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The Robins family, Wilkes Hollow, 1886

*W*ashington's Centennial Farms were settled and developed by families who came to Washington Territory primarily from the Midwest, California and Oregon.



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Janssland Ranches



Irrigated agriculture, Columbia Basin

*The diversity of
Washington agriculture
continues to be one of its strengths.*



Evening milking, Austin Farm



I am pleased to join our Centennial Farm families as they celebrate their heritage and their families' role in the settlement and development of Washington State.

Agriculture has always been a part of my life. My family arrived at Dixie, near Walla Walla, in 1869 when my grandfather was just three years old. My family later farmed in the Kahlotus area and has called the Whitman County farm home for over 50 years.

I'm impressed with how vastly different things are today from when I was growing up and working on our farm in the 1930's and 40's. Farming was truly diversified back then. We were self-sufficient, producing nearly everything we needed—milk, eggs, meat, produce—in addition to the grain crops that provided the farm income.

Just in my own lifetime there have been tremendous changes in agriculture brought on by new technology, improved varieties, agricultural chemicals, better production practices and the expansion of markets throughout the world.

Change will continue, at an even faster rate than before. With our diverse agricultural base and the natural advantages we enjoy, I believe Washington State agriculture will be able to meet the demands of those changes, whatever they may be. Agriculture has been, and will continue to be, a vital part of Washington's economy and its character.

The celebration of our state's Centennial is an appropriate time to reflect on the past and to look to the future. Each of the Centennial Farm profiles in this book is a story of a pioneer and of a family that has been part of Washington agriculture and Washington communities for over 100 years. Together these stories illustrate the importance of agriculture to this state yesterday and today. The profiles provide the background and a current description of farms

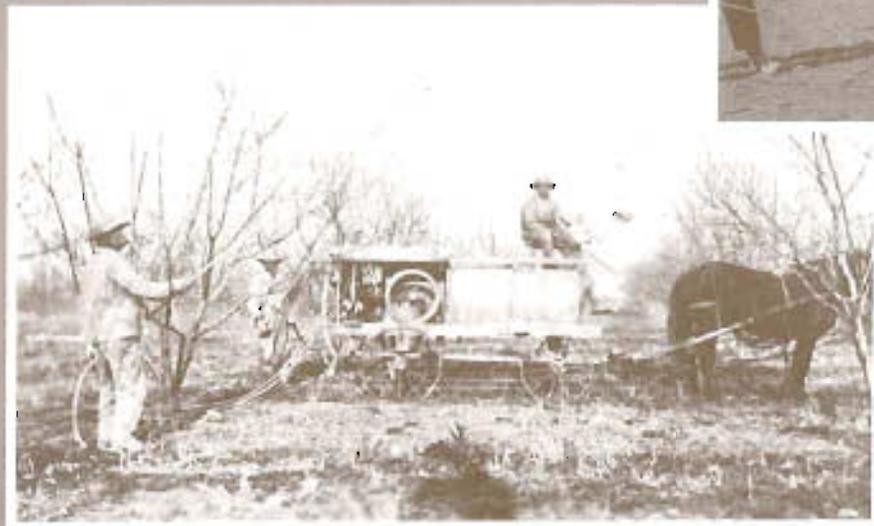
that are part of an industry that I see readying itself for the challenges and opportunities that the future will bring.

I'm pleased that so many families have shared a part of their history and that, through this publication, we are able to present these stories to others as examples of agriculture's role in the history and development of Washington State.

Sincerely,

C. Alan Pettibone
Director, Washington State
Department of Agriculture





Spraying fruit trees, Addison Orchard.



Branding, Midise Farm, circa 1910.



Twelve horses pull a three-bottom plow, Midise Farm, circa 1900.

*F*rom the earliest days, Washington farms have included cattle ranches, wheat farms and apple orchards.



Recognizing Agriculture's Contribution

In the spring of 1986 representatives of state agencies met with Centennial co-chairmen Jean Gardner and Ralph Munro to discuss plans for celebrating the state's Centennial. In keeping with the Centennial Commission's goal of a truly statewide celebration emphasizing the heritage of the past, the energy of today, and the promise of the future, state agencies were encouraged to develop ways to really recognize the people and organizations that had contributed to Washington State's first 100 years.

About the same time, a statewide agricultural organization, the Washington State Grange, suggested that the Department of Agriculture sponsor a Centennial project to recognize farms that had been in the same family for 100 years or more.

The idea was discussed with the Washington Cattlemen's Association and the Washington State Farm Bureau, both of which had ongoing statewide century farm programs. There was also a very active group of volunteers in Garfield County who had begun a county Century Farm program who were most helpful in sharing information as the Centennial Farm Recognition Program took shape.

We thought it would be a simple straightforward project. The project would highlight the importance of agriculture to the settlement and development of Washington State. It would be a one-time effort, recognizing as many farms as possible that had been in continuous ownership of the same family for 100 years or more at the time of the state's Centennial.

The fact that a total of less than 80 farms had been recognized by the Cattlemen's Association's and the Farm Bureau's programs led us to estimate that 150-200 farms might participate in a Centennial Farm project. Our estimate proved to be very conservative. Response was overwhelming.

We received almost 700 requests for applications and almost 400 completed applications by the December 31, 1988 deadline.

