

CFR 1184

Balin Farm Trust
Hal Balin

A program of the Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation

Oregon Century Farm & Ranch Program Application

Date May 29, 2012

Type of designation (please check)

☒ Century Farm

☐ Century Ranch

Legal owner / Applicant name:

Balin Farm Trust/ Hal Balin Trustee

Mailing address of Legal Owner / Applicant:

Redacted for Privacy

Telephone : Redacted for Privacy

E-mail address : R

Contact name (if different than legal owner) :

Scott Balin

Redacted for

Mailing address of contact:

Balin Ranch

Redacted for Privacy

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

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

County : **Klamath**

Distance: **10 Miles** from nearest town: **Klamath Falls**

Township: **40S** Range: **09E.** W.M. Section: **13**

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

Balin Ranch

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GPS (Global Positioning System) Coordinates, if known: **42*06' N 121*43.06' W**

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Founder(s):

Original family owner(s) or founder(s): **Mary Balin**

Date (year) this farm or ranch was acquired by founder(s): **April 13, 1910**

(Attach verifying documentation. See Application Qualification #7)

Deed Attached

Who farms or ranches the land today?: **Balin Family, DBA Balin Ranch**

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

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:

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?: **Hay, Grain, Beef Cattle, & Potatoes**

How many acres were included in original farm or ranch? **Approximately 100Ac**

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

Very much the same which has expanded to about 800 deeded farm Ac's and 900 Ac's deeded pasture land..

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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?:

Hay, Grain, Potatoes, & Beef Cattle

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

800 acres as stated in home place & 1,000 acres of pasture land located about 45 miles from home place, all irrigated and deeded to Balin family. We also lease around 1,000 acres of crop and pasture land. My son, Scott Balin, has about 240 acres of irrigated land that borders the home place.

How many acres are in agricultural use today?: **All of the land listed.**

The Family:

How many generations live on the farm or ranch today?: Three

Please list names and birth years: **Hal Balin: 1931**
Scott Balin: 1964
Bryce Balin: 1993
Trent Balin: 1996
Elise Balin 1998

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

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Statement of Affirmation

I, Harold E. Balin hereby affirm and declare that the farm or ranch which the Balin family owns at Redacted for Privacy Oregon, in the County of Klamath has been owned by my family for over 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 more 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.

Harold E. Balin
Signature of Owner

5/29/2012
Date

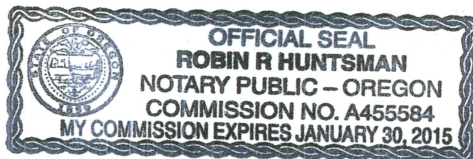
Certification by Notary Public

State of Oregon

County of Klamath

Be it remembered, that on this 29th day of May, 2012, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, personally appeared the within named Harold E. Balin, known to me to be the identical individual described in and who executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that Harold E. Balin 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.



Robin R. Huntsman

Notary Public for Oregon

My Commission Expires January 30, 2015

Fees

Application Fee

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BALIN RANCH

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May 28, 2012

Regards; Balin Ranch history and operation.

The Balin family came from Kansas in the early 1900's. The Klamath Bureau of Reclamation irrigation project was completed in 1906 and soon after that, the Balin's started farming the land that is now part of the Balin Farm and Ranch operation.

In April 1910 about 100 acres of that land was deeded to Mary Balin and has been in continuous operation by the Balin family for over the past 100 years. Otto Balin, was the son of Mary Balin and his wife, Ethel Balin, where the cornerstones in developing the Balin Ranch as we know it today. In the field of agriculture, Otto Balin was known to be one of the hardest working individuals in the Klamath Basin .

Harold Balin, their son, was the next generation in line to keep the Balin family ranch together. Scott Balin, the son of Harold Balin, both went Oregon State College and graduated in the field of agriculture and are presently operating the family ranch. Scott has two sons Bryce and Trent, and also a daughter Elise. Bryce is taking agriculture in college, so hopefully the family ranch will continue into the next generation.

