

CFR 1136

Helen Carleton



## Century Farm & Ranch Program Application

Date 5/20/09

Type of designation (please check) ☒ Century Farm ☐ Century Ranch

Legal owner's name Helen A CARLETON  
(Please attach contact information if different than legal owner)

Mailing address Redacted for Privacy

Telephone Redacted for Privacy E-mail address —

County Klamath Location of farm or ranch (distance from nearest town) 1 mile N., 1/4 mile east of Merriu Ore.

Township 40 south Range 10 East Section 36

Original family owner(s) or founder(s) George H. CARLETON

Date (year) this farm or ranch was acquired by founder(s) MAY 7, 1909  
(Attach verifying documentation. See Application Qualification #7)

Founder(s) came to Oregon from LEWIS, MISSOURI

Who farms or ranches the land today? CARLETON FARMS.

Relationship to original owner (See Appl. Qualification #5. Please explain lineage) Grandson, 2 Great-Grandsons

Are any of the original buildings still in use? ☒ Yes ☐ No Listed on National Register? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, please describe 1 Barn which is in disrepair

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

How many generations live on the farm or ranch today? 2, 4 and 5

Please list names and birth years Helen 1921, Greg Carleton 1963  
Andrew Carleton 1990, Kylee Carleton 1992, Logan Carleton 1996

[ 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, Helen A Carleton  
hereby affirm and declare that the farm or ranch which I own at Redacted for Privacy  
Redacted for Privacy, in the County of Klamath

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.

Helen A Carleton 5-27-09  
Signature of Owner Date

## Certification by Notary Public

State of Oregon Klamath  
County of Klamath

Be it remembered, that on this 27 day of May, 2009, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, personally appeared the within named Helen A Carleton, known to me to be the identical individual described in and who executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that she 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.



Joanne L Johnson

Notary Public for Oregon

My Commission Expires May 17, 2012

### Fees

Application Fee  
(includes one certificate) \$ 50.00

Additional Certificates (\$15 each) \$ 15

Total enclosed \$ 65

Make checks payable to:  
Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation or OAEF

### For office use only

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

Approved? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Authorization GM  
Century Farm & Ranch Program Coordinator  
OHS Library

MSS 1604 Program ID No. C7R1136



George Herbert Carleton came from Missouri and on May 7, 1909 took title to 80 acres of property just north of Merrill, Or. This was part of a piece of property first deeded to D.W. Applegate by the State of Oregon on March 4, 1872. There he began a farming and ranching operation which continues to this day by his family. A son, Alfred, was born to him and his wife Elva on December 25, 1910 at their home on this property.

While much of the early history has been lost, there is some we do know. The U. S. Bureau of Reclamation authorized the Klamath Project in 1905 and easements were given in 1908 and 1909 for ditches to facilitate irrigation. Just when water was delivered to this land is uncertain, but we do know that it was delivered in the early 1900's and various crops were grown on the property. Sometime prior to 1930 George did establish a dairy on the property. At this time all the land was irrigated by flood irrigation and during the 30's and 40's this land was leveled to facilitate this method of irrigation. This land was also subsoiled to break up the hardpan layer for better drainage. All of the heavy work such as haying was done with a team of horses of which he was very proud.

Alfred attended the Merrill schools and graduated from Merrill High School in 1929. Then he went to Albany College for 2 years. Following that he went to work for First National Bank in Merrill, which had a branch in Malin, Or. There he met and married Helen and they moved to Mollalla, Or. where he worked for the bank. A son, George (Sam) was born there in 1941. Due to illness to his father they moved back to Merrill in early 1942 and he entered the dairy business with his father. This was an award winning herd with production records that stood for many years. There they built a house on this property where Helen still lives. A second son, Richmond (Dick) was born in 1943. The farm at this time was divided into small fields, 10 acres or less, and was mostly pasture land, although some clover was grown for seed, and some hay was grown for winter feed.

In 1948, Alfred bought his first tractor, a Farmall B, and the horses were retired. In 1950 he sold the cows and bought a herd of sheep, although he did keep 1 milk cow to provide milk for the family. The farm at this time was mostly pasture, however a small acreage of clover remained and he began to rotate that crop with brew barley. In 1954 George passed away and the ownership went to Alfred and Helen. Helen was active in the operation of the farm, helping with the sheep and raising bumper lambs and chickens for both eggs and meat. The boys, Sam and Dick also helped on the farm when not attending schools in Merrill. In the middle 50's as the demand for clover seed fell, Alfred began growing potatoes on a small scale. He also bought a second tractor, a Farmall M for the heavier work such as plowing. A few years later he bought his first track layer, a D2 Caterpillar.

