

CFR 1143

Don & Ann Louise Peters

Century Farm & Ranch Program Application

Date 6-25-09

Type of designation (please check) Century Farm Century Ranch

Legal owner's name DON & ANN LOUISE PETERS / PETERS AND SON FARMS
(Please attach contact information if different than legal owner)

Mailing address Redacted for Privacy

Telephone Redacted for Privacy E-mail address Redacted for Privacy

County MARION Location of farm or ranch (distance from nearest town) 7.5 M FROM
SUBLIMITY, 2 M FROM SILVER FALLS STATE PARK

Township 8S Range 1E Section 20 & 21

Original family owner(s) or founder(s) CHARLES W. PETERS

Date (year) this farm or ranch was acquired by founder(s) 1901 - 90± ACRES, 1902 - 30± ACRES
(Attach verifying documentation. See Application Qualification #7) 1904 - 90± ACRES

Founder(s) came to Oregon from IOWA

Who farms or ranches the land today? PETERS AND SON FARMS - A FAMILY FARM CORPORATION

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 THE BARN IS FAIRLY ORIGINAL (1910). IT'S USED FOR STORAGE NOW.

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

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

Please list names and birth years DON (1927) AND ANN LOUISE (1931) PETERS,
MARSHALL (1951) AND JESSIE (1950) PETERS, MIKE (1975) AND LYDIA (1975)
PETERS, JOE (1979) PETERS

[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, DONALD PETERS

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

Redacted for, in the County of MARION

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.

Donald Peters

06/29/09

Signature of Owner

Date

Certification by Notary Public

State of Oregon

County of Marion

Be it remembered, that on this 29th day of June, 2009, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, personally appeared the within named Donald Peters, known to me to be the identical individual described in and who executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that Donald 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.

Sara Everett

Notary Public for Oregon

My Commission Expires 9/9/12



Fees

Application Fee
(includes one certificate) \$ 50.00

Additional Certificates (\$15 each) \$ _____

Total enclosed \$ 50-

Make checks payable to:
Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation or OAEF

Rev 11/2004

Sent additional \$15.00 (7/29/09)

For office use only

Date Received 2009

Approved? Yes No

Authorization GM
Century Farm & Ranch Program Coordinator
OHS Library

MSS 1604 Program ID No. CFR1143

A brief history of Peters and Son Family Farm, Inc.

It's unknown exactly why Charles Peters and his German wife Amelia decided to move out to Oregon from Iowa. We do know that they were married in Iowa around 1887 and moved out to Oregon in or around 1888. We also know that they lived near Silver Falls, along with Charles' father and mother, as indicated on the 1900 census, and that Charles' brother Henry also lived in Oregon. We are uncertain if they all moved out here together, though.

Charles and Amelia purchased the first parcel of the farm in 1901, and we presume that they moved onto the property immediately. They subsequently purchased two more parcels in 1902 and 1904 (see enclosed deeds). Their house (picture enclosed) is no longer standing, but the second and third houses, those of their two sons Henry and Edwin respectively, were built in the 1920's and are still here (see old and contemporary pictures enclosed). Edwin and his wife Arleta's house was moved to the location of the original house in 1953 after Charles and Amelia had passed on. We believe the existing barn was built around 1910 by Charles, but we aren't sure how or exactly when. We do know that it was used for the Guernsey milking cows and the work horses, as well as grain and hay storage. Charles and his family, including his sons previously mentioned and his daughters Dora, Ida, Emma, Mary, Anna, and Mildred, also kept White Leghorn laying hen, Rhode Island Red fryers, pigs, and 50-60 sheep. The family sold cream from their 10+ cows to the Mt Angel Creamery, eggs to Ditter's Store in Sublimity, and sheep.

The farm grew most of the feed for the livestock as well as other cash crops. In 1918 the Peters began growing Marshall strawberries for both the plants and berries, and continued to grow them until 1942. Russian immigrant families did much of the picking. During the late 1930's to early 1940's the Peters family took in a family of 12 who were Dust Bowl refugees from Oklahoma, the Yocums. After the Yocum family recovered financially they moved to Mahema and then later bought a sawmill near Eugene.

