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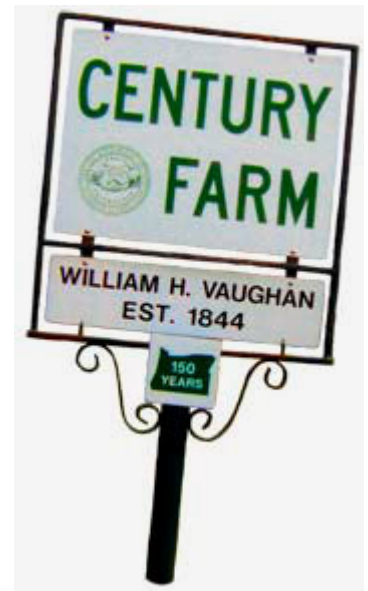
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Century Farms and Ranches Web Exhibit

Exhibit Overview

Beginning in the 1840s, large numbers of settlers traveled west seeking the Eden at the end of the Oregon Trail. The agrarian ideal that fueled Oregon Fever encouraged farmers and ranchers to build prosperous lives on the land. Thousands heeded the call but over the decades most drifted away to other livelihoods.

Descendants of 232 early families who stayed on their farms or ranches for at least 100 years were honored by the Oregon Century Farm & Ranch Program in 1958. Since the program's inception, more than 1,075 families have been awarded the Century Farm or Century Ranch status. A Sesquicentennial Award in 2008 honored 14 Oregon families who have sustained their farms or ranches for at least 150 years. The following pages show life over the decades on some of the remaining 150-year-old gems of Oregon history.



The Oregon farms and ranches shown in this exhibit have been in the same families for at least 150 years.

[View related Senate Concurrent Resolution 23](https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2008S1/Measures/Overview/SCR0023) (<https://olis.oregonlegislature.gov/liz/2008S1/Measures/Overview/SCR0023>).

About the Sesquicentennial Award

Family farms and ranches under continuous ownership and operation of 150 years or more are eligible to apply for the Sesquicentennial Award. Fourteen families qualified for honors at a ceremony on the Capitol Mall in Salem on February 14, 2008. This exhibit illustrates only this inaugural group. Of the recognized Century Farms and Ranches in Oregon, more than 400 were established prior to December 31, 1859, the year of Oregon's statehood. However, some of those may have been sold out of family ownership during the last 50 years since the Century Farm & Ranch Program began in 1958.



Many of those that remain have deep roots in Oregon agriculture as a result of the Oregon Donation Land Law of 1850. That federal legislation recognized legal title to land already claimed by white settlers in Oregon Territory and encouraged additional immigration to Oregon by offering vast amounts of free land. Historian William Robbins writes in *Landscapes of Promise: The Oregon Story 1800-1940* that an estimated



25,000 to 30,000 immigrants, mostly of Euro-American descent, entered the territory before the act expired in 1855.

Century Farm & Ranch Program images

The Century Farm & Ranch

(<https://centuryfarm.oregonfb.org/>)

Program has been honoring Oregon agriculture for over 50 years. (Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation images)

Most early donation land claims (DLC) were staked out in the fertile Willamette, Umpqua, and Rogue valleys. By the late 1850s, most of the prime river valley lands were claimed, leading settlers to seek out unclaimed land in the coastal lowland valleys, higher-elevation interior valleys, and finally eastern Oregon.



About the Century Farm & Ranch Program

The Century Farm & Ranch Program (<https://centuryfarm.oregonfb.org/>) was created to honor farm and ranch families with century-long connections to the land, and to recognize Oregon's rich agricultural heritage. The program is administered through the Oregon Agricultural Education Foundation (OAEF) in Salem and is supported in part by a partnership of the Oregon Farm Bureau, Oregon State Parks & Recreation Department, Oregon Department of Agriculture, and the Oregon Historical Society. The Wheat Growers Association, Hazelnut Marketing Board, Roth's Family Markets, various Oregon county farm bureaus, and many individuals provide additional funding for the program.

All applications for Century Farm or Century Ranch status are added to the Oregon Historical Society (OHS) Library where they provide information about settlement patterns, livestock and crop choices, building design, and family history. Successful applicants receive a personalized certificate of acknowledgement from the governor and the director of the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

Learn More

Information in the "about the farm" and "about the ranch" pages is abstracted from applications to the Oregon Century Farm & Ranch Program that are available at the OHS Library. This exhibit was created in January 2009 and documents only the group of farms and ranches that qualified for the inaugural Sesquicentennial Award.

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Birdseye Ranch

Established by David and Clarissa Birdseye in 1853

Location: Jackson County

2009 Owner: Victor Theodore "Ted" Birdseye II

History

David Nelson Birdseye and his wife Clarissa settled in the Rogue River Valley near Gold Hill in 1853. As with most of the early farms and ranches, crops and livestock were diversified. By the 20th century, the ranch focused on raising a small beef herd, hay, pasture, and occasionally grain. In the 1980s, with the price of beef down, Ted Birdseye switched to 300 head of sheep. But with coyote, big cat, and domestic dog problems, he shifted back to cattle.

