time.

In the 1940s, Alfred and Vic were farming Franklin's land together as well as buying land of their own. Alfred bought 100 acres in "the bottom" along Dairy Creek for about \$100 per acre. On the hilly land around the home place they were clearing the land to grow more prunes and filberts. They used a lot of dynamite in those days to rid the land of stumps.

The 1950s brought farm expansion. In 1955 a cow barn was built and in 1956 a large turkey barn with a capacity of 10,000 turkeys. More prune trees were planted and more land was purchased. In 1953 Jim married Jean. In 1954 their daughter Jan was born. Their son Mark was born in 1957 and daughter Cindy was born in 1959. By the end of the 1950s Alfred and Vic had decided to farm separately. Alfred and Jim continued on together.

The 1960s were full of change for Lewis Farm. The Columbus Day windstorm of October, 1962 did significant damage. The prunes were late that year and most of

the fruit was still on the trees. With that added weight, the trees just fell over with the big winds. Most of the prune orchards were in ruin. Alfred and Jim planted strawberries and raspberries to provide income lost from the prunes. In 1967, Alfred and Jim stopped raising turkeys for economic reasons. Competitive farms could house 100,000 turkeys at the time and 10,000 just wasn't enough. The price had dropped significantly as well. In December of that year, Lewis Farm, Inc. was formed as a family corporation, with every member of Alfred's family a shareholder. In 1967 they dammed a small creek behind the prune dryer to provide irrigation water.

In the 1970s the farm expanded more. Jim's son Dan was born in 1970. In 1971 the prune dryer was expanded from four tracks to ten tracks. With that increased drying capacity more prunes could be harvested. This lead to the purchase of the farm's first mechanized prune harvester. Many other crops were introduced during the 1970s. These included broccoli, cauliflower, green beans and sweet corn, as well as the existing wheat, red clover, alfalfa, raspberries and strawberries. Looking for another niche crop, Jim created a large bunker silo in 1976 and started growing corn for silage. He developed a market for his feed in Tillamook County. At the time he had no idea he was creating something that would be the backbone of the farm to this day. Towards the end of the 1970s Mark started working on the farm full time. He married Sue in 1979 and they had their first daughter, Jacky, in December of that year.

The 1980s started out bad. Watching Mount St. Helens erupt was fascinating until the June eruption that covered the berries, trees and other crops with inches of ash. The strawberry harvest was half over when the ash fell but the raspberries were just ripening. The crop was ruined. That was the last year for berries on the farm. The trees had so much ash on them that Jim hired a helicopter to fly over and blow the ash off the branches. It worked well until the abrasiveness of the ash caused the helicopter to falter and eventually crash. Luckily the pilot was not harmed. The residual effects of the eruptions included a significant amount of excess wear and tear on many parts of the tractors, forage harvester, combine and flail. On a good note, 1980 was the first year the farm started using a Hesston big baler for hay and custom baling wheat straw. In 1982 Vic retired and he and Ruth moved to Forest Grove. Lewis Farm, Inc. purchased most of the land originally deeded to him after Franklin passed away. In 1984 Jim took over management of the Oregon Prune Exchange, the co-op that sold most of the prunes grown in the valley. During the 1980s Mark and Sue had five more children-Heidi, Sharon, Sandy, Marghee and AJ. In December of 1989 the barn built by Franklin burnt to the ground leaving Jim with another opportunity for expansion.

The 1990s were years of big growth. Dan was now working full time on the farm as well as Jim and Mark. The Oregon Prune Exchange closed in 1993. Jim took

the opportunity and opened his own prune processing plant in 1994 (on the site of the old barn). By 1995 Lewis Farm, Inc. was running a full circle operation for both the prunes and filberts (now called Hazelnuts). The growing, drying, processing and marketing were all done on the farm. The silage business expanded greatly as well, growing from about 10,000 tons per year to 30,000 tons per year by the end of the decade. We started custom silage harvesting as well, up to 10,000 tons per year. In 1995 our first sweet cherry crop was harvested. During the 1990s our first grass seed crops were harvested as well. Dan married Nancy in 1996. Their first daughter, Abigail, was born in October of 1997.