The Peters also grew loganberries and potatoes for cash crops early on. In 1937 they planted their first crop of Chewings fescue (now referred to as Cascade Chewings fescue), after being persuaded by Marion County agent Harry Riches. The first grass seed harvest a year later brought in \$0.41/lb!

To support the grass seed crop, the barn was converted to "the Cleaner" in the 1940's. The farm purchased its first combine, an International 61 with a TD-6 crawler, in 1941. Don (Henry and his wife, Bernice Scott's, son) operated this combine and later models for his family's farm as well as farms as far away as Silverton. Around this time the timber was logged off the hills and the cow pastures were abandoned. The farm was completely converted to grass seed and timber by the end of the 1940's.

Interestingly, Henry and Edwin helped build Silver Falls Hwy 214 in about 1937. Both men had experience logging in the local camps (such as Heaters, Silver Falls, and Santiam), and they used Edwin's team of work horses to clear the way for the new road.

Right after WWII, Don and his friend Walt McElhaney took flying lessons. They then built a hanger and airstrip on the farm and purchased a Piper J3 Cub. The last time the airstrip was used was 1983 when Don and his son Marshall were in a very serious wreck in a Maule due to bad fuel.

Times were pretty lean on the farm in the 1950's. Don continued to combine for other farms and also participated in competitive shooting to supplement his family's income. Don and his wife, AnnLouise Heater, built the third farmhouse on the old Neitling property (purchased by Henry and Bernice in 1942). Don and AnnLouise's son, Marshall, helped with the grass seed crop just as soon as he was old enough to operate a tractor. After high school he married his high school sweetheart and went to Oregon State University for two years. He later worked part time for the Marion County Sheriffs Dept but always worked the farm from spring to fall. In 1959 the farm purchased fields across the highway and in 1968, '71, and '80 the farm purchased more land adjacent to the original parcels from AnnLouise's family. Henry, Don, and Marshall, along with their wives, decided to incorporate in 1975 for inheritance purposes.

Today, parts of the third, fourth, and fifth generations live on the farm. Don and AnnLouise live in a fourth house that they build in 1982. Marshall and his wife Jessie live in Don and AnnLouise's old house, and two of Marshall and Jessie's sons live in Henry and Edwin's old homes. Don and AnnLouise are largely retired, and everyone else works jobs off the farm during the week. The grass seed fields are farmed through a partnership with our neighbors, the Hafners, and the timber is thinned or logged and replanted on a rotating basis.

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Warranty Deed.

Franz Feichtinger
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TO

Chas Peters

Office of REGISTER OF DEEDS.

County of Marion Minn.

I hereby certify that the within Deed was filed in this office for record on the 27th day of May A. D. 1901, at 10:30 o'clock, A. M., and was duly recorded in Book 76 of Warranty Deeds, on page 314.

J. H. Roland
Register of Deeds.

By.....Deputy.

I hereby certify that taxes for the year on the lands described within are paid.

County Treasurer.

Taxes paid and transfer entered this day of 19.....

County Auditor.

By.....Deputy.

COMPARED!



This Indenture, Made this 11th day of March in the year of Our

Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and one (1901) between

Franz Fichtinger and Agatha Fichtinger (his wife)

of the County of Stearns State of Minnesota parties of the first part, and

Charles Peters

of the County of Marion State of Oregon, part 4 of the second part,

WITNESSETH, That the said part 4 of the first part, in consideration of the sum of

Five Hundred (\$500.00) DOLLARS.

to them in hand paid by the said part 4 of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have

GRANTED, BARGAINED, AND SOLD AND CONVEYED, and do by these presents, GRANT, BARGAIN, AND SELL AND CONVEY

to the said part 4 of the second part his heirs and assigns FOREVER, all those tract s, piece s or parcel s of land

lying and being in the County of Marion and State of Oregon, described as follows, to-wit:

The South West quarter of the North West quarter, and the North West quarter of the South West quarter of Section (21) Twp 1 N, R 8 S, also the following described tract; beginning at the North West corner of the above described land and running thence East 20 chains; thence North 5 chains; thence West 20 chains; thence South 5 chains to the place of beginning, containing in all 90 acres of land more or less; all situated in Township 8 South Range 1 East of the Willamette Meridian, Marion County, State of Oregon and being a part of the Donation Land Claim of Thomas King and wife.