As of 2010

Besides cattle, the ranch raises quarter horses and maintains a hay crop and pasture land. The original log house built in 1856 burned in a fire in 1990. Although declared a total loss, Ted Birdseye had the landmark structure rebuilt according to its original design, including using 1850s construction techniques. It was a strong statement of the pride demonstrated by these descendents of pioneer families.

Horse & Barn

A horse stands by a barn on the Birdseye Ranch in Jackson County near the Rogue River. The ranch was founded in 1853. (Oregon State Archives Photo)



House at Birdseye Ranch

This house at the Birdseye Ranch in Jackson County was rebuilt after the original 1856 one was destroyed by fire in 1990. The ranch was founded in 1853. (Oregon State Archives Photo)



Barn on Birdseye Ranch

A rustic old barn on the Birdseye Ranch in Jackson County near the Rogue River. The ranch was founded in 1853. (Oregon State Archives Photo)



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Coon Family Farm

Established by Washington L. and Susan Coon in 1850

Location: Linn County

2009 Owners: Donald and Dona Coon; Mike and Tami Coon

History

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 land claim. Like most 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.

As of 2010

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.

Coon Family on Front Porch of Farmhouse

Susan Coon, Harold Crowford Coon (in high chair), and other family members pose on the front porch of their farmhouse circa 1908. The house was built in 1906. The Coon Family Farm was founded in Linn County in 1850. (Coon Family Photo)



Washington Coon Family

Members of the Washington Coon Family pose for a family portrait in 1887. Washington Coon established his farm in Linn County in 1850. (Coon Family Photo)



Harold Crawford Coon at Wheel

Young Harold Crawford Coon sits at the wheel of an automobile with his parents Michael and Claire as passengers in 1913. Michael Coon saw a great deal of farm history during his life from 1877 to 1977. The Coon Family Farm was founded in Linn County in 1850. (Coon Family Photo)



Mike Coon & Dad Vernon

Little Mike Coon holds the combine steering wheel as he sits on dad Vernon's lap in 1961. The combine was used for harvesting grain and grass seed. Washington Coon established the farm in Linn County in 1850. (Coon Family Photo)



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Ford Farm

Established by Stephen Jenkins in 1852

Location: Lane County

2009 Owners: Ford Farms Inc.; Stephen M. Ford, President

History

Stephen Jenkins established his donation land claim in 1852 along what is now the Crow Road, eight miles from Eugene. Over the years, the Jenkins descendents raised cattle, dairy cows, horses, pigs, sheep, turkeys, and chickens on the farm. They also put in grains, hops, hay, and corn and grass silage.

As of 2010

In addition to some feeder cattle and horses, the majority of acreage is in pasture and growing trees. The farm is maintained by a family corporation, consisting of 11 family shareholders who are the 5th through 7th generations on the land.

Barn on Ford Family Farm

A barn at the Ford Farm in the rolling hills near Crow in Lane County. The Ford Farm was established in 1852. (Oregon State Archives Photo)



Rustic Barn on Ford Family Farm

A rustic barn on the Ford Farm in the rolling hills near Crow in Lane County. Stephen Jenkins established the Ford Farm in 1852. (Oregon State Archives Photo)



The Ford Farm along Doane Road near Crow.
(Oregon State Archives Photo)

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Hattan Farm

Established by Mark A. and Martha Hattan in 1847

Location: Clackamas County

2009 Owner: Dr. William H. MacFarlane

History

Mark Hattan was married in Illinois on April 16, 1845. Six days later he and his bride departed for Oregon. They reached Missouri too late to accompany the immigrant wagon train of that year so they waited there until 1846 to continue. After arriving in Oregon, Hattan settled his claim about eight miles from Oregon City between Redland and Carver in 1847. In the early years of the farm, the Hattan Family and their in-laws, the MacFarlanes, grew oats and hay while raising milk cows, hogs, chickens and other livestock. Over time the farm has changed to meet the economic needs of the period.

As of 2010

Mark Hattan's great grandson William MacFarlane cares for draft, saddle, and carriage horses and raises some hay.

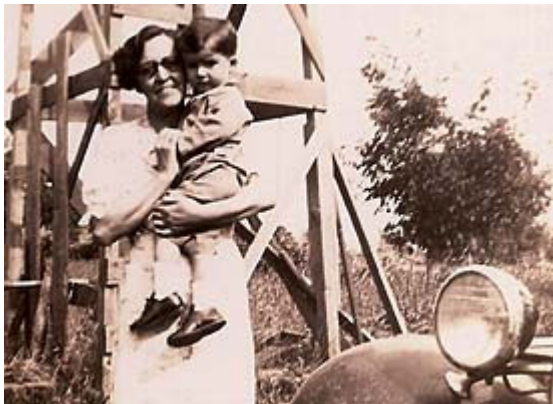
Hattan Farm Siblings on 4th of July Float

Hattan Farm siblings Isabel and Albert MacFarlane sit on a Molalla 4th of July float circa 1915. The farm was founded near Carver in 1847. (MacFarlane Family Photo)



