

CFR 1201

Powers Ranch Co.

# Oregon Century Farm & Ranch Program Application

Date 1 FEB 2013

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

Legal owner / Applicant name Powers Ranch Co

Farm or Ranch Name POWERS Ranch

Mailing address of Legal Owner / Applicant Redacted for Privacy

Redacted for Privacy

Telephone Redacted for Privacy E-mail address Redacted for Privacy

Contact name (if different than legal owner) AL Powers

Mailing address of contact Redacted for Privacy

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

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

County Coos County, Ore. *Ranch includes 4 separate locations:*  
Distance — from nearest town *1) approx 2000 acres adjacent to Powers.*  
*2) approx 10,000 acres 7 1/2 miles SW of Powers*  
*3) approx 1000 acres @ Bayland, Ore*  
*(approximately 10 mi N. of Powers)*  
Townships 30 S R-12W - Sections 27, 28, 29, 32  
31 S R-12W Range Section 18 28 29 Section 24, 25, 36, 35, 34  
32 S R-12W Sections 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 35, 32, 31

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

GPS (Global Positioning System) Coordinates, if known \_\_\_\_\_

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### Founder(s):

Original family owner(s) or founder(s) ALBERT H. POWERS & C. A. Smith

Date (year) this farm or ranch was acquired by founder(s) 1913  
(Attach verifying documentation. See Application Qualification #7)

Who farms or ranches the land today? Powers Family Subchapter S Corporation -  
wholly owned by Powers family members  
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:

- 1 Barn on Eckley Ranch built in 1920's - Hay storage
- 1 Barn on " " " " 1930's - " "
- 1 House on Wagner Ranch @ Powers - Restored as local historic site.

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?

Beef cattle  
Dairy cattle - 1930's on Powers property only. (Retail Delivery)  
Grass Hay (as well)

How many acres were included in original farm or ranch? 166 on Wagner property @ Powers.

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

Dairy cattle eliminated in late 1930's

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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 – Black/White Face  
Grass Hay

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

Approx. 14,000 acres

How many acres are in agricultural use today?

Approx 2000 acres.

### The Family:

How many generations live on the farm or ranch today?

0. They commute from town.

List names and birth years:

Albert Powers Born 1962  
Albert Powers Jr. Born 1900  
Albert Powers III Born 1930  
Quincy Powers Born 1962

All the below listed managers  
have been hands on operators.

**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 OSU Libraries' University Archives for future reference. Please send digital photos included with your application to [cfr@oregonfb.org](mailto:cfr@oregonfb.org).

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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Oregon Century Farm & Ranch Program  
Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation  
3415 Commercial Street SE, Salem, OR 97302  
503-400-7884 or [cfr@oregonfb.org](mailto:cfr@oregonfb.org)



### Statement of Affirmation

I, ALBERT H. POWERS,  
hereby affirm and declare that the farm or ranch <sup>our family</sup> which I own at GAYLORD, POWERS,  
1/2 ECKLEY, OREGON, in the County of CLATSOP & CLEWY

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 OSU Libraries' University Archives and be made available for public use. By signing below, I understand that I am consenting to the use of both information and photographs.

Albert H. Powers

5 February 2013

Signature of Owner

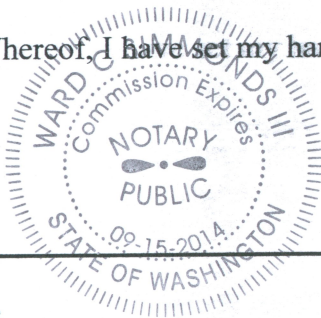
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### Certification by Notary Public

WASHINGTON  
State of Oregon County of KINH

Be it remembered, that on this 05 day of FEBRUARY, 20 13, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, personally appeared the within named ALBERT H. POWERS, known to me to be the identical individual described in and who executed the within instrument and acknowledged to me that ALBERT H. POWERS 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.



Ward C. Shinnick  
Notary Public for Oregon WASHINGTON  
My Commission Expires 9/15/14

#### Fees

Application Fee

(includes one certificate)

\$ 65.00

Additional Certificates (\$20 each)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed

\$ 65.00

Make checks payable to:

#### For office use only

Date Received

Feb 15, 2013

Approved?