To Have and to Hold the Same, Together with all the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in

anywise appertaining, to the said part 4 of the second part, his heirs and assigns, forever: And the said Franz Feichtinger

and Agatha Feichtinger parties of the first part, do covenant with the said part 4 of the second part

his heirs and assigns, as follows: First, that they are lawfully seized of said premises; Second, that

they have good right to convey the same; Third, that the same are free from all incumbrances,

And Fourth, that the said part 4 of the second part his heirs and assigns, shall quietly enjoy and possess the same; and that the said part 4 of the first part will

WARRANT AND DEFEND the title to the same against all lawful claims.

In Testimony Whereof, The said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hand

and affixed their seals the day and year first above written.

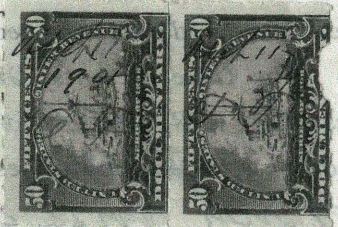
Signed, Sealed and Delivered in Presence of

John M. Samuel

A. P. Hartag

State of Minnesota,

County of Stearns



Franz Feichtinger

Agatha Feichtinger

[SEAL.]

[SEAL.]

[SEAL.]

[SEAL.]

On this 11th day of March A. D. 1901, before me personally

appeared Franz Feichtinger and Agatha Feichtinger
his with

to me known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that they executed the same as their free act and deed.

John M. Samuel

Register of Deeds

Stearns Co.

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F. Feichtinger

STATE OF OREGON,

County of Marion } ss.

On this, the 1st day of November A. D. 1902 personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for the said County and State, the within named Henry Heahn and Sophia Heahn his wife to me personally known to be the identical person s described in, and who executed the within instrument, and who each personally acknowledged to me that The y executed the same freely and voluntarily, for the uses and purposes therein named, and without fear or compulsion from any one.

WITNESS my hand Seal this 1st day of November A. D. 1902

New Kent
Notary Public



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Warranty Deed

FROM

Henry Heahn
and wife

TO

Charles Polue

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STATE OF OREGON

County of Marion } ss.

I certify that the within was received and duly recorded by me in Marion County Records, Book of Deeds, Vol. 79

Page 546 on the 1st day of

Nov 1902

J. C. Siegmund
County Recorder

By Deputy

Filed November 7 1902

At 9:55 o'clock, P. M.

J. C. Siegmund
County Recorder

By Deputy

This Indenture Witnesseth, That Henry Hahn ^{his wife} Sophia Hahn,

for the consideration of the sum of Three Hundred DOLLARS

to us paid, ha on bargained and sold, and by these presents do bargain, sell and convey

unto Charles Peters the following

described premises, to-wit: Being all that portion of the premises hereinafter described, lying south of the Court road and containing thirty acres more or less said premises above mentioned on the E 1/4 of N 1/4, the N E 1/4 and E 1/2 of S E 1/4 of Section No. 21 T 8 S R 1 E Willamette Meridian in Marion County Oregon

To Have and to Hold the said premises, with their appurtenances, unto the said Charles Peters his heirs and assigns forever.

And the said Henry Hahn do is hereby covenant to and with the said Charles Peters his heirs and assigns, that

he is the owner in fee simple of said premises; that they are free from all encumbrances, and that he will warrant and defend the same from all lawful claims whatsoever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hands and seals this 1st day of November A. D. 1902

Done in the presence of
M. W. Hunt
J. G. Hunt

Henry Hahn [SEAL]
Sophia Hahn [SEAL]

This Indenture Witnesseth, That Jacob Raber, (Widower),

for the consideration of the sum

of Fourteen Hundred (\$1,400.00) Dollars,

to him paid, has bargained and sold and by these presents do bargain, sell and convey unto Charles Peters,

the following described premises, to-wit:

The South East quarter (1/4) of the North East quarter (1/4) and the North East quarter (1/4) of the South East quarter (1/4) of Section Twenty (20).;

Also, Beginning at the North West corner of the above described lands and running thence East twenty (20) chains; thence North five (5) chains; thence West twenty (20) chains; thence South five (5) chains to the place of beginning, and all of the lands herein described containing in all Ninety (90) acres, more or less, and all situated in Township Eight South, Range One East of the Willamette Meridian, in Marion County, and State of Oregon.

STATE OF OREGON
COUNTY OF MARION
Notary Public
On the 27 day of October 1904 personally came before me
Jacob Raber (Widower) and who executed the within
instrument, and who each personally acknowledged to me that he executed the same freely and voluntarily
for the uses and purposes therein named and without fear or compulsion from any one
Witness my hand and seal this 27 day of October 1904

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said premises, with their appurtenances unto the said Charles Peters, his Heirs and assigns forever.

And the said Jacob Raber, do es hereby covenant
to and with the said Charles Peters,
his Heirs and Assigns
that he is the owner in fee simple of said premises; that they are free from all
incumbrances and that he will warrant and defend the same from all lawful claims whatsoever

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal
this 27 day of October, 1904

Done in the presence of

Peter Raber Jacob Raber (Seal)
Med. R. Wabers (Seal)

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WARRANTY DEED.

FROM Jacob Raber

TO Chas Peters

STATE OF OREGON, } ss
County of Marion

I certify that the within was received and duly
recorded by me in Marion

County Records, Book of Deeds, Vol. 89

Page 142 on the 27

day of Oct 1904

J. P. Siegmund
County Recorder

By Deputy

Filed Oct 27 1904
At 2:30 o'clock P. M.

J. P. Siegmund
County Recorder

By Deputy

R. E. Moores & Co., Legal Blank Publishers, Salem, Or.

STATE OF OREGON, } ss
COUNTY OF Marion

On the 27 day of October, 1904 personally came before me
a Notary Public in and for said County and State, the within named

Jacob Raber, (Widower)

to me personally known to be the identical person described in and who executed the within
instrument, and who each personally acknowledged to me that he executed the same freely and voluntarily
for the uses and purposes therein named and without fear or compulsion from any one.

Witness my hand and seal this 27 day of October, 1904.

Med. R. Wabers
Notary Public for Oregon.

1900 UNITED STATES FEDERAL CENSUS

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TWELFTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES.

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State Oregon
County Marion

SCHEDULE No. 1.—POPULATION.

Supervisor's District No. 220 Sheet No. 1819
Enumeration District No. 121

Township or other division of county Silver Falls Precinct

Name of Institution X

Name of incorporated city, town, or village, within the above-named division X

Ward of city X

Enumerated by me on the 25

day of June, 1900,

J. S. F. J.

Enumerator.

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LOCATION			NAME	RELATION	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION								NATIVITY			CITIZENSHIP			OCCUPATION, TRADE, OR PROFESSION				EDUCATION				MARRIAGE			
IN CITY	IN TOWNSHIP	IN HOUSEHOLD			of each person whose place of abode on June 1, 1900, was in this family.	Relationship of each person to the head of the family.	Color or race	Sex	Month	Year	Age at last birthday	Whether blind, deaf, dumb, insane, idiotic, pauper, convict, or inmate of institution	Number of years married	Number of live born	Number of those still living	Place of birth of this person.	Place of birth of father of this person.	Place of birth of mother of this person.	Year of immigration to this country	Number of years in the United States	Substantiated	OCCUPATION	Whether ever employed	Whether ever in military or naval service	Whether ever in merchant marine	Whether ever in foreign service	Whether ever in government service	Whether ever in domestic service	Whether ever in foreign service	Whether ever in government service
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		335 235	Hahn Bertha	Daughter	W F	W	Jan	1880	20					Missouri	Germany	Germany														
			Lila	Daughter	W F	W	Nov	1882	17					Oregon	Germany	Germany					at school									
			Gusta	Daughter	W F	W	Jan	1885	15					Oregon	Germany	Germany					at school									
			Charles Emma	Daughter	W F	W	Feb	1870	30	11	3	2		Missouri	Germany	Germany														
			Maria	Sister	W F	W	April	1890	10					Oregon	Minnesota	Missouri					at school									
			William	Nephew	W M	W	Sept	1872	28					Oregon	Minnesota	Missouri														
		336 336	Peters, William	Head	W M	W	June	1832	67	13				Iowa	Germany	Germany					farmer									
			Amelia	Wife	W F	W	June	1843	57	13				Germany	Germany	Germany														
			Dora	Daughter	W F	W	Dec	1871	29					Iowa	Germany	Germany														
			John	Daughter	W F	W	Jan	1891	9					Oregon	Iowa	Germany														
			Mary	Daughter	W F	W	Dec	1894	5					Oregon	Iowa	Germany														
			Edna	Daughter	W F	W	Dec	1892	7					Oregon	Iowa	Germany														
			Jennie	Daughter	W F	W	Feb	1896	4					Oregon	Germany	Germany														
			William	Son	W M	W	Jan	1892	8					Oregon	Germany	Germany														
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SOURCE INFORMATION: www.ANCESTRY.COM DATABASE: 1900 UNITED STATES FEDERAL CENSUS DETAIL: YEAR: 1900; CENSUS PLACE: SILVER FALLS, MARION, OREGON; ROLL: ; PAGE: ; ENUMERATION DISTRICT: .

CHARLES PETERS

HOME IN 1900: SILVER FALLS, MARION, OREGON
AGE: 36
BIRTH DATE: JUN 1863
BIRTHPLACE: IOWA
RACE: WHITE
ETHNICITY: AMERICAN
GENDER: MALE
RELATIONSHIP TO HEAD-OF-HOUSE: HEAD
FATHER'S NAME: WILLIAM
FATHER'S BIRTHPLACE: GERMANY
MOTHER'S NAME: DORIS
MOTHER'S BIRTHPLACE: GERMANY
SPOUSE'S NAME: AMELIA
MARRIAGE YEAR: 1887
MARITAL STATUS: MARRIED
YEARS MARRIED: 13
RESIDENCE: AUMSVILLE, SILVER FALLS, AND
SUBLIMITY PRECINCTS, MARION, OREGON

1927 strawberry plants

Nov. 17	Delivered to J. S. Steinberger strawberry plants @ \$3.00 and \$2.25	Straw-
Feb. 7	received from W. H. Weeks for strawberry plants dug by J. W. Phillips. 22.25	
Mar. 27	Delivered to C. J. Thomas 35000 strawberry plants @ \$3.00	105.00
" 30	Delivered to Weeks and Permire 58,310 strawberry plants @ 2.25 (Marshall)	131.20
April 8	Dug by J. S. Steinberger strawberry plants @ 2.00	
" 16	Delivered to Weeks and Permire 4,550 strawberry plants @ 2.25 (Molinda)	10.24
" 20	Delivered to Conrad Spenner strawberry plants @ 3.00	

EXCERPT FROM EDWIN PETERS' DAILY LOG BOOKS



the farm about 1928



the farm 2009



Charles and Amelia Peter's house, abt 1925



Edwin and Henry behind the barn, abt 1925



Edwin hauling logs, abt 1928



Edwin disking, abt 1928



Amelia Peters in front of the barn, abt 1928



the barn 2009



strawberry fields 1930's



grass seed fields 2009



Henry and Bernice Peter's house 1928



the house being remodeled again 2009
