

SFR 0002

Donald & Dona Coon
Mike & Tami Coon

Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation

Sesquicentennial Award Application

Date October 26, 2007

Type of designation (please check)



Farm



Ranch

Legal owner / Applicant name Dona B & Dona Coon / Mike & Tami Coon

Mailing address of Legal Owner / Applicant Redacted for Privacy

Telephone Redacted for Privacy E-mail address Redacted for Privacy

Contact name (if different than legal owner) _____

Mailing address of Contact _____

Contact Telephone Redacted for Privacy Contact E-mail address _____

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

County Linn

Distance 5.5 miles from nearest town Corvallis

Township 12S Range 4W Section 29, 30, 31, 32

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: 44 29' 32.69" N

123 12' 46.60" W

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Please provide the following information.

Founder(s):

Original family owner(s) or founder(s) Washington L Coon

Year this farm or ranch was acquired by founder(s) 1850

Year farm or ranch was awarded Century Farm or Century Ranch status, if applicable _____

Who farms or ranches the land today? Donald & Dona Coon / Mike & Tami Coon

Relationship of Applicant to original owner. Please explain lineage.

great - great grandsons of Washington L Coon

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:

Please describe the early crops or livestock.

Grain, vetch hay, cattle, horses, dairy cows, pigs

How many acres were included in original farm or ranch? 320 acres

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

Changed from grains and hay to grass seed as the primary crop.

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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?

Grass seed, field peas, clover seed, triticale,
wheat, small beef operation.

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

4000 +

How many acres are in agricultural use today?

4000 +

The Family:

How many generations live on the farm or ranch today?

Three generations

Please list names and birth years:

Vernon Coon 1936
Nancy Coon 1939
Mike Coon 1959
Tami Coon 1965
KC Coon 1989
Jordyn Coon 1991

Patricia (Coon) Roberts
Donald Coon 1959
Dona Coon 1959
Hans Coon 1987
Nicola Coon 1990
Elle Coon 1992

Please include a narrative of your family history. Please also submit historical & current photos of the property & family, as available. If photos can be provided in digital format at a high resolution appropriate for publication (300 dpi or greater), it would be appreciated.

Types of information to include in your family history narrative:

- From which city, state, or country original owner moved.
- Generational transfers of the farm or ranch property.
- 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, Dona M Coon

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

, in the County of Linn

has been owned by my family for at least 150 continuous years, as specified in the qualifications for the Century Farm & Ranch Program / Sesquicentennial Award, 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 / Sesquicentennial Award 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.

Dona M Coon

Signature of Owner

Oct 29, 2007

Date

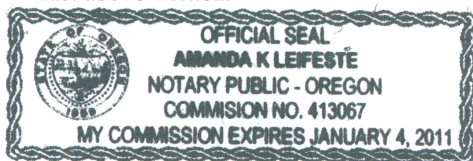
Certification by Notary Public

State of Oregon

County of Linn

Be it remembered, that on this 29th day of October, 2007, before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said county and state, personally appeared the within named Dona M Coon, 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.



Amanda K. Leifeste

Notary Public for Oregon

My Commission Expires January 4, 2011

Fees

Application Fee

(includes one certificate)

\$ 25.00

Additional Certificates (\$15 each)

\$ /
\$ 25.00

Total enclosed

Make checks payable to:

Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation or OAEF

For office use only

Date Received 11/1/07

Century Farm or Ranch ID No. if on File CFR0268

Not on File —

Application Approved? X Yes — No

Authorization GM

Century Farm & Ranch Program Coordinator

OHS Library

MSS 1604 Program ID No. SFR0002

Washington L. Coon, born in Jefferson County, Kentucky, came to the Oregon Territory on the Oregon Trail and claimed land in 1850. (Donation Land Claim #49) He returned to the east coast by ship to Panama, crossed over to the Gulf of Mexico by mule train and then sailed on. He made his way to Pennsylvania where he married (m. 3-15-1975) Susan Ann Spears Bayne, a widow with children. They returned to Oregon over the Oregon Trail. The step-sons claimed the adjoining 320 acres to the original Donation Land Claim.

Washington L. Coon (b. 3/10/1825 d. 3-28-1901) and his wife had two children, Michael Spears Coon (b.4-20-1877; d. 5-1977) and Sarah Margaret Coon. Michael Spears Coon married Clara Bella Crawford. (Sarah married Clara's brother, Frank, and became Sarah Margaret Crawford.) They had two children, Harold Crawford Coon (b. 12-21-13, d. 11-20-79), Vernita Susan Coon. After Clara died, Michael Spears married Mary Atcheson. They had no children together.

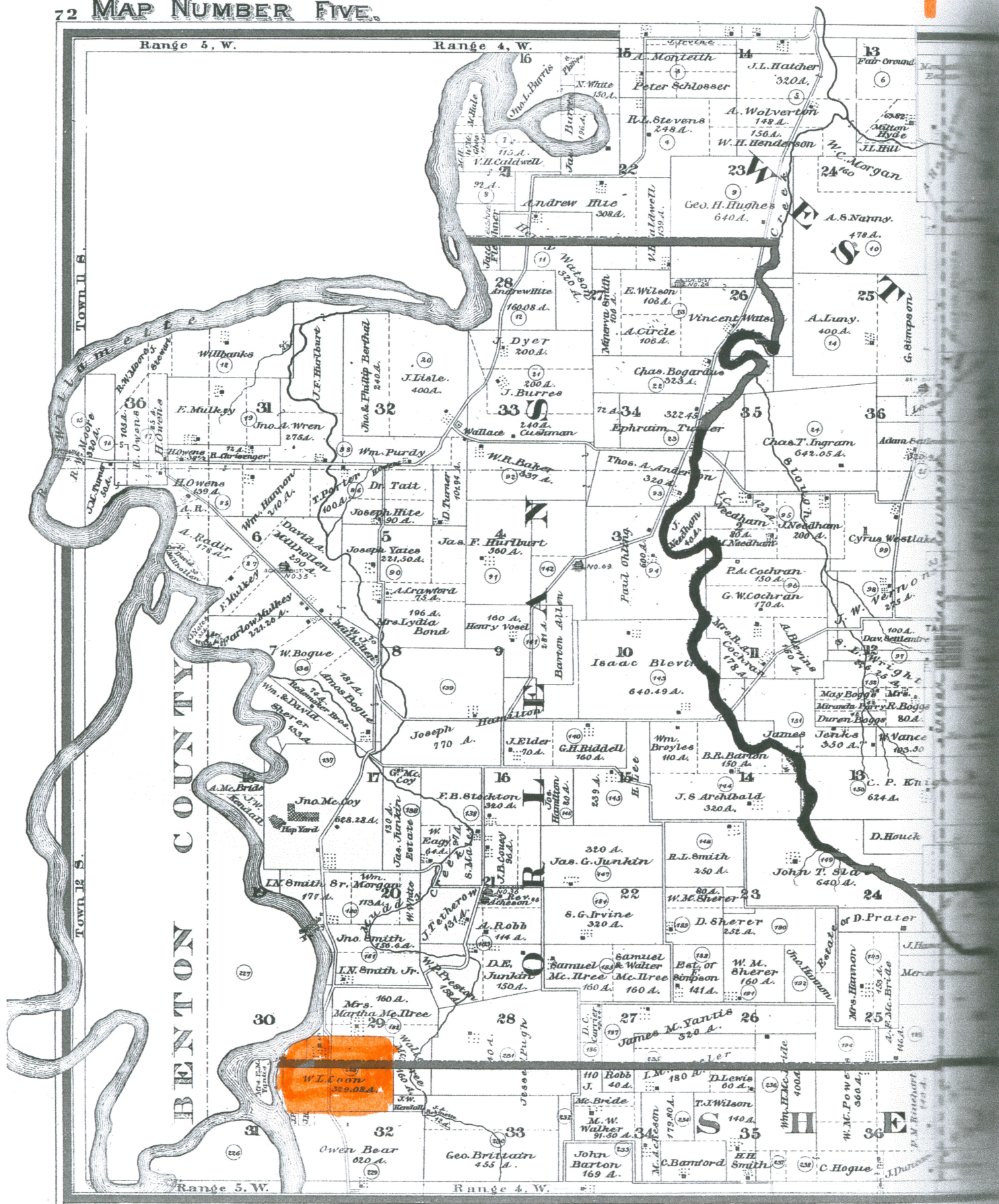
Harold Coon married Margarite Billington Smith (m. 6-30-1932) and they had two sons, Norman Harold Coon (b. 6-15-34; d. 1-05-05) and Vernon Michael Coon (b. 9-21-36). Norman Harold Coon married (m. 12-15-55) Patricia Lou Gindhart (b. 1-21-37) of Peoria and they had four children, Denice Marie Coon (b. 9-20-57), Donald Norman Coon (b. 11-13-59), Julie Ann Coon (b. 11-26-60) and Charlene Yvonne Coon (b. 9-21-62; d. 5-31-86.)

Donald Norman Coon married (m. 3-20-83) Dona Maria Gnos (b. 4-20-59) and they have three children, Hans Donald Coon (b. 7-12-87), Nicola Marie Coon (b. 11-7-90) and Elle Elizabeth Coon (9-12-92.)

Vernon Michael Coon married (m. 9-21-58) Nancy Nellie Biss (b. 4-13-39) and they had three children; Michael Vernon Coon (b. 7-12-59), Lynne Annette Coon (b. 11-02-60) and Dwight David Coon (b. 6-28-62).

Michael Vernon Coon married (m. 2/28/87) Tamara Lynne Brock (b. 5-24-65) of Harrisburg and they have two children, K.C. Michael Coon (b. 11-07-89) and Jordyn Tami Coon (b. 10-14-91.)

Hans, KC, Nicola, Jordyn and Elle are the 6th generation to live and work on the family farm which began with a Donation Land Claim in 1850.



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting:

Whereas, There has been deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the UNITED STATES a Certificate numbered Eighteen hundred and thirty-eight _____ of the Register and Receiver at Oregon City, Oregon, _____ whereby it appears that under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved the 27th day of September, 1850, entitled "An Act to create the Office of Surveyor General of the Public Lands in Oregon, and to provide for the survey and to make donations to settlers of the said Public Lands," and the legislation supplemental thereto, the claim of Washington L. Coon, of Linn county, Oregon, Notification No. 2242, has been established _____ to a donation of one half _____ section, or three hundred and twenty _____ acres of land, and that the same has been surveyed and designated as claim number forty-nine, being parts of sections twenty-nine, thirty, thirty-one, and thirty-two in Township twelve South, of Range four West, _____ according to the Official Plat of Survey returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the SURVEYOR GENERAL, being bounded and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a point seven chains and twenty links North of the South West corner of the North West quarter of said section thirty-two, and running thence East thirty-nine chains and seventy-six links, thence North fifty chains and thirty links, thence West fifty chains and twenty-eight links, thence South twenty-five degrees West eight chains and twenty-eight links, thence South ten chains and sixty links, thence North eighty-nine degrees and forty-three minutes West fifteen chains and eighty-one links, thence South thirty-two chains and sixty-eight links, and thence East thirty chains and thirty-six links to the place of beginning, in the district of lands subject to sale at Oregon City, Oregon, containing three hundred and twenty-two acres and eighty-five hundredths of an acre. _____

Now know ye, That the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, in consideration of the premises, and in conformity with the provisions of the Act aforesaid, HAVE GIVEN AND GRANTED, and by these presents DO GIVE AND GRANT, unto the said Washington L. Coon and to his heirs the tract of land above described, _____

To have and to hold the said tract, with the appurtenances, unto the said Washington L. Coon _____ and to his _____ heirs and assigns forever.

In testimony whereof, I Andrew Johnson, _____ PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, have caused these Letters to be made Patent, and the SEAL of the GENERAL LAND OFFICE to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the CITY OF WASHINGTON, this first _____ day of May _____, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six _____ and of the Independence of the United States the ninety-sixth. _____

BY THE PRESIDENT: Andrew Johnson

By _____ Secretary.
Recorder of the General Land Office.

(Powell) Robinette. They had 12 children, but the last died at birth. After their fifth child was born, Norval built a larger house 100 yards south of the original one. That second house was a double box built on 10 X 10 inch timbers set on rocks and ewe wood blocks. The double thick exterior walls were made with one-inch rough, random width lumber placed vertically. When the double thick interior single box walls were added, one vertical and one horizontal and sealed, the walls were four inches thick. That house is still in use although it was renovated in the 1960s. The property was recognized as an Oregon Century Farm in 1958, but now has surpassed 150 years.

Rice was a 3rd Corporal in the 1855-56 Rogue Indian War serving in Captain Jonathan Keeney's Company C, 2nd Regiment of the Oregon Mounted Volunteers. He served in the 1882 Oregon House of Representatives. On July 30, 1887, he was one of the pioneers who met in the hall over the Robert Glass store in Crawfordsville and formed the Linn County Pioneer Picnic Association. The first Pioneer Picnic was held that fall in the trees behind where George Finley's 1892 house was built. The Linn County Pioneer Picnic has been held every year since 1887.

Nancy Rice died on April 6, 1899. Norval died in 1909 following an accident. His horse ran away causing his buggy to overturn. Both Norval and Nancy Ann are buried in the Union Cemetery in Crawfordsville.

Originally the farm that had hay, grain, vegetable garden, orchard, horses, milk cows, sheep, pigs, chickens, goats. Currently grandson Richard N. Rice, born July 14, 1925 and great-grandson Mark B. Rice, born September 28, 1951, live in the house and still have the orchard and a vegetable garden, but now raise beef cattle and have a mechanized hay operation. Part of the property is timber. The farm was recognized as a Century Farm in 1958, but has now passed 150 years. {Also see <http://bluebook.state.or.us/facts/scenic/century/aboutrice.htm>}

✓ Coon



Washington Coon in 1887

The Coon Family Farm was established in Linn County by Washington L. and Susan Coon in 1850. The current owners are Donald and Dona Coon and Mike and Tami Coon. The farm was recognized as a Century Farm in 1970, but now has been recognized as a Sesquicentennial Farm.

Washington Coon took out his donation land claim in 1850. He soon traveled back east to Pennsylvania where he married Susan, a widow with children. They returned over the Oregon Trail, with the stepsons claiming the adjoining 320 acres next to the Coon's DLC. Like many early Willamette Valley farmers, the Coons raised grain, vetch hay, cattle, horses, dairy cows and hogs. Over the years, the primary crop changed from grains and hay to grass seed.

Now the 5th generation brothers raise grass seed, field peas, clover seed, triticale, and wheat while maintaining a small beef operation on a farm that now exceeds 4,000 acres on the east side of the Willamette River. {<http://bluebook.state.or.us/facts/scenic/century/aboutcoon.htm>}