☐ Yes

☐ No

Authorization

Oregon Century Farm & Ranch Program Coordinator

**Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation or OAEF**



### Powers Family Lineage Ownership of Powers Ranch:

The original three purchases of ranch property in 1913 were bought by Albert H. Powers for the Smith-Powers Logging Co. "Al" Powers was the managing partner in the company that was formed to log timber owned by CA Smith and deliver the logs to CA. Smith's large sawmill at Marshfield (later renamed Coos Bay), Oregon. The purchases included the 166 acre Wagner ranch that now is the townsite of Powers, Oregon, the Green Ranch property, located approximately 7 miles South of Powers at the head of Salmon Creek, and the Guerin Ranch property adjacent to the Dement Ranch property at the head of the North Fork of the Sixes River.

Smith-Powers raised beef cattle on the ranches to provide meat for the hundreds of loggers who lived in the logging woods and were fed at company cook houses. A slaughter house was built on the Green Ranch and cattle were slaughtered there and beef halves then were transported by rail car. to cold storage at Powers. The ranch brand was SP on the right hip.

Albert H. Powers was born in a log cabin in Canada in 1862. His parents were American citizens. He grew up on a small farm in Michigan where he became an experienced horseman and teamster. His mother died when he was young and when his father remarried he left home when he was 16. He found a job in Minnesota driving teams hauling sled loads of logs from the forests to mills or the frozen streams for floating to mills after the spring thaw. From this humble start he became a logging contractor at age 21. He prospered as a logging contractor and at one point owned 400 work horses. As the trees near the streams were logged, railroad logging was developed to move logs to the mills. Albert changed with the times and several decades later owned 2 locomotives, 90 rail cars, and 28 miles of railroad rails. He logged near Hibbing, Minnesota on the large holdings of the Pillsbury and CA. Smith Families. In 1906 he was chosen by C. A. Smith to move to the Pacific Coast and be responsible for logging the timber for the large sawmill Smith was building on Coos Bay.

"Al" Powers' second son, Albert H. Powers, Jr, grew up in Marshfield, and was always interested in livestock. He graduated from the University of California, majoring in Agriculture, and in the mid 1920s returned to Coos County and acquired the above described properties from his father and raised beef cattle and champion Percheron draft horses. The Green and Guerin properties contained natural prairies and areas of cut over timber land that were burned and then reseeded by scattering the seed from airplanes to grow more acres of cow pasture.. During WWII the manpower needed to safely bum back the brush was not available and the natural forest growth reclaimed many areas to start again to grow timber. In 1936 he added the Gaylord Ranch property, acquired from his boyhood friend, Edgar Simpson.

During the tough economic times and low cattle prices of the 1930s, Albert leased tin canning equipment, installed it at the then unused cold storage facility in Powers, and for several years retailed the ranch beef production as "Oregon Prime Beef", "Oregon Prime Beef with Vegetables", and "Rex Dog Food". Local ladies were

employed to hand pack the cans and son Albert's first job was installing the labels on the cans..

During the 1930s Albert also operated a small dairy operation on the Wagner Ranch property to the West of the Powers townsite. It was operated and inspected as a Grade A dairy to State standards, and milk was delivered locally in glass milk bottles from a single horse drawn milk wagon. At this time the road to Myrtle Point was still unpaved and rough. After the road was paved in the late 1930s the large operators took over the local market with milk sold through the grocery stores. Albert Powers, Jr. served as the agriculture representative on the Oregon State Board of Forestry for 26 years. He was the first President of the Western Oregon Livestock Association.

Albert H. Powers, Jr. died unexpectedly in 1961 at age 61. His elder son, known through grade school as "Robin", and later as "Al", Albert H Powers III, a Professional Civil Engineer then managing an overseas bridge project, moved back to the Gaylord Ranch for a year and a half to serve as Administrator of the Estate and Ranch Manager. Subsequently he commuted for nearly 50 years and 600,000 miles by light aircraft between his construction business in Seattle and hands on ranch duties. During this period the ranch converted to a cow calf operation instead of marketing grass fat steers sent to the Portland market. "Tree Farming" was developing and the timbered portions of the ranch, were managed and developed by Albert H. Powers, Jr.'s younger son, Quincy M. Powers, to encourage the young timber that had grown remarkably well after the burn and reseed program was halted during the WWII years.

After the Estate was closed the ranch was incorporated as Powers Ranch Co. Albert H. Powers, Jr.'s three children became the owners of Powers Ranch Co. Officers were, Albert H. Powers III, President, Quincy M. Powers, Vice President, and Diana Powers Evans, Secretary. Quincy M. Powers died unexpectedly in 2001.

During this 3rd generation of ownership the Bald Hill range property adjacent to the Gaylord ranch and the Coldiron ranch adjacent to the City of Powers were acquired. Some portions of the purchased Coldiron property had been let go for taxes in the depth of the depression. The historic Wagner Ranch house, built in 1866 and located at the North entrance to the town, was restored by Albert H. Powers, Jr.'s wife, Ruth Powers, and donated to the city of Powers where it remains as a tourist attraction.

Albert H. Powers III and Diana Evans retired from the company in 2012. Ownership of the company remains within the family and is being transferred to the 4<sup>th</sup> generation. Current officers are: President Quincy Powers, Jr., Vice President Nancy Langdon (Albert H. Powers III's daughter), and Secretary Elizabeth McBride (Diana Powers Evans' daughter.)

Powers Ranch has been owned and actively operated by Powers family members for 100 years, and we look forward to the next 100.



Thos. Vigers and Assigns forever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 1st day of November 1913.

Done in the presence of:  
G. W. Kaufman, I. S. Kaufman,

Claribel Kaufman,

(Seal)

State of Oregon:

County of Coos :ss. On this 1st day of November 1913, personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, the within named Claribel Kaufman 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 she 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 official seal this 1st day of November 1913.

Recorded November 24, 1913, 10:30 A.M.  
James Watson, County Clerk.

(Seal)

G. W. Kaufman,  
Notary Public for Oregon.

6471. THIS INDENTURE WITNESSETH, That George M. Everett and Elizabeth J. Everett, his wife, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollars, to them paid, have bargained, sold and quit-claimed and by these presents do bargain, sell and quit-claim unto Thomas Vigers the following mentioned and described premises, to-wit:

Lots 6, 7, 8 and 9 in block 11 Kocs Bay Plat B. according to the plat now on file in the office of the County Clerk of Coos County, Oregon. The same being in the County of Coos, State of Oregon.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said premises, with their appurtenances unto the said Thomas Vigers and assigns forever.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We have hereunto set our hand and seal this 4th day of Nov. 1913.

Done in the presence of:  
W. L. Taylor, F. W. Wood,

George M. Everett,  
Elizabeth J. Everett,

(Seal)  
(Seal)

State of Oregon:

County of Coos :ss. On this 4th day of November, 1913, personally came before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, the within named George M. Everett and Elizabeth J. Everett, to me personally known to be the identical persons described in and who executed the within instrument, and who each personally acknowledged to me that they 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 official seal this 4th day of November 1913.

Recorded November 24, 1913, 10:30 A.M.  
James Watson, County Clerk.

(Seal)

F. W. Wood,  
Notary Public for Oregon.

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6472. THIS INDENTURE, Made this 12th day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirteen, between the C. A. Smith Fir Company, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Minnesota, party of the first part, and the Smith-Powers Logging Company, a corporation organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Minnesota, party of the second part,-

WITNESSETH: That the said Party of the first part, in consideration of the sum of One

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red Dollars (\$100), to it in hand paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, does hereby grant, bargain, sell, remise, release, quit-claim and convey unto the said party of the second part, its successors and assigns, forever, all the following tracts or parcels of land lying and being in the County of Oos, and State of Oregon, particularly described as follows, to-wit:

In Township Thirty-one (31) South, Range Twelve (12) West of the Willamette Meridian:

Lot Thirteen (13) and McDonald Donation Claim in Section Thirteen . . . . . (13)

In Township Thirty-two (32) South, Range Twelve (12) West of the Willamette Meridian:

The West half of the West half of the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter (W $\frac{1}{2}$  W $\frac{1}{2}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) and the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section Four . . . . . (4)

The Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) and the North half of Northeast quarter of Southeast quarter of the Southeast quarter (N $\frac{1}{2}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section Five . . . . . (5)

The East half of the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter (E $\frac{1}{2}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) and the East half of the West half of the Northeast quarter of Northeast quarter (E $\frac{1}{2}$  W $\frac{1}{2}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section Seven . . . . . (7)

