

CFR 1123

Carl Larson

Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation

Century Farm & Ranch Program Application

Date MAY 29, 2007

Type of designation (please check) Century Farm Century Ranch

Legal owner / Applicant name CARL D. LARSON

Mailing address of Legal Owner / Applicant Redacted for Privacy

Telephone Redacted for Privacy E-mail address _____

Contact name (if different than legal owner) _____

Mailing address of Contact _____

Contact Telephone _____ Contact E-mail address _____

Location of farm or ranch (which is the subject of this application):

County COLUMBIA

Distance 2 miles from nearest town St. Helens

Township 4N Range 1W Section 17, 18, 19

Address or physical location of the farm or ranch (which is subject of this application):
Redacted for Privacy

GPS (Global Positioning System) Coordinates, if known: _____

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Founder(s):

Original family owner(s) or founder(s) C.J. Larson

Date (year) this farm or ranch was acquired by founder(s) 1906 & 1907
(Attach verifying documentation. See Application Qualification #7)

Who farms or ranches the land today? CARL LARSON

Relationship of Applicant to original owner. Please explain lineage. (See Application Qualification #7)

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History of buildings:

Are any of the original buildings still in use? Yes No

If yes, please describe the buildings and their former and current use:

one house built 1922
barn built in 1926

Are any of the buildings listed on the National Register of Historic Places? Yes No
If, "yes", please describe:

History of crops or livestock raised on farm or ranch:

What were the early crops or livestock?

dairy cows, pigs, hay

How many acres were included in original farm or ranch? 50 acres

How did the crops / livestock / use of farm or ranch change over the years?

1948 - became a Grade A Dairy
1980 - changed from dairy cows
to beef cows.
2007 - beef cows & hay

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History of crops or livestock raised on farm or ranch – Cont'd:

What are crops / livestock raised on the subject farm or ranch today?

beef cattle & hay

How many acres does the subject farm or ranch include today?

38 1/2

How many acres are in agricultural use today?

about 33

The Family:

How many generations live on the farm or ranch today? 3

Please list names and birth years:

Carl Larson (1923) + wife Lorene
Rolf Larson (1927) + wife Donna
Mike Larson (son of Carl - 1952) + wife Diane
(and 2 daughters still at home)
Mark Larson (son of Carl - 1955) + wife Dianne

Please submit two or three pages of family history narrative, including, but not limited to generational transfers of the farm or ranch. Please also submit historical & current photos of the property & family, as available.

Type of information to include in your family history narrative:

- Where founder(s) may have moved to farm or ranch from
- Significant events in the family (births, deaths, marriages, etc)
- Any major changes to operations (methods of production, etc.)
- Additional information on crops, buildings, other changes from the original farm or ranch

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Statement of Affirmation

I, CARL LARSON,

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

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, in the County of COLUMBIA

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.

Carl D. Larson
Signature of Owner

1 June 2007
Date

Certification by Notary Public

State of Oregon Columbia
County of Columbia

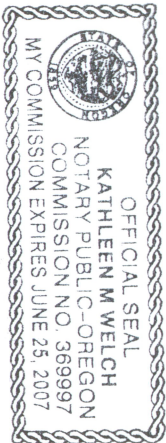
Be it remembered, that on this 1 day of June, 2007, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, personally appeared the within named Carl Larson, known to me to be the identical individual described in and who executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that 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.

Kathleen M. Welch

Notary Public for Oregon

My Commission Expires June 25, 2007



Fees

Application Fee
(includes one certificate) \$ 65.00

Additional Certificates (\$20 each) \$ _____

Total enclosed \$ 65.00

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. _____

Larson Farm - Warren, Oregon

Charles Johann Larson (known in this area as "C.J.") was born about 70 miles outside of Stockholm, Sweden. He came on a ship to the United States with his family when he was 6 years old. They arrived at Ellis Island in New York. His family settled in Kansas. He married Betty, and they homesteaded in Sharon Springs, Kansas. For 6 years, they didn't get a good crop because of droughts. From Kansas, they moved to Colorado and tried farming there. C.J. got Rheumatoid Arthritis, so they moved to Texas for better weather. While in Texas, Betty became ill, and the doctor suggested they move to California, which they did. They hoped the move would improve her health, but it didn't have much affect. In 1904, C.J. and Betty moved to Gresham, Oregon. C.J. traveled by train between Portland and Astoria selling Oregonian newspaper subscriptions. One sunny day, from the train window, C.J. saw the bay that runs along Warren and thought, "this is heaven!" Upon stopping there, he found that several Swedish families had settled in the area.