Isabel MacFarlane

Isabel MacFarlane shows off her pioneer dress and bonnet at the 1847 Hattan Farm during the Oregon Centennial in 1959. (MacFarlane Family Photo)



Grandma Lattie MacFarlane holds young William circa 1936. (MacFarlane Family Photo)

Horse Grazing in Pasture

A horse grazes in a pasture at the Hattan Farm. The farm was established in 1847 in the rolling hills near Carver in Clackamas County. (Oregon State Archives Photo)



Farmhouse at the Hattan Farm

This three-bedroom farmhouse at the Hattan Farm was constructed with 300 dollars worth of lumber in 1893. Mark Hattan founded the farm in 1847 south of Oregon City in Clackamas County. (Oregon State Archives Photo)



Autumn on Hattan Farm

The Hattan Farm in autumn. The Carver area farm was founded in 1847 with 640 acres. Land sales over the years reduced the farm to 20 acres as more large homes and development move into the area. (Oregon State Archives Photo)



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Heater Farm

Established by Lorenzo and Sophia Heater in 1852

Location: Marion County

2009 Owners: James M. Heater and Timothy J. Heater

History

Lorenzo Heater came with two brothers to Oregon in 1850. After spending a year gold mining in California, he accumulated what he thought was a “fortune” of 1,100 dollars. He returned to Iowa for his family and arrived back in the Willamette Valley in 1852, establishing his donation land claim. In the early years, the Heater Family raised cattle and sheep while growing hay, small grains, and hops. During the 1950s and 1960s the main crops were strawberries, sweet corn, cucumbers, bent grass, blue grass and sheep.

As of 2010

Christmas trees make up the largest single enterprise on the farm. In addition, the Heater Family maintains a conifer nursery, small grain production, specialty seed crops, and hay. While Lorenzo Heater’s land claim site continues to be the headquarters farm, the family now farms around 5,000 acres.

Heater Farm Horses 1940

A young man holds the reins of horses on the Heater Family Farm circa 1940. The farm was established in Marion County in 1852. (Heater Family Photo)



1888 Steam Engine

Maurice Heater fires up an 1888 steam engine as son Jim watches at the Heater Family Farm in 1952. The farm was founded in Marion County in 1852. (Heater Family Photo)



Jim Heater with Angora Goats

Young Jim Heater poses with two Angora goats for his first 4-H project at the Marion County Fair circa 1950. The fair was held at the old livestock buildings at the Oregon State Fairgrounds. In 1852 Lorenzo Heater established the Heater Family Farm in Marion County. (Heater Family Photo)



4-H Members With Prize Winning Steers

4-H members Jim Heater (right), future wife Shirley Eggiman, and Elvin (Butch) Martin display prize winning steers at the Marion County Fair in 1957. (Heater Family Photo)



Shirley & Jim Heater With Children

Shirley and Jim Heater pose with children Tim and Joan next to a Heater Family Farm irrigation pond circa 1970. The farm started in Marion County in 1852. (Heater Family Photo)



Heater Family Strawberry Field

Pickers work at a Heater Family strawberry field as a flatbed truck leaves full of crates in the 1960s. Lorenzo Heater established the Heater Family Farm in Marion County in 1852. (Heater Family Photo)



Jim Heater and Brothers

Jim Heater and his brothers play in a car made by their father in the 1940s. (Heater Family Photo)



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Herrling-Arnold-Brock Farm

Established by Vineyard C. Brock in 1854

Location: Linn County

2009 Owner: Franklin Herrling

History

Vineyard C. Brock and three of his children came to Oregon from Tennessee in 1852. Meanwhile, Brock's wife Clarissa stayed, apparently from that point forward, in Tennessee with their two youngest children. Brock filed a donation land claim in 1854 five miles from Shedd. He died in 1861 and his son Steward later ran the farm. Cows and grain were the mainstay for many years. More names were added to the farm over the decades. Mary Agnes Brock married Charles Arnold in the early 1890s. Their daughter Janet then married Edmond Herrling, thereby accounting for the full name of the Herrling-Arnold-Brock Farm.

As of 2010

Today, the 6th and 7th generations live on the farm, where grass seed is the principle crop on the 134 remaining acres.

Herrling & Arnold Families in 1942

Members of the Herrling and Arnold families pose for a photo in 1942. The Herrling-Arnold-Brock Farm was founded near Shedd in Linn County in 1854. (Herrling Family Photo)



1910 Herrling Farmhouse

The 1910 Herrling farmhouse (far right). Vineyard Brock started the Herrling-Arnold-Brock Farm near Shedd in Linn County in 1854. (Herrling Family Photo)



The Herrling farmhouse near Shedd. (Herrling Family Photo)

Herrling Family 1933

The Herrling Family in 1933. The Herrling-Arnold-Brock Farm near Shedd in Linn County traces its history back to 1854. (Herrling Family Photo)



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Jackson-Martinak Farm

Established by Willis and Mary Jackson in 1853

Location: Linn County

2009 Owners: Joyce [Jackson] Martinak and Art J. Martinak

History

Willis and Mary Jackson left Indiana for Oregon with their children in 1852. While on the Oregon Trail, the entire family except for Willis contracted measles, which took the life of the Jackson's 6-week old child. By 1853, the Jacksons had filed a 320-acre donation land claim three miles from Tangent. In the early days the farm was designed to be nearly self-sufficient. The family raised cattle, hogs, chickens and horses, along with oats, spring barley, clover hay and wheat. Over the years rye grass became the main crop.