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The Northwest quarter of the Northeast quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ); the South half of the South half of the Southeast quarter of the Northeast quarter (S $\frac{1}{2}$  S $\frac{1}{2}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ); the North half of the Northwest quarter (N $\frac{1}{2}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ); the Southeast quarter of the Northwest quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ); the East half of Northeast quarter of Southwest quarter (E $\frac{1}{2}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ); the Southeast quarter of Southwest quarter of Northeast of the Southwest quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ); the North half of the North half of Northeast quarter of Southeast quarter (N $\frac{1}{2}$  N $\frac{1}{2}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ); and the Northeast quarter of Northwest quarter of Southeast quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section Eight . . . . . (8)

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, The above quit-claimed premises, together with all the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining unto the said party of the second part, its successors and assigns, forever.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, The said party of the first part has caused these presents to be executed in its corporate name, by its President and its Secretary, and its corporate seal to be hereunto affixed the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of:  
Oscar W. Weibel, (Corporate Seal)  
Lyman E. Minar:

C. A. Smith Fir Company,  
By C. A. Smith, Its President,  
and Charles L. Trabert, Its Secretary.

State of California:

County of Alameda: ss. On this 12th day of November A.D. 1913, before me J. A. Whittington,

a Notary Public within and for said County, personally appeared C. A. Smith and Charles L. Trabert, to me personally known, who, being each by me duly sworn, did say that they are respectively the President and the Secretary of the C. A. Smith Fir Company, the corporation named in the foregoing instrument, and that the seal affixed to said instrument is the corporate seal of said corporation, and that said instrument was signed and sealed in behalf



said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors and said C. A. Smith and Charles L. JAX  
Trabant acknowledged said instrument to be the free act and deed of said corporation.

J. A. Whittington,  
Recorded November 24, 1913, 10:50 A.M. (Seal) Notary Public, in and for the County of Alameda,  
James Watson, County Clerk. State of California. My Commission expires Oct. 10, 1916.

6473. THIS INDENTURE, made this 16th day of June, A.D. 1913, between E. L. Robinson and  
Queen Robinson, his wife, the parties of the first part, and the Willamette Pacific Railroad  
Company, a corporation, organized and existing under the laws of the State of Oregon, the  
party of the second part,

WITNESSETH: That the said parties of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum  
of Ten (10) Dollars, lawful money of the United States of America, to them in hand paid by  
the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted,  
bargained and sold, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents do grant, bargain and sell,  
convey and confirm, unto the said party of the second part, and to its successors and assigns  
forever, all those certain lots, pieces or parcels of land, situate, lying and being in the  
W.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of N.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 22, T. 24 S., R. 13 W., W.M., County of Coos, State of Oregon, and  
bounded and particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Tract Number One:

All that portion of a strip of land One Hundred and fifty (150) feet wide, lying  
Northwesterly and immediately adjacent to the located center line known as the "L" line of the  
Willamette Pacific Railroad Company's railroad, as said center line is located and marked by  
stakes set in the ground at distances of Fifty (50) feet and less; that lies West of the East  
line of the West half of the Northeast quarter of Section Twenty two, Township Twenty-four  
South, Range Thirteen West, Willamette Meridian (E.L. of W.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of N.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 22, T. 24 S., R.  
13 W., W.M.) and East of a line One hundred and fifty (150) feet distant measured at right  
angles Northwesterly and running parallel to the said located center line; and extending from  
the North line of said West half (N.L. of W.  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) to a line at right angles to a point at  
or near a point on the said located center line known as Engineer Survey Station "L"  
3547+50 that is also a point on the East line of said West half (E.L. of W.  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) distant Seven  
hundred and eighty (780) feet, more or less, measured Southerly along said East line from the  
North line of said West half (W.  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) and containing an area of One and thirty one one-hundredths  
(1.31) acres, more or less.

Tract Number Two:

A strip of land One hundred (100) feet wide lying equally Fifty (50) feet on each side  
of the above mentioned located center line; beginning at or near a point known as Engineer  
Survey Station "L" 3547+50, which is also a point on the East line of the West half of  
Northeast quarter of Section Twenty-two (E.L. of W.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of N.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 22) aforesaid township  
and Range; distant Seven hundred and eighty (780) feet, more or less, measured Southerly  
along said East line from the North line of said West half (W.  $\frac{1}{2}$ ) being also a point in the  
Southerly end of above described Tract #1; and running thence in a Southwesterly direction



























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