C. J. bought 50 acres in Warren in 1905. He and Betty and their daughter, Anna, moved here in 1906. They called their place "Pleasant Hill Farm" They started with a cow and a plow. When C.J. went out to plow, he hit a stump and busted the plow! He had to get dynamite to clear the stumps!

In 1907, C.J. purchased another 58 acres across the road. C.J. was instrumental in getting a Swedish Lutheran Church founded. Services were in Swedish and were held in people's homes. In 1908 C.J. gave one acre of his land on which to build a Church. At the same time, the Congregation purchased an additional two acres of land from him for \$300.00 to build a cemetery. The Church and cemetery are still there today.

In 1912, a young girl of 15 came over from Sweden. She missed coming over on the Titanic by two weeks! Signe came to Warren because her Dad (G.H. Ekstrom) lived here. She worked for her room and board. She helped C.J. and Betty with cooking and cleaning. She helped milk cows by hand, made cream and took it to the railway station which was just about a mile

from the farm. Signe also babysat children of families in the area.

In 1918, Betty Larson died. Three years later, C.J. and Signe were married on New Year's Day, 1921. C.J. was 60 and Signe was 21! There were two weddings in the family that year! C.J.'s daughter, Anna Larson married John Israelson. C.J. and Signe decided to take an extended "honeymoon" and deeded part of the farm to Anna and John, who continued farming it. They built a house in 1922. C.J. and Signe traveled for two years throughout the United States, Europe, and Egypt. After their travels, they returned to the house on the original 50 acres and farmed together with their daughter and son-in-law.

In 1923, C.J. and Signe had a son, Carl. Two years later, their daughter Naomi was born; and two and a half years later, they had another son, Rolf. Growing up, the kids helped on the farm. C.J. had always dairied. They had 5 or 6 milk cows, pigs, and raised hay. Before Bonneville Dam was built, the bottom land would flood and they would catch carp to feed the hogs. They built a barn in 1926 that still stands today.

In 1936, Anna and John decided to move to California, so C.J. and Signe bought those acres back.

In July of 1945, Carl entered the army. Rolf continued to work with his Dad on the farm. By 1948, they had increased their herd to 25 cows and became a Grade A Dairy. Carl returned from the Army in April of 1949. He got called back into the Army in July of 1950 and was there until October of 1951. While Carl was overseas, his Dad, C.J. died on Mother's Day of 1951. Rolf went into the Army in 1952, and Carl took over the dairy. He continues to farm the land today, and both he and Rolf live on the farm. Rolf lives on part of the original 50 acres, and Carl lives on the acres across the street that were purchased in 1907. Signe died in 1972. The original farm house is no longer there, but Carl and his wife, Lorene live in the house built in 1922. C.J., Betty, and Signe are all buried in the Cemetery of the Church they helped start.

Carl and Lorene had three boys: Mike, Mark and Lance. Mike has continued to farm with his Dad. They dairied until 1980. Mount Saint Helens (volcano) erupted in 1980. Three of the times, the hay fields were

covered with ash from the eruptions. It affected the hay, and they couldn't get much milk from the cows. So in late 1980 they switched from dairy cows to beef cows. They continue today with beef cows and raising hay.

Mike purchased two and a half acres from his parents. He and his wife, Diane raised four kids there (two of them still live at home). Mark and his wife, Dianne, bought five acres from his parents and built a home there. They have two grown children: a daughter, Shannon Signe, and a son, Sean. Lance bought two and a half acres from his parents. He has not yet built on it. He and his family live nearby. Mark and Lance help from time to time when needed. Many of the grandkids have helped on the farm. One year there were 6 Larson cousins in the local Warren Elementary school (Grades K - 3rd) and they were fourth generation Larsons to attend that school!! (When the previous three generations went there, it was Kindergarten through eighth grade!)

Warren is an agricultural community located between Scappoose and St. Helens, Oregon, about 25 miles northwest of Portland. It's a beautiful area, and the Larsons are proud to be part of a long farm family heritage!



Carl today

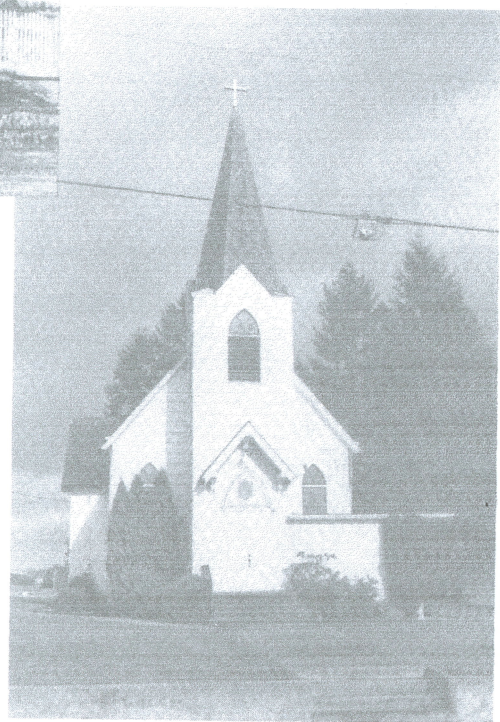
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BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH, WARREN, ORE.