The operation has expanded thru the years to about 800 acres of irrigated crop land and around 900 acres of irrigated pasture land located about 45 miles from the home farm. In the 1930's into the early 1950's, our cattle were driven to our summer pasture in Langell Valley, a cattle drive that would take three to four days, with over night along the way. Today we use trucks and the cattle are moved in a fraction of the time.

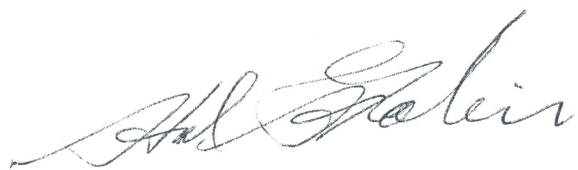
All the land has water rights and is deeded to the Balin Farm Trust, DBA as the Balin Ranches. The Balin Ranch also leases around 270 acres of crop land and 880 acres of pasture land.

The farm is in the business of raising organic grass fed beef, hay for our livestock and dairy hay. The farm also raises commercial and some organic potatoes. We are one of the larger producers of USDA certified organic grass fed beef in the State of Oregon and most of our beef is sold thru Whole Foods Grocery Stores. The ranch sells some beef under its own label of, "Cascade Organic Beef". Copy of label enclosed. We also sell some organic certified hay to organic dairies .

The farm has always tried to stay efficient and maintain a economic farm base while raising food and fiber for our country. Two of our main concerns is water and energy. The farm has come from the old days of gravity irrigation to the more efficient water saving sprinkler systems. Thru reinvesting , we now have three pivot irrigation systems on the farm.

A 100 KW Electric Solar Power plant was just completed in August of 2011 and consists of eight solar tracking stations. The plant will supply most of the power for two 75 hp sprinkler pumps and a 240 acre pivot system.

Today I feel the Balin Ranch is a living memorial to the hard work that Balin Family has made in the past and with the same determination, hopefully it will survive another 100 years of producing food and fiber for our country.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Hal Balin". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Hal Balin,

Trustee, The Balin Ranch

Know all Men by These Presents, That E.R.Reames and Jennie E.Reames, husband and wife, V31-129

of Klamath Falls State of Oregon,
in consideration of Ten Dollars and other valuable considerations ~~DOLLARS~~
to them paid by Mary Balin
of Klamath County State of Oregon,
have bargained and sold, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and convey unto said Mary Balin her
heirs and assigns, all the following bounded and described real property, situated in the County of Klamath
and State of Oregon:

Beginning at the Northwest corner of the N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of the N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 13, thence South on West line of said Sec. 13, 15 chains; thence East 40 chains to a point 15 chains south of the Northeast corner of the N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of the N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Sec. 13; thence North 15 chains; thence West 40 chains to the place of beginning, being 60 acres off the North side of the North $\frac{1}{2}$ of the N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Sec. 13; Also the N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 13. All in Tp. 40 S.R.9 E.W.M. and containing 100 acres.

together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining, and also all their 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 Mary Balin

her heirs and assigns forever. And E.R.Reames and Jennie E.Reames

grantors above named do covenant to and with

the above named grantee her heirs and assigns that they are lawfully seized in fee simple of the above granted premises; that the above granted premises are free from all incumbrances, save and except stock subscription contract with Klamath Water Users Association which the grantee assumes and that they will and their 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 grantor s above named, ha^v hereunto set our hands and seals this 13th day of April 1910

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in Presence of Us as Witnesses:

Leslie Rogers
A.R.Campbell

E.R.Reames (SEAL)
Jennie E.Reames (SEAL)
(SEAL)
(SEAL)

STATE OF OREGON,

County of Klamath

ss.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 13th day of April A. D. 1910, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared the within named E.R.Reames and Jennie E.Reames, husband and wife

who are known to me to be the identical person s described in and who executed the within instrument, and acknowledged to me that they executed the same freely and voluntarily.

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

Leslie Rogers Notary Public for Oregon.

Filed and Recorded 21 st day of June 1910, at 2:30 o'clock P.M.

C.R.De Lap

County Clerk.