The new millennium brought more changes. Dan and Nancy had another daughter, Diana, in March of 2000. She is the last grandchild of this generation. On November 1, 2001 another major fire occurred. This time it was the old turkey barn (converted many years earlier to the farm shop) that burnt to the ground. In its place we were able to build a warmer, more efficient work space that will hopefully last for many years. We have added more diversity to the farm in order to weather years of bad crops and unforeseen problems. Jim is slowly retiring and Mark and Dan are taking over the operation. The farm is set to make it another century.

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel Lewis

Dan Lewis

Wm S. SMITH ET. UX. - TO - FRANKLIN J. LEWIS

THIS INDENTURE, made the eleventh (11) day of March in the year of our Lord one thousend, nime hundred and Five Between Vm S. Smith & Mary I Smith his wife, of the County of Free no, and State of California the parties of the fire part, and Franklin J. Lewis of Greenville Céunty of Washington & State of Oregon the party of the second part. WITNESSETH, That the said parties of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of Four hundred dollars 400.00 Dollars, lawful money of the United States of America, to us in hand waid by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do by these presents #Tant, bargain, sell, convey and confirm, unto the said party of the second part, and to his heirs and asigns forever all the ceptain lot, piece or parcel of land situated, lying and being in the County of Wash ngton State of Oregon and bounded and particularly described as follows, to-wit:

The North half of the north west quarter of the south west quarter, of Section two (2) in township one (1) north of range four (4) West of the Willamette Meridian, containing twenty acres of land more or less.

Together with all and singular the benemants, hereditam mts, and appurtemances thereunter belonging, or in anywise appertaining, and the reversion and rev raions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof.

To Have and to Hold all and singular the said premises together with the appurtenances, unto said party of the second part and to his heirs and assi as forever.

In Witness Whereof, the said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and delivered in the pressure of)
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STATE OF CALIFORNIA,) SS County of Presmo)

On this llto day of March in the year one

thousand nine hundred and five before me R. G. Harrell a Notary Public in and for said County of Presno, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared Wm S. Smith and Kary I. Smith his wife known to me to be the persons described in whose names are subscribed to and who executed the within instrument, and hey acknowledged that they executed the same.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal, at my office, in the County of Presno, State of california, the day and year in this Certificate first above written.

Notary Public in and for the County of Fresno, State of California My commission expires Dec. 23 1906.

Filed for Record March 17th A. D. 1905, at 1-10 o'clock P. M.

E. I. Kuratli,

Pecorder of Conveyances.

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ette Meridian, described as fol ows: Commencing at the S.W. corner of the N.W. 1 of Section 2 thence north 20 chains, thence east 14 chains, thence south 20 chains, thence West 14 chains to the place of beginning. Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise ancertaining and also all my right, fitle and interest in and to the same. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and beal this 23 day of April, 1915.

Grace Deichman

M. H. Stevenson

Signed, sealed and delivered In presence of us as witnesses:

E. L. Johnson.

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STATE OF OREGON, County of Washington , SS. THIS CERT	IFIES, That on this 23rd day of April, A.D. 1915,
before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public i	n and for said County and State, personally appear
ed the within named Grace Deichman, unmarried	, known to me to be the identical person dea-
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year last above written.	M. H. Stevenson Notery Public for Oregon.
Filed for Record Apl. 23rd, 1915. at 11:55 of	'clock, A.M.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That, ALFRED LEWIS, also known as Alfred F. Lewis, and MARGUERITE LEWIS, husband and wife, hereinafter called the grantors, in consideration of Ten and no/100 Dollars (\$10.00), and other good and valuable consideration to grantor paid by LEWIS FAR1, INC., hereinafter called the grantee, does hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said grantee, its successors and assigns, that certain real property, with the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining, situated in the County of Washington and State of Oregon, described as follows, to-wit:

PARCEL 1: The north half of the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 2, in Township 1 north of Range 4 West of the Willamette Meridian, containing twenty acres of land, more or less.