75 YEARS

1907 — 1982



BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
WARREN, OREGON

HISTORY

As Bethany Church celebrates its Seventy-Fifth Anniversary and the years pass in review, we are moved with a spirit of appreciation and gratitude to the founders who through self sacrifice and faithfulness have established the Church, to the Pastors who have ministered and directed, and to God who through the years of depression and prosperity has held His guiding hand over all.

It was mainly due to the efforts of C.J. Larson that a Lutheran Church was founded at Warren. As he said in his own account: "When traveling between Portland and Astoria by train in 1904 I was attracted to the Warren territory because of its natural beauty." At a later date he stopped at Warren and found that several Swedish and Swedish-Finnish families were settled there. He arranged for a service to be held in one of the homes the following Sunday, and led the worship. Later other services were conducted with Rev. C.J. Renhard of Immanuel Church, Portland officiating. In time, a Sunday School was started with ten children enrolled.

In 1906 C.J. Larson and family moved to Warren. On January 9, 1907, with Rev. C.A. Tolin of Augustana Church, Portland officiating, the group met at the C.J. Larson home to organize a Swedish Evangelical Lutheran Congregation. The following were enrolled as charter members:

Carles J. Larson and wife Betty

Olaf J. Israelson and wife Thilda Elisabeth

Olaf A. Olson

Erick M. Newman and wife Erika Matilda

Joseph Josephson and wife Maria and daughter Anna Christine

John Kallberg and wife Ulrika

Anders Staffan and wife Maria Christine

John Nystrom and wife Adolfina

A total of sixteen communicant members and seventeen children.

Officers were elected. Bethany was chosen as the name for the Congregation. In the evening a communion service was held in the John Kallberg home. A call was extended to Rev. C.A. Tolin to serve the Congregation. Services were to be held once a month.

On April 17, 1907 a Missionary Society was organized for the purpose of studying in God's Word and gathering funds for Home and Foreign Missions. In June of 1908 a class of three was confirmed. Those in the class were: Helfred Neuman, Hilda Nystrom and Frans E. Johnson.

Sunday School and Worship Services were held in the homes opened to them. In 1908 steps were taken to enlarge the activities of the Congregation. C.J. Larson presented an acre of land on which a church was to be built. At the same time the Congregation purchased two acres from Mr. Larson for \$300.00, to be used as a cemetery.

At a special meeting held July 23, 1908, plans were begun for the building of a church. C.J. Larson, J.J. Lindahl, A. H. Carlson, Peter Peterson, and Joseph Josephson formed the building committee. K.O. Berglund was the architect, G.H. Eckstrom the supervisor.

On August 25 the corner stone laying ceremonies were conducted by the Conference President, Rev. N.J.W. Nelson assisted by Rev. P.J.E. Corness, Rev. R.S. Nystrom, and Rev. C.A. Tolin. The church building, a structure twenty-six feet by thirty-eight feet, was completed before Thanksgiving Day at a cost of \$1,353.00 with about 100 days of donated labor. At that time Pastor Tolin left the Portland District. The Congregation voted to petition the Home Mission Board for the services of Rev. B.S. Nystrom to conduct one Sunday service and one week-day service each month.

In order to acquaint those that might be interested in moving west to the community at Warren and its newly organized Church, an announcement was placed in AUGUSTANA, the official publication of the Augustana Synod. The response was gratifying and families came from: Kansas, Minnesota, Iowa, the Dakotas, and as far east as Pennsylvania and Massachusetts. By the time the Congregation celebrated its fifth anniversary there were seventy-two communicant members and forty children. In 1916

Friends & Family of Warren



Warren Tractor Parade Committee

Family History (cont)

Carl Larson Family - C.J. Larson came to the United States at about the age of 6 or 7. The family arrived first in Kansas. Eventually C.J. and his brother Albert moved to Colorado and farmed. From there C.J. moved to Texas. His wife took ill so they moved to California hoping it would help her health. It did not. C.J. moved to Gresham and then finally to Warren. There he met his future wife Signe and they had three children, Carl, Rolf and Naomi. Carl has three children of his own, Mike, Mark and Lance who all have families and live in the Warren area.