Although most of the work was done with tractors now, the potatoes were picked by hand. Later he and a neighbor went together and bought a 1 row onion sacker. This took much of the labor out of potato digging, although the hauling still involved hand labor. As Sam and Dick got older they became more active in the operation of the farm, helping with all aspects.



Lambing and feeding the sheep in winter was the big project that time of year. In the summer raising the crops, along with shearing the sheep keep everyone busy.

In the early 60's, because it was more efficient and productive, sprinkler irrigation was introduced to the area and the flood irrigation on the farm was phased out. The first sprinkler irrigation was done with hand lines and a portable pump powered by the Farmall M and the D2 Cat. By this time both boys had graduated high school, Sam entering the retail lumber business and Dick attending college, then teaching school. Dick remained on the farm during the summers and weekends however. Then in the middle 60's, Alfred sold the sheep and began to raise more potatoes, while expanding the grain acreage and also adding alfalfa hay to the rotation. He also rented ground from the neighbors on which to grow potatoes. Both boys had by now started to enter the farming businesses by growing potatoes on their own.

During the 60's, both Sam and Dick had married and started their own families, Sam with 3 boys and 2 girls, Dick with 2 sons. In 1974 they formed a partnership and bought some property. They included the home property in their operation as a base of operations and farmed it for their parents. Their sons were also active on the farm when not in school. By this time the entire operation was converted to sprinkler irrigation and the crop rotation included alfalfa hay, grain, potatoes, and Helen maintained a very small herd of cows for meat. As Sam and Dick's boys grew up they began to have small acreages of potatoes on their own and became part of the operation.

In 1990, Alfred passed away and Helen became the sole owner of the property. Sam and Dick continued their partnership while Sam's oldest boy Greg and Dick's oldest son Jim became more involved in the operation. Then in 1994, Dick, Greg, and Jim formed a partnership and bought out Sam. This partnership uses the original 80 acres as a base of operations and is included in the crop rotation. This partnership still grows potatoes, grain, alfalfa and has expanded to include a herd of beef cattle.

As of this writing, Helen is still alive and living on the property in the house she and Alfred built in 1942. The original barn built by G. H. Carleton still exists, although it is in disrepair. The original well and wellhouse still exist although a new well had to be drilled as the original failed. Helen wants this property to stay in the Carleton family, so upon her passing it will go to Greg and Jim to continue to farm.



**D E E D**

**GRANTOR:**

Chas. S. Moore and Mary L. Moore, his wife

**GRANTEE:**

G. H. Carleton

**CONSIDERATION:**

\$2900.00

**GRANTING WORDS:**

Grant, bargain, sell and convey

**DESCRIPTION OF  
PREMISES**

(All the following  
real property in  
Klamath County,  
Oregon, to-wit):  
and

**SPECIAL RECITALS:**  
(if any,)

E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of the SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Sec. 36 Tp. 40 S. R. 10  
E. W. M., containing 80 acres more or less  
save and except certain portions of above  
described land heretofore conveyed to the  
United States for canals laterals and drain  
ditches.

That they are free from all encumbrances,  
except the Stock Subscription and Contract  
to the Klamath Water Users Association  
heretofore executed by John G. Swan, Jessie  
L. Swan, C. R. DeLap and M. O. DeLap, re-  
corded in Book 7B of Mortgages, page 380,

**COVENANTS:**

Seizin and Warranty

**DATE OF DEED:**

May 7, 1909

**SIGNATURES:**

Chas. S. Moore  
Mary L. Moore

(SEAL)  
(SEAL)

**WITNESSES:**

Two

**ACKNOWLEDGED BEFORE:**  
(in regular form  
with seal affixed.)

Burge W. Mason, Notary Public for Oregon,  
on May 18, 1909.