As of 2010

In addition to rye grass, cattle, sheep, and hay also are raised. The farm suffered a setback in 2004 when the Jackson Family's historic barn burned. The mortise and tenon-constructed barn had been built with hand-hewn timbers in the 1850s. The scene was all too familiar to many of Oregon's agricultural families who are subject to routine disappointments in situations over which they have little or no control.

Men Working the Farm

Men work on the farm in the 1930s. Willis Jackson founded the Jackson-Martinak Farm in Linn County in 1853. (Jackson Family Photo)



Clover Field Jackson-Martinak Farm

A clover field on the Jackson-Martinak Farm, which began in Linn County in 1853. (Jackson Family Photo)



13-year-old Harold Jackson poses on a horse. The Jackson-Martinak Farm was founded in Linn County in 1853. (Jackson Family Photo)

Henry C. Jackson in Ford Model T

Henry C. Jackson sits in a Ford Model T while (from left) daughter Lenna, wife Addie, and son Harold stand in front at the Jackson farmhouse in 1912. The Jackson-Martinak Farm was founded in Linn County in 1853. (Jackson Family Photo)



Toddler Jordan Martinak

Toddler Jordan Martinak approaches a flock of sheep at the Jackson-Martinak Farm in 1992. The farm, located in Linn County, dates back to 1853. (Jackson Family Photo)



Jackson Family Children

Jackson Family children sit on bags of oats circa 1910. Willis Jackson started the Jackson-Martinak Farm in Linn County in 1853. (Jackson Family Photo)



1905 Barn Replica

A replica of a 1905 barn at the Jackson-Martinak Farm. The farm was founded in Linn County in 1853. (Jackson Family Photo)



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Kow Kamp Ranch

Established by Dr. Benjamin and Sarah Davenport in 1851

Location: Marion County

2009 Owners: Ann D. Vasconi and John H. Davenport III

History

Dr. Benjamin and Sarah Davenport came from Ohio to Oregon in 1851 and took out a donation land claim seven miles from present-day Silverton in the Waldo Hills. Davenport brought a good medical library over the Oregon Trail and practiced medicine until his death in 1857, but he still made time to begin to turn his claim into a productive farm. His son, Benjamin Jr., transformed the farm into one of the most attractive in Marion County. Over the years he raised cattle, Shropshire sheep, horses, pigs, and poultry; grew grain and hay; and maintained an orchard.

As of 2010

All but 20 acres of the original 320 acres remain in the family. The primary crop is grass seed. Wagyu cattle and Registered Border Cheviot sheep are also raised.

Benjamin Davenport Jr. with Family

Benjamin Davenport Jr. with wife Lucretia and children circa 1882. Benjamin's father founded the Kow Kamp Ranch in Marion County in 1851. (Davenport Family Photo)



Ewe & Lamb

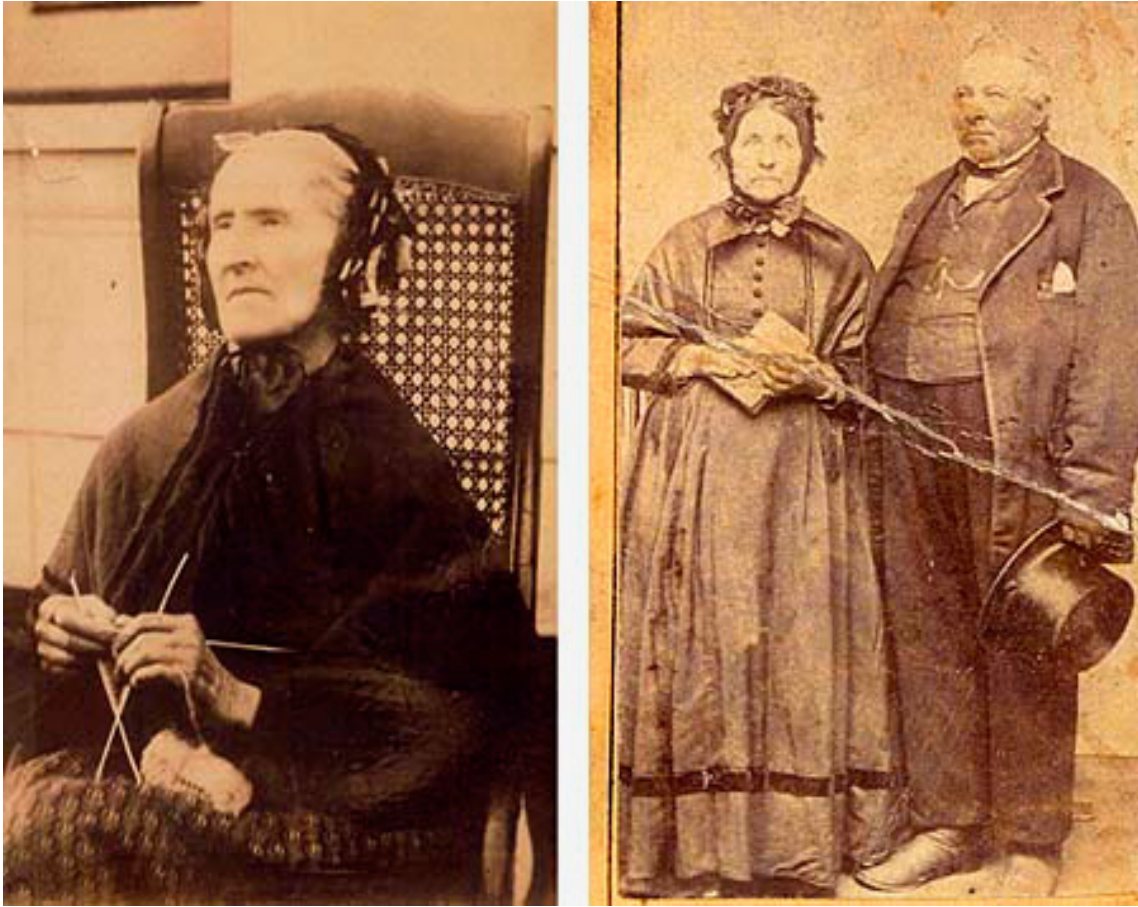
A Registered Cheviot ewe and lamb at a feeding tub on the Kow Kamp Ranch, which traces its Marion County history back to 1851. (Davenport Family Photo)