Verdon & Sylvia Barnwell - Came to St. Helens in the Fall of 1939. In 1944 they moved to Warren and lived in the home where Gary & Christine Roth now reside. After eight years they purchased the home of Harry and Hilda Lund, which was directly across the road. The Barnwells have lived in this home ever since. They have one daughter who lives in Colorado with her family.
Note: Verdon past away in November of 2005. His kind and generous ways will be missed by all who knew him. God Bless.

Brief Family History's

Howard Larson Family- Howard's grandfather, Albert Larson arrived in Warren on St. Patrick's Day, 1909. There he joined his brother, C.J. Larson to farm. Albert had recently lost his wife, Selma. He brought with him his four children; Leroy, Nora, Myrtle and Alvin, who was Howard's father. Leroy and Alvin farmed their entire lives on the Warren farm, growing hay, peat and grain. They also did custom farming. They thrashed with a stationary baler powered with a steam engine. Howard and his wife Della have two children, Kristy and Jerry.

Doug & Jeanne (Turner) Palin - Jeanne's parents were originally from Minnesota.

They followed family to the St. Helens area where her father worked at the Boise Cascade paper mill her mother was a nurse there as well. Jeanne is the fifth of six children. Doug and Jeanne were married after being high school sweethearts. They now have three children, Kelli, Staci and Trever. Jeanne is an elementary school teacher who teaches second grade at Grant Watts Elementary School in Scappoose and Doug is a Portland Firefighter. They have enjoyed living in the Scappoose area for the past 28 years.

Mike and Mary Greisen - The Greisen family moved to the area in 1970. Mike's mom had been a strawberry field boss on the Stevens strawberry farm. They had been looking for property in the Scappoose area when they came upon a realtor by the name of Hank Schmit at the St. Wenceslaus Crab Feed. He had the perfect farm for them right across from the strawberry fields. Eventually the Greisen family bought the property and the strawberry farm from Mrs. Stevens.

Albert & Sally Schmit - Albert and Sally have lived in the Scappoose/ Warren area all their lives. They were the previous owners of the home of Doug & Sherri Bradley. They had lived on the farm for 30 some years and raised their family of four children, Carolyn, Randy, Dave and Toni on that farm. The original farm consisted of the home and sixteen acres. Over time Albert was able to acquire more land for a total of forty acres. Although Albert and Sally have lived other places since selling the farm. They truly believe this is the best place to live. Flowers in the spring, strawberries in the summer, apples in the fall and Christmas trees in the winter. What more can you ask for.

J. M. Lynch et ux

at 9 o'clock A.M.

C. J. Larsen

W. A. Harris

Clerk.

Deputy.

Know all Men by these Presents, That Me J. M. Lynch and Ester Lynch his wife of Warren County of Columbia State of Oregon, in consideration of Seven Hundred to us paid by C. J. Larsen Dollars,

State of Oregon, has. bargained and sold, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and convey unto said C. J. Larsen his heirs and assigns, all the following bounded and described real property, situated in the County of Columbia and State of Oregon:

To-Wit: Beginning at the North West corner of J. M. Lynch's land in Section 17, 18, 19 + 20 Township four (4) North Range one (1) West of Willamette Meridian (purchased by him from G. bot) Thence South 61° 45' East along the North line of said Lynches land 438 feet to a Point. Thence south 1103 feet to a Point for the beginning point. Thence South 61° 45' East 1088 feet to the west boundary line of the right of way of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company. Thence North 26° 30' East along said west boundary line of said Railroad Company's right of way 368 feet to a point. Thence North 61° 45' West 1266 feet to a point Thence South 423 feet to the Point of beginning of the above last described tract and containing 10 acres more or less.

together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise 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 C. J. Larsen his heirs and assigns forever. And we the grantors above named do covenant to and with

J. M. Lynch and Ester Lynch his wife the above named grantee his heirs and assigns that we are lawfully seized in fee simple of the above granted premises, that the above granted premises are free from all incumbrances,

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

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we the grantors above named, hereunto set our hands and seals this 16 day of April 1907.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the Presence of

J. S. Bacon
B. J. Hawkinson

J. M. Lynch (SEAL)
Ester Lynch (SEAL)
(SEAL)
(SEAL)

STATE OF OREGON, } ss. THIS CERTIFIES, that on this 16 day of April A. D. 1907 before me the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared the within named J. M. Lynch and Ester Lynch his wife

known to me to be the identical persons described in and who executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the uses and purposes therein mentioned, and freely and voluntarily wife of the said husband on an examination made by me separate and apart from said husband then and there acknowledged to me that they executed the same freely and voluntarily, and without fear, coercion or compulsion from anyone.

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

Notarial Seal

J. S. Bacon
Notary Public