**FILED FOR RECORD:**

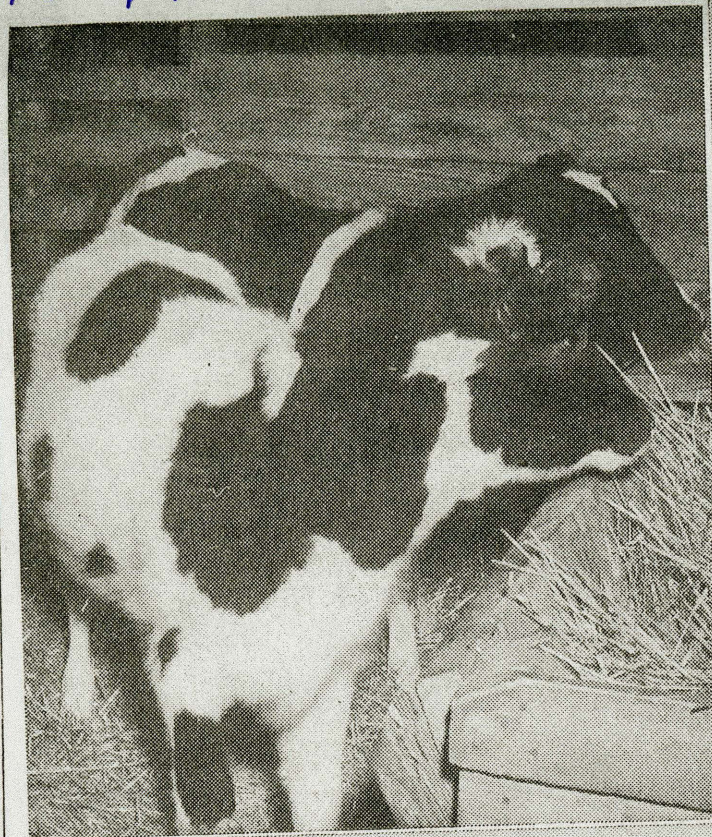
May 18, 1909

**DEED RECORD:**

Book 27, page 41

**NOTES BY WILSON  
ABSTRACT COMPANY:**





Two young registered Holstein heifers (left) look over new home at Jinnette ranch south of Merrill. They are two of nine head of registered stock purchased by Teers and Ramsey. (Right) Assistant County Agent Jim Elings displays one of the registered heifers just arrived at the Merrill dairy ranch of A. C. Carleton who bought eight head of Holsteins to improve his herd. (Below) Black and white Holsteins bunch together and peer over each other's shoulders as the cameraman snaps their picture.

## Merrill Holstein Herds Built Up With Purebreds

By JIM ELINGS  
Assistant County Agent

A carload of over \$5000 worth of purebred Holstein cattle was shipped into Klamath county last week by A. C. Carleton and Teers and Ramsey of Merrill. The stock, purchased from Felix Hensing of Aurora, is from one of the outstanding Holstein herds in the state.

Carleton took delivery of eight head of heifers and Teers and Ramsey purchased nine head of younger stock. While this stock shows good

quality and type, they have production records to stand behind them. The dams of the stock purchased by the local dairymen were sold on their production records, for \$1 for each pound of butterfat produced in a year's time. The dams averaged \$513 per head.

The 17 head of cattle purchased by the two Merrill dairymen are of Hazelwood bloodlines, one of the higher producing Holstein families.

Carleton expects to take delivery in the near future of a young bull of Carnation breeding from the Holstein herd of S. B. Hall, Trout-

dairy is the largest in Klamath county.

Both dairies are affiliated with the Klamath Dairymen's association and are tested each month by the Klamath Dairy-Herd Improvement association.

## Coyote Damage Said Mounting

McMINNVILLE, Feb. 26 (AP)—Coyotes and foxes are causing heavy loss of livestock in Klamath county this winter.

has asked G. W. Hanson, Portland chief of federal predatory animal control, to intensify trapping. Sheep and turkey raisers reported heaviest losses.

Hanson told the association one

## Poultrymen Slate Two Meets Here

The poultry industry of Klamath county will be highlighted next week with two meetings for poultrymen scheduled.

The first is a poultry sub-committee meeting of the agricultural planning conference which will review the recommendations of the planning conference held last year as far as the poultry industry is concerned. They will also consider changes or additions in the program and will consider points of emphasis for the poultry industry for the coming year.

All committee members are asked to attend this meeting which will be held in room 204 of the post office, Klamath Falls, Tuesday, March 2, at 1:30 p. m. Noel Bennion, extension poultryman, Oregon State college, will be present.

Also on March 2 at 7:30 p. m. in the Shasta school building at 1951 Madison street, a general poultry meeting will be held. All poultry raisers and others who are interested in poultry are invited. Bennion will be at this meeting also and will show slides and discuss poultry management. He will also discuss certain poultry diseases and poultry outlook for the coming season.