PARCEL 2: Beginning at a point on the North line of the south half of Section 2, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, Will. Mer., 20.09 chains East of the quarter section corner on the line between Section 2 and 3 of said Township; thence running with said line East 13.96 chains; thence South 8° East 6.54 chains; thence South 1° 10' West 2.00 chains; thence West 14.84 chains; thence North 8.43 chains to the point of beginning, containing 12.24 acres.

PARCEL 3: The Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 35, Township 2 North of Range 4 West, of the Will. Mer., excepting therefrom that certain tract of 3.75 acres as described in deed book 51 at page 399, records of said county and state, containing 36.34 acres more or less.

ALSO: The Northeast quarter of the Northwest quarter of Section 2, Township 1 North of Range 4 West of the Will. Mer., containing 40 acres. ALSO: Commencing at a stake 14 chains East of the Southwest corner of the Northwest quarter of Section 2, Township 1 North of Range 4 West of the Will. Mer., and running thence North 20 chains; thence East 18 chains; thence South 20 chains thence; West 18 chains to the to the place of beginning and containing 36 acres, more or less, County of Washington, State of Oregon.

PARCEL 4: Beginning at a point in the center of the County Road North 0° 23' East 1213.9 feet along the section line from the southwest corner of Section 1, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, Will. Mer., Washington County, Oregon, and running thence South 86° 03' East 1148.5 feet to an angle point in the center of said road; thence continuing in the center of the road South 86° 17' East 801.6 feet to a point from which an iron pipe bears North 0° 59' West 25.05 feet; thence North 0° 59' West 1578.8 feet to an iron pipe on the North line of the South half of said section 1; thence South 89° 51' West 1909.1 feet to an iron pipe at the 1/4 corner on the West line of said Section 1; thence South 0° 23' West along the section line 1442.2 feet to the place of beginning, containing 66.87 acres, more or less.

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PARCEL 5: The North 20 acres of the Northwest quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section 3, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, Willamette, Meridian.

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PARCEL 6: Beginning at an iron pipe set on the west line of Section 2, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, Will. Mer., Washington County, Oregon, North 330 feet from the southwest corner thereof, and which iron pipe is the northwest corner of that certain tract of land conveyed to Charles Buchanan by deed recorded on page 627 of Book 114, Washington County, Oregon, Deed Records; and running thence North 89° 58' East along the north line of the Buchanan tract for 790.6 feet to an iron pipe; running thence North on a line parallel to the west line of Section 2 for 1663.6 feet to an iron pipe on the north line of that certain tract of land conveyed to Franklin J. Lewis by deed recorded on page 500 of Book 110 said deed records; running thence South 89° 47' West along the north line of said Lewis tract for a distance of 790.6 feet to an iron pipe on the West line of said Section 2; running thence South 1661.1 feet to the place of beginning. Containing 30.171 acres, more or less.

PARCEL 7: Beginning at the quarter section corner on the East line of Section 2, Township 1 North, Range 4 West, Will. Mer., running thence South 21.65 chains more or less to the center of County Road; thence North 86° West 23.83 chains more or less to the center of Dairy Creek; thence North following the meanderings of said creek to the south line of the north half of said Section 2; thence East to the place of beginning, containing 43 acres more or less.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above described and granted premises unto the said grantee, its successors and assigns forever.

And said grantor hereby covenants to and with said grantee, its successors and assigns, that grantor is lawfully seized in fee simple of the above granted premises, free from all encumbrances, no exceptions, and that grantor will warrant and forever defend the above granted premises and every part and parcel thereof against the lawful claims and demands of all persons whomsoever.

WITNESS grantors hand and seal this 27 day of December, 1967.

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On this $\underline{\lambda7}$ day of December, 1967, personally appeared the above named ALFRED LEWIS and MARGUERITE LEWIS, and acknowledged the foregoing instrument to be their voluntary act and deed.

BEFORE M

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Notary Public for Oregon My commission expires: