

CFR 1169

Anna Belle Muilenburg Brown

A program of the Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation

Oregon Century Farm & Ranch Program Application

Date October 10, 2010

Type of designation (please check) Century Farm Century Ranch

Legal owner / Applicant name: Anna Belle Muilenburg Brown

Mailing address of Legal Owner / Applicant Redacted for Privacy

Telephone Redacted for E-mail address Redacted for Privacy

Contact name (if different than legal owner) same

Mailing address of contact same

Contact telephone Redacted for Contact E-mail address Redacted for Privacy

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

County Union County

Distance 4.5 miles from nearest town La Grande, OR 97850

Township East half of the northeast 1/4 and East half of the northwest 1/4 of section 23 Tp
Range 3 Section 38, E.W.M. Union County Oregon

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) Andrew Muilenburg

Date (year) this farm or ranch was acquired by founder(s) March 1911
(Attach verifying documentation. See Application Qualification #7)

Who farms or ranches the land today? Kelvin Torkelson farms it on a share crop basis

Relationship of applicant to original owner. Please explain lineage. (See Application Qualification #7)
Anna Brown is the widow of Andrew Muilenburg's son, Glen William Muilenburg.

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:
The barn is used today as storage for hay and occasional shelter for young livestock.
The family home, which was built by Andrew Muilenburg in 1918, is where Anna and her daughter currently live.

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?
Livestock- pigs, chickens, horses and cows
Crops- grain and hay

How many acres were included in original farm or ranch? 240 acres

How did the crops / livestock / use of farm or ranch change over the years? The crops have remained the same. The livestock has changed with just a small herd of cattle and the occasional pig on the farm..

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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?
Grain, hay, cattle and the occasional pig.

How many acres does the subject farm or ranch include today? 117

How many acres are in agricultural use today? ~~115~~ 90

The Family:

How many generations live on the farm or ranch today? 2 generations

Please list names and birth years:

Anna Belle Bates *Muilenburg* Brown 4/2/1933

Glenna Muilenburg Spears 10/7/1954

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, if available. Digital format photos (at highest resolution [300 dpi]) are particularly desirable, so that they may be used in publications, the CF&R Program Database or the web site. Submitted information, including photos, will be deposited in the OHS Library for future reference.

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

Statement of Affirmation

I, Anna Belle Muilenburg Brown, hereby affirm and declare that the farm or ranch which I own at Redacted for Privacy

County of Union 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.

Anna Brown
Signature of Owner

10-26-10
Date

Certification by Notary Public

State of Oregon
County of Union

Be it remembered, that on this 26 day of October, 2010, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, personally appeared the within named Anna Belle Muilenburg Brown 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.

K Howton



Notary Public for Oregon
My Commission Expires 11-28-11

Fees

Application Fee
(includes one certificate) \$ 65.00

Additional Certificates (\$20 each) \$ _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

Make checks payable to:
Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation or OAEF

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Date Received _____

Approved? Yes No

Authorization _____
Oregon Century Farm & Ranch Program Coordinator
OHS Library

MSS 1604 Program ID No. CFR1169

Joseph H. Snodgrass, and Belle S. Snodgrass) WARRANTY DEED.
 his wife, William F. Snodgrass, and Grace (
 Snodgrass, his wife, Margaret Abbott and) Dated 18th Mar. 1911.
 Frank Abbott, her husband, Jess M. Bartlett (
 and E.W. Bartlett, her husband, Sarah E.) Acknowledged (See below)
 Van Buren and Jay Van Buren, her husband (
 Judith N. Snodgrass, Unmarried, James G.) Recorded 21st June, 1911.
 Snodgrass and Lola M. Snodgrass, his wife (
 Lot L. Snodgrass and Augusta Snodgrass,) Book 53 of Deeds, page 397.
 his wife, and Maud M. Dittebrandt, and (
 Fred Dittebrandt, her husband, Grantors.) Signatures are not sealed.
 TO (
 Andrew Muilenburg, Grantee.) Signatures are properly
 - - - - - (witnessed, except the

signatures of Frank Abbott and Margaret Abbot, which are not witnessed.
 Signatures of Wm. F. Snodgrass and Grace Snodgrass witnessed by 1 only.

Acknowledged in statutory form before J. R. Oliver, N.P. Union County Oregon, on the 29th Apr. 1911, by Joseph J. Snodgrass and Belle S. Snodgrass, his wife, Jess M. Bartlett, Sarah E. Van Buren and Jay Van Buren her husband James G. Snodgrass and Loa M. Snodgrass, his wife, Lot L. Snodgrass and Augusta Snodgrass, his wife, and Judith N. Snodgrass and Maud M. Dittebrandt and Fred Dittebrandt her husband.

Before H. M. Love Commissioner of Deeds Whitman County Washington on the 11th day of April, 1911, by William F. Snodgrass, and Grace Snodgrass, his wife, Margaret Abbott, and Frank Abbott, her husband,

Before L. E. Belfils N.P. Clackamas Co. Oregon, on the 18th day of March, 1911, by E. W. Bartlett.

Consideration:- \$6320.00

Granting words:- Bargain, sell and convey.

Covenant:- Fee simple, free from incumbrances, warrant and defend.

Instrument signed:- Joseph H. Snodgrass, Belle Snodgrass,
 James G. Snodgrass, Lola M. Snodgrass,
 Sarah E. Van Buren, Jay Van Buren,
 Jess M. Bartlett, E. W. Bartlett,
 Lot L. Snodgrass, Augusta Snodgrass,
 Maud M. Dittebrandt, Fred Dittebrandt
 Judith N. Snodgrass, By James G. Snodgrass, attorney
 in fact. William F. Snodgrass, Grace Snodgrass,
 Frank Abbott, Margaret Abbott.

PREMISES DESCRIBED:-

The E.1/2 of the N.E.1/4, and the E.1/2 of the N.W.1/4 of Sec. 23, Tp. 3, S. R. 38, E. W. M. in Union County, Oregon, except two acres out of the East half of the N.W.1/4 of said Section 23, deeded to the Railway Company.

Muilenburg Century Farm History O-E



The Muilenburg Farm, as documented by the Warranty Deed, began in March of 1911 when Andrew and Maude Muilenburg purchased 240 acres. On the home-place, as it was fondly referred to, was a barn and a small home which was no larger than a one car garage. Maude gave birth to four of her seven children in this small home, Emil, Mary, Ina, and Lillian. Andrew farmed the ground by horses and produced both hay and grain. He also had a few milk and beef cows, pigs, and chickens.

In 1918 the main house was built and the family moved in as it would soon grow with the birth of three more children; Dorothy, Glen, and Viola. As the years



Maude & Andrew

passed, the children began to make their own way. Emil acquired his own farm located near Ladd Canyon, Lillian passed away at an early age due to diabetic complications, Mary attended nursing school, and both Ina and Dorothy attended secretarial school. Glen graduated from high school



Glen Muilenburg

and remained on the family farm. Viola moved to the Salem area. In June of 1944 Maude passed away from breast cancer.

With the passing of his wife, Andrew decided in 1946 that it was time to allow the children to take over the daily responsibilities of the farm. Mary, who had since married Willard Green,



and Glen formed a partnership. This partnership continued to farm hay and grain and began raising cattle. Farming had evolved since 1911 and the partners purchased a tractor



with a six foot combine and expanded their ground with the purchase of property in Ladd Canyon. This ground was used for pasturing the cattle during the summer months.

In June of 1951, Anna Belle Bates became the bride of Glen Muilenburg. He and Anna were married in the first section, currently the educational section, of the First Christian Church. The family was very active in the church where Glen served as a Deacon and Elder Emeritus. Glen and Anna made their home in the family home.



May of 1953 brought the birth of Glen and Anna's first of four children, William Andrew. Soon to follow was Glenna Ruth in 1954, DeLoras Ann in 1955 and Brian Ray in 1957. Along with the joy of these births was the sorrow of the death of DeLoras at the age of 14 months. The partnership continued to farm together until 1960 when it was determined time for the partnership to dissolve. Each partner took half the ground and began farming on their own.

In addition to the 120+ acres that Glen and Anna farmed, they decided to join Glen's brother Emil in the development of a feed lot.



This new partnership kept them very busy with their growing family, farming, and the feedlot. Unfortunately, Glen had

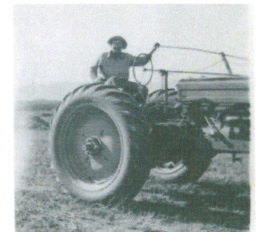


begun to lose his eyesight in September of 1962 due to complications from juvenile diabetes. In November 1963 he completely lost his sight. That spring the plowing was done with Glen tripping the plow while ten year old Billy drove the tractor.

The loss of his sight never stopped Glen. He attended special training in Boston for four months with the School for the Blind. He returned home and continued to milk the cows,



build fences, and feed the animals. This was to the amazement of many, but Glen had grown up on the place and he knew every inch of it. With the help of the boys, Billy and Brian, he even stacked



hay. To help supplement the farm income, Anna began working in the local print shop.

As with all families, each of the children grew and began a life of their own. Bill began logging, Glenna attended nursing school and eventually moved to Alaska and Brian continued to assist his dad with the farm until Glen's death in December of 1977. Brian began attending college in Corvallis and the plan was while Brian was in school, Bud Smutz would farm the ground until his return. Unfortunately, in August of 1978 while home on summer break, Brian was killed in an auto accident. Bud continued to farm the ground for Anna until his death in 1993.

Although Anna remarried in 1986 and moved to Pendleton, she continued to oversee the workings of the farm from afar. Glenna and her family returned to the family farm and lived in the family home for a number of years. In 1995, Anna and her husband returned to the farm where Anna and Glenna continue to reside. Since 1994 Anna has entrusted farming the 90 acres of ground to Kelvin Torkelson.



Original home in 1911

The Muilenburg/Brown family has begun to preserve and recondition both the house and the barn in hopes of preserving this piece of family history for the future generations.