A Wagyu cow and calf at the Kow Kamp Ranch.
(Davenport Family Photo)

Sarah Rollins Gott Davenport

Sarah Rollins Gott Davenport (left) married Benjamin Davenport in 1825 and helped build the Kow Kamp Ranch, which was founded in Marion County in 1851. Lucretia and Benjamin Davenport Jr. (right) represented the second generation of the family on the ranch. (Davenport Family Photos)



Henry and Eloise Davenport

Henry and Eloise Davenport show off Border Cheviot sheep at the Kow Kamp Ranch in Marion County circa 1948. The ranch was founded in 1851. (Davenport Family Photo)



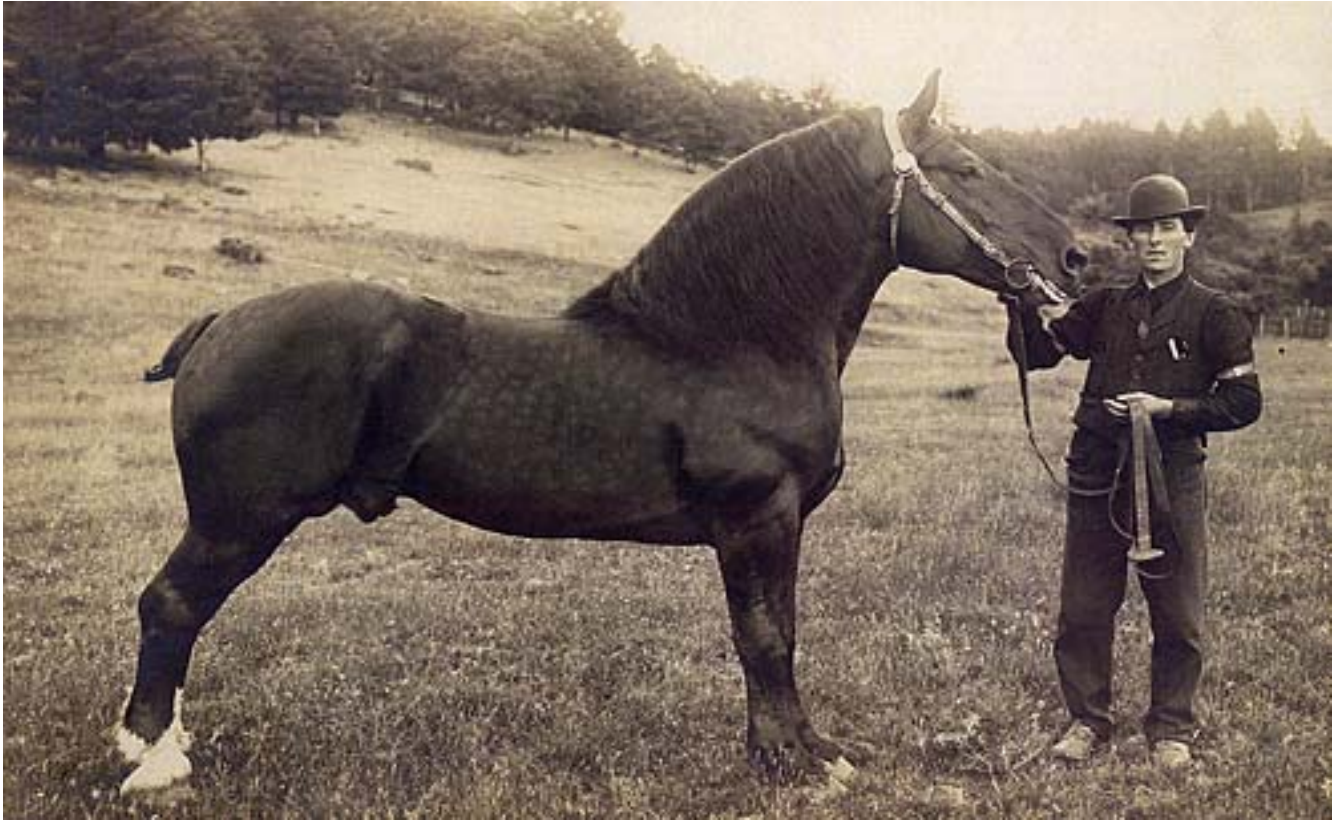
Henry Davenport

Henry Davenport of the Kow Kamp Ranch stands near rams with dogs Blue and Smoky at a rented pasture in the 1970s. Benjamin Davenport started the Marion County ranch in 1851. (Davenport Family Photo)



John H. Davenport Sr.

John H. Davenport Sr. poses next to the stallion Fortune in 1912 at the Kow Kamp Ranch in Marion County. The ranch was established in 1851. (Davenport Family Photo)



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McKay Farm

Established by James McKay in 1856

Location: Marion County

2009 Owner: McKay Farms Inc. - Dean McKay

History

James McKay, a native of Ireland and later a resident of Scotland, came to the United States to settle in the Midwest. In 1847 McKay and his family came to Oregon, where they eventually settled in the St. Paul area. He acquired 160 acres in 1856, which is still the home place of the family today. The older crops of hops and grain are still being grown, but the acreage of that original parcel has grown to more than 4,000 acres.

As of 2010

Many new crops are part of the farm, including garlic seed, broccoli, bush beans, sweet corn, hazelnuts, and grass seed. And, ten years ago, the current owners formed another corporation named Advanced Ornamentals Inc. that is a wholesale nursery growing 500 acres of plants.



Members of the McKay Family pose with Oregon Department of Agriculture Director Katy Coba at the inaugural Sesquicentennial Award ceremony in February 2008. (Oregon Centennial Farm & Ranch Program Photo)



James McKay founded his farm in the St. Paul area 10 years after Archbishop Francis Norbert Blanchet dedicated the St. Paul Catholic Church in 1846 (shown above). It is the oldest Catholic church in Oregon. (Oregon State Archives Photo)

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Rice Ranch

Established by James Norval Rice in 1853

Location: Linn County

2009 Owner: Richard N. Rice

History