The number of laying hens in Klamath county was estimated to be 106,000 in 1945. This figure dropped to 100,000 in 1946 with no appreciable increase or decrease in 1947.

Automatic vending has grown in to a \$500,000,000-a-year business in the United States during the past half century.





G.H. Carleton with grandsons Dick (left) and Sam (right) 1948



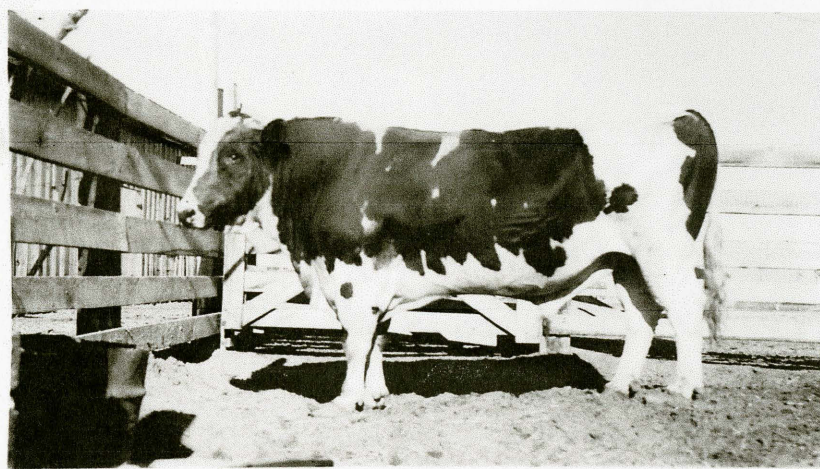


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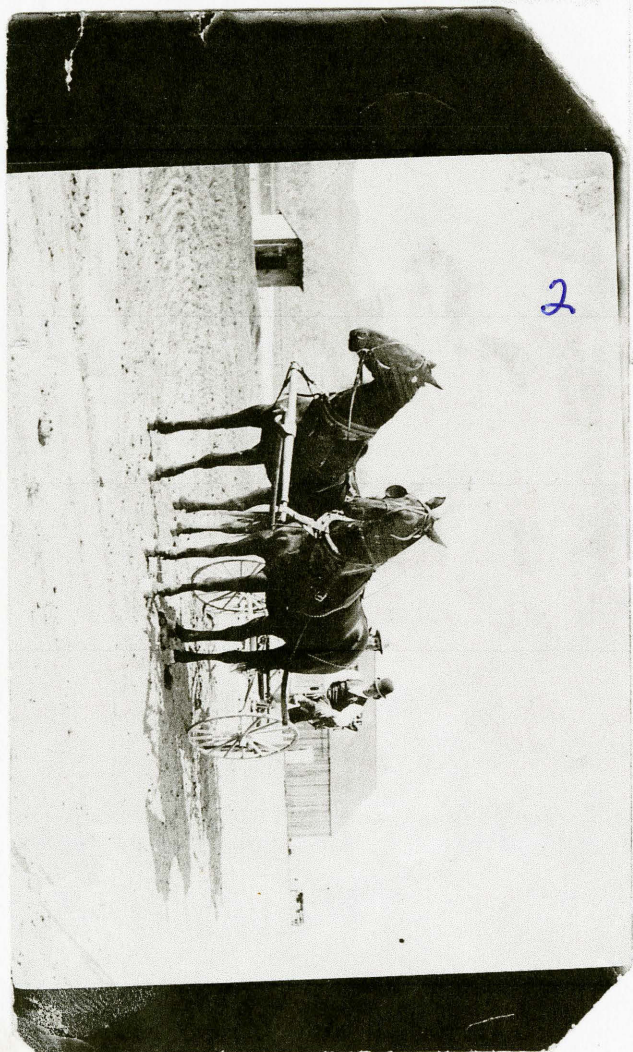


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Blondy - old to show Kelley



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1. Helen feeding bunnies 1950's
2. Horse + carriage with original barn in background 1916
3. award winning cow - middle 40's
4. Ferdinand - 1945
5. G. H. Carleton with team barn in background 1939





original Barn today (2009)





original Barn today (2009)





Helen's house today (2009) Built 1942







Helen's house in winter - Built 1942





- Shop/storage Bldg. Built circa 1974 by Carleton Brios





Newest shop Built Jan. 2009 by Chuleto Farms