By

Deputy.

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Solar Power Plant

Original Balin Farm Property

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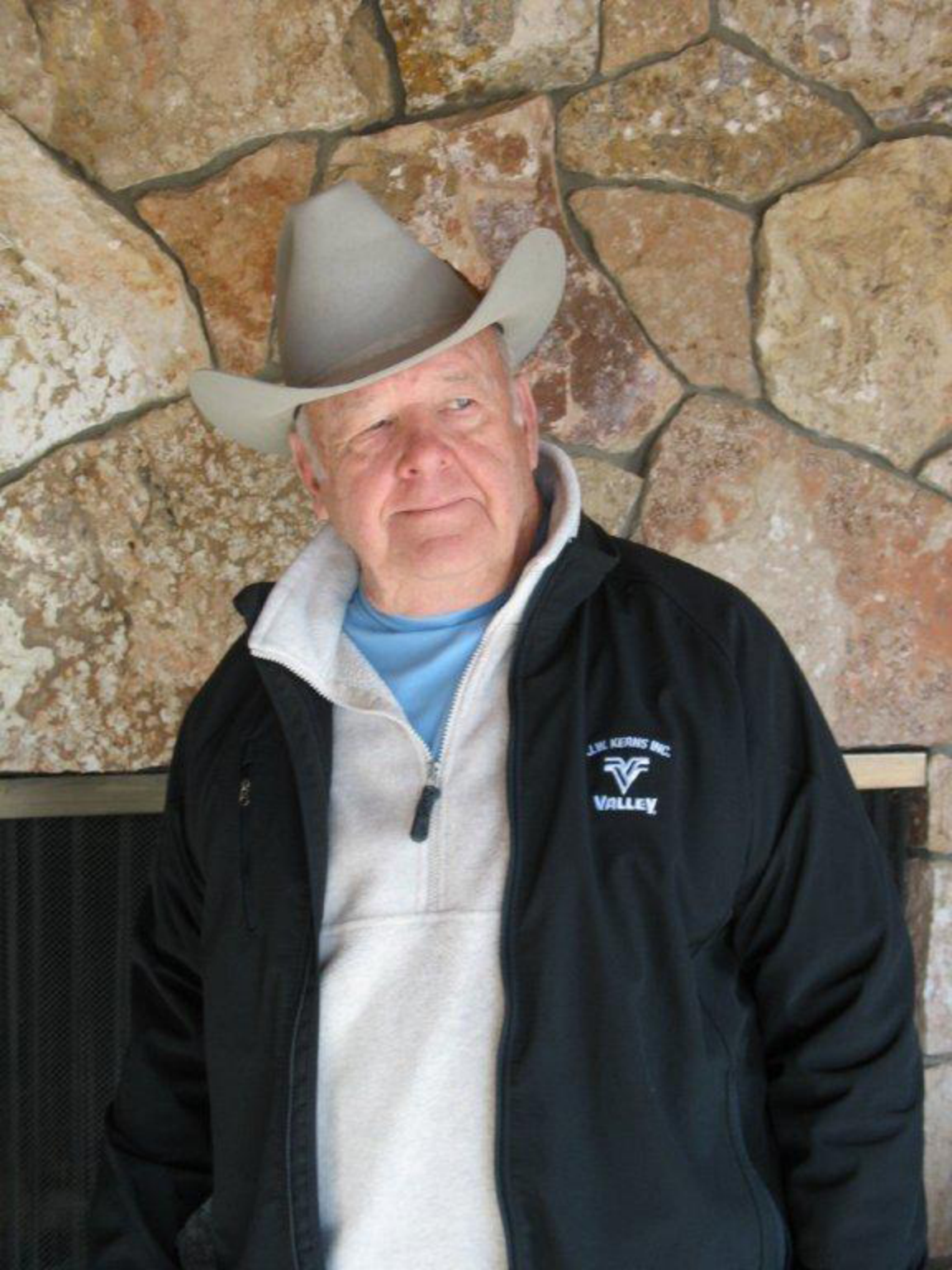






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