Eighteen-year-old James Norval Rice came to Oregon in 1850 with his father's wagon train. He established his donation land claim six miles from present-day Sweet Home three years later. Besides farming, Rice took time out to serve with the Oregon Mounted Volunteers in the Rogue River Indian War of 1855-1856. In 1882 he served Linn County as a representative to the Oregon Legislative Assembly.

As of 2010

The old orchard still remains on the ranch, but the earlier horses, milk cows, sheep, pigs, chickens and goats have been replaced with beef cattle. Eighty acres of the ranch are in timber.

Raising a Door

Richard Rice, Mark Rice, and a neighbor raise a door to hang on a barn during a refabrication in 1999 at the Rice Ranch in Linn County. Border Collie Fanny supervises the work from behind. The ranch was established in 1853. (Rice Family Photo)



Horse Drawn Harrow

Melvin Rice operates a horse drawn harrow at the Rice Ranch in Linn County circa 1925. James Norval Rice started the ranch in 1853. (Rice Family Photo)



A barn at the Rice Ranch under refabrication in 1999. (Rice Family Photo)

Loading Logs

Richard Rice loads logs onto a flatbed truck at the Rice Ranch in the early 1990s. The Linn County ranch began operations in 1853. (Rice Family Photo)



Sheep Shearing

Richard Rice shears a sheep circa 1960. Rice's ancestor, James Norval Rice, established the ranch in Linn County in 1853. (Rice Family Photo)



Sawmill at Rice Ranch

Men operate a sawmill at the Rice Ranch in Linn County circa 1990. The ranch dates back to 1853. (Rice Family Photo)



House at Rice Ranch

The house at the Rice Ranch in the early 1900s. The Linn County ranch got its start in 1853. (Rice Family Photo)



Century Ranch Sign

Richard, Mark, and Carroll Rice pose next to the Century Ranch sign at the Rice Ranch in Linn County in 2008. Their ancestors founded the ranch 155 years earlier. (Rice Family Photo)



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Richardson Farm

Established by John and Nancy Richardson Brown in 1848

Location: Lane County

2009 Owner: Dwane K. Richardson

History

John and Nancy Brown, along with three of Nancy's brothers, Benjamin, Aaron, and Clayton Richardson and their extended families, left Missouri in 1846 for the Oregon Country. After spending a couple of years in Yamhill and Polk counties, the Browns came to Lane County where they staked out their 640-acre land claim near the Long Tom River. Early livestock and crops included cattle, milk cows, sheep, hogs, chickens, horses, pasture hay, and grain.

As of 2010

The Richardson Family reports that the livestock and crops have not changed much over the years. For six generations the Brown-Richardson Family has also maintained a garden and orchard.

Kirk Richardson Family 1895

The Kirk Richardson Family circa 1895. John and Nancy Richardson Brown founded the Richardson Farm in Lane County in 1848. (Richardson Family Photo)



Richardson Children 1962

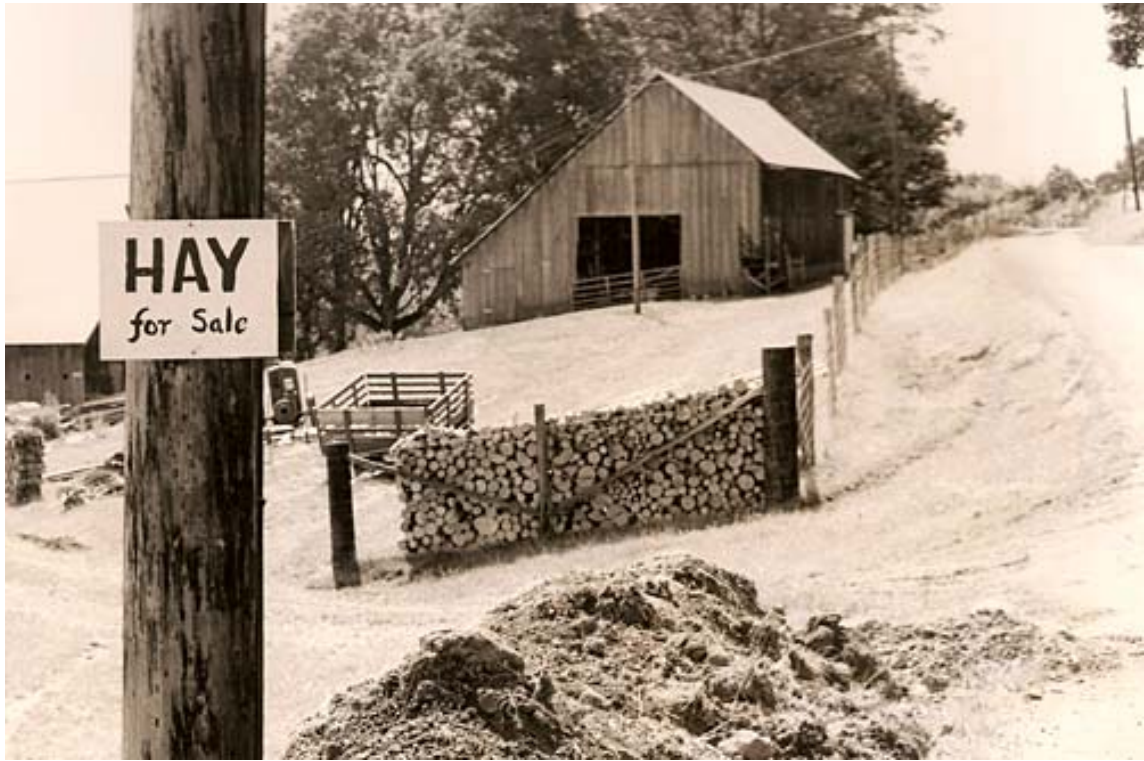
Richardson children smile for the camera in 1962. (Richardson Family Photo)



Dwane and Sylvia Richardson relax on the porch. (Richardson Family Photo)

Hay For Sale

A hay for sale sign at the Richardson Farm in Lane County circa 1975. John and Nancy Richardson Brown gave the Lane County farm its start in 1848. (Richardson Family Photo)



Three generations of Richardsons 2001

Three generations of Richardsons (Dwane, grandson Alexander, and son Kirk) in 2001. The trio are decendents of John and Nancy Richardson Brown, who founded the Richardson Farm in Lane County in 1848. (Richardson Family Photo)



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Scott Farm

Established by John King in 1849

Location: Marion County

2009 Owners: Guy and Mary Scott

History

The Scott Family's maternal great, great grandfather, John King, settled his land in 1849 about 10 miles northeast of Sublimity. A newspaper article describing Guy Scott's parents reported that the early farm was a "zoo" of domestic animals, including dairy cows and beef cattle, hogs, horses, sheep, goats, chickens, cats, and a stock dog. Over the years the crops evolved to grass seed, Christmas trees, and timber.

Like many Oregon farms, the Scott Farm was late to experience many of the amenities taken for granted today. Electric power did not reach the farm until 1935. Current owner Guy's mother recalled a comment made by her sister-in-law regarding their first refrigerator: "Well, we might use it to put milk in it, but I don't know what else we'd use it for."

Fill & Stack Bags of Grain 1938

Verny Scott and co-op members Tom Becker and Julius Kranz fill and stack bags of grain on a flatbed Ford Model A at the Scott Farm circa 1938. The Marion County farm was founded in 1849. (Scott Family Photo)



Scott Family Trim Trees

James and Justin Lefor of the Scott Family trim trees on the family timber farm in 2001. (Scott Family Photo)



A Scott company cook wagon in 1910. (Scott Family Photo)

Workers Take a Break

George Scott (background) and two contract workers take a break behind a steam engine used to thresh grain at the Scott Farm in the 1920s. The steam engine belonged to the company that was contracted to do the threshing. It is now at the Antique Powerland Museum in Brooks. (Scott Family Photo)



George and Guy Scott 1935

George and Guy Scott sit on the running board of a car in 1935. John King founded the Scott Farm in Marion County in 1849. (Scott Family Photo)



Maryann and Guy Scott 2001

Maryann and Guy Scott in 2001. The Scott Farm traces its roots in Marion County back to 1849.
(Scott Family Photo)



George Scott & Crew Building Road

George Scott (top) and a county crew including (from left) W.H. Mallet, Albert Cooley, Bill Rabens, and Wright Hurt take a break from building a road in the 1920s. Horses Duke and Doc pose as well. (Scott Family Photo)



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Trullinger-Friedrich Farm

Established by Gabriel and Sarah Trullinger in 1852

Location: Clackamas County

2009 Owner: Robert Del Friedrich

History

Gabriel Trullinger came to Oregon in 1848 with many other family members. He spent some time in California successfully mining gold before returning to Oregon in 1851. A year later he staked out his donation land claim along Milk Creek. In 1854 he built one of Oregon's first sawmills at that site. A flour mill was added in 1877, followed two years later by a wool processing mill. These three mills prompted Trullinger to name his operations Union Mills. The flour mill building still stands. It was converted to a livestock feed mill in the 1930s and continues in operation. The family also grew wheat and hops while maintaining an orchard and a stand of timber. Over the years, this transitioned into raising cattle, sheep, goats, and turkeys.

As of 2010

The 5th generation of Friedrichs continue to raise sheep and goats. About 30 acres of the farm's remaining 96 acres are used for agriculture. The rest are pasture and timber. The daughters of current owner Bob Friedrich plan to keep the farm in the family.

Early 1900s Farmhouse

The early 1900s farmhouse at the Trullinger-Friedrich Farm, which was established near Mulino in 1852. (Oregon State Archives Photo)



Union Mills Sawmill

The Union Mills sawmill millrace at the Trullinger-Friedrich Farm in the early 1900s. The Mulino area farm started in 1852, followed by the sawmill and a flour mill. (Friedrich Family Photo)



Gabriel Trullinger's 1877 flour mill converted to a livestock feed mill in the 1930s. Adjacent to the Trullinger-Friedrich farmhouse, the mill includes a feed store. (Oregon State Archives Photo)

Union Mills Feed Mill

The present-day Union Mills feed mill at the 1852 Trullinger-Friedrich Farm near Mulino. The mill started as a flour mill in 1877. (Oregon State Archives Photo)



Kenneth Friedrich with Sons Bob & Marlin 1946

Kenneth Friedrich with sons Bob and Marlin circa 1946. Gabriel Trullinger established the Trullinger-Friedrich Farm in 1852. (Friedrich Family Photo)



Farmhouse at the Trullinger-Friedrich Farm

The grounds and early 1900s farmhouse at the Trullinger-Friedrich Farm, which was established near Mulino in 1852. (Oregon State Archives Photo)



Bob Friedrich

Bob Friedrich stands next to the early 1900s farmhouse that has been his home for nearly all of his 68 years. Bob's ancestors started the Trullinger-Friedrich Farm near Mulino in 1852. (Oregon State Archives Photo)



Horse-drawn Wagon Next to Union Mills

A horse-drawn wagon sits next to Union Mills, part of the Trullinger-Friedrich Farm, circa 1910. (Friedrich Family Photo)



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Vaughan Farm

Established by William Hatchette Vaughan in 1844

Location: Clackamas County

2009 Owners: Jack E. Johns, Eugene Vaughan, Floyd Vaughan, and Carol Gienger

History

William Vaughan was a member of the Great Migration of 1843 - part of the first wagon train to go all the way from Missouri to Oregon. That same year at Champoeg, a provisional government was organized that approved allowing new immigrants a land claim of no more than one square mile, or 640 acres. The Vaughan claim was located two miles from Molalla. It was one of the earliest in the Willamette Valley south of Oregon City and was later confirmed as a donation land claim. Vaughan was a prominent figure in early Oregon and became a large landholder as he acquired adjacent claims over a period of time. Cattle, sheep, wheat, hay, a fruit orchard, and vegetables were raised in the early years.

As of 2010

Cattle are raised on the 107-acre parcel left from the original claim of 164 years ago.

William H. Vaughan & Susan Officer

William H. Vaughan started a farm near the Molalla River south of Oregon City in 1844. Three years later he married Susan Officer (both shown here) with whom he had 11 children. William died in 1906 and Susan died in 1911. (Vaughan Family Photos)



Vaughan Family Farmhouse

The Vaughan Family built this farmhouse the early 1880s. It is now on the National Register of Historic Places. The Vaughan Farm was established in Clackamas County in 1844. (Vaughan Family Photo)



1903 Family Reunion Photo

A 1903 family reunion photo in front of the Vaughan Family farm with William Vaughan, his wife Susan, and their 11 children. William Vaughan started the farm nearly 60 years earlier. (Vaughan Family Photo)