Reviewing and clarifying the information provided by families was a very time-consuming task. We found out early how much there was to know about how land was acquired by Washington settlers and that many farm owners had little in the way of specific information about their ancestors.

Often there was a document or family history that indicated yes, this was a Centennial Farm. But trying to determine just when an ancestor came to Washington and when he staked his claim to a particular piece of land was not always a simple matter.

One decision made early on was to recognize the date the Centennial Farm founder settled on the land as the date of first ownership. For many reasons, the date legal title to land was actually transferred to a settler was as many as twenty years after he or she started living on and farming the land.

Each farm profile outlines how ownership of the farm has passed from generation to generation. In some cases families chose to list all who have owned the land, even for a short time or involving a small interest. Others chose to list only the principal owners over time.

The ownership information is as of the start of 1989 and does not show changes that have occurred during the year.

We used the responses to the 21 questions on the application and any additional information the family submitted to write a brief narrative about each farm. Each Centennial Farm family reviewed the profile we prepared and made any necessary changes.

The information presented in this book reflects the information and documentation provided us by each of the Centennial Farm families. It also reflects a great deal of acquired knowledge and understanding on our part. Each application was reviewed a minimum of six times. When information did not ring true we asked questions, provided families with information about the early land laws, and often did research on our own using resources we discovered through books, the Bureau of Land Management and others. Even still, some uncertainties and conflicting dates and information remain.

Director of Agriculture C. Alan Pettibone announced the Centennial Farms on



Ongoing Century Farm Recognition Programs

The Centennial Farm Recognition Program was a one-time effort conducted by the Washington State Department of Agriculture as a part of the state's Centennial celebration.

There are a number of ongoing programs in the state that recognize farms that reach the 100-year-old mark of family ownership.

Two statewide programs exist. The Washington State Farm Bureau's program is open to any qualifying farm. The Washington Cattlemen's Association program is open only to its members. Criteria for each program differ slightly. You can contact the state offices of these organizations for more information.

A number of groups have had or have started local Century Farm programs. Here is a list of the sponsoring organizations for those that have contacted the department about their programs.

Asotin County Historical Society, Asotin

Garfield County Museum, Pomeroy

Central Washington Agricultural Museum, Union Gap
recognizes farms in Yakima, Benton, Kittitas and
Klickitat counties

Whitman County Pioneer Association



National Agriculture Day, March 20, 1989. The project is completed with the publication of this book which is intended to be a resource for those interested in Washington State history.

The project has involved people throughout the state. Certainly it has involved the families of the 391 farms profiled in this book. They are many, though certainly not all, of the century-old farms in the state. We thank them for choosing to participate.

Many county and local organizations worked hard to encourage people to request and complete applications and organized events to honor their Centennial Farms. The project wouldn't have been complete without their enthusiasm and assistance.

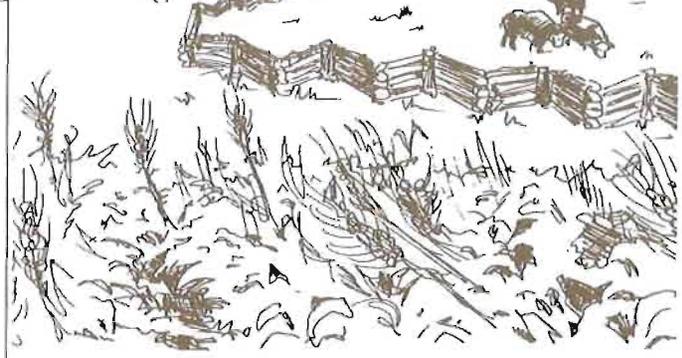
This project also would not have been realized without the excellent work of our project assistant Julie Chess.

The Centennial Farm Recognition program has been a rewarding experience for us, particularly the personal interaction we've had with the members of Centennial Farm families. It's a pleasure to know this project provided the stimulus for many to research their family history and helped others uncover new information and learn more about Washington State history.

The Centennial Farm Recognition program spotlights Washington agriculture. We want to thank each of the hundreds of individuals who have played a part in making the Centennial Farm program meaningful and successful.

Mary Beth Lang
Researcher, Editor

Vicki Flynn
Centennial Project Coordinator



State of Washington

CENTENNIAL FARM

- 100 Years of Continuous Agricultural Heritage -

In celebration of the Washington State Centennial, the Washington State Department of Agriculture takes great pleasure in presenting this certificate to:

Marvin and Colleen Carstens

as the owner/owners of a farm which has remained in the family for one hundred years or more, lending to the rich heritage of this great state.

Recognized on Agriculture Day, March 20, 1989

Booie Carner
Governor

Allen Pettit
Director of Agriculture



Each Centennial Farm received a recognition certificate in a folder with artwork created by Billie-Gwen Russell.



Cowlitz County homestead

Centennial Farms were established by the first settlers in an area who made Washington their home and farming their livelihood.

The name of each family whose place of abode, on 1st day of June, 1880, was in this family.

Name of Family	Sex	Age	Relationship of each person to the head of this family, whether wife, daughter, servant, boarder, or other.	Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male or female.	
				Male	Female
Donald James M.	m	25	wife		
Samuel L.	m	26	son		
Blair P.	m	23	brother		
Calvin H.	m	20	wife		
Archer D.	m	24	daughter		
Polly Virginia	f	16	wife		
Yannis	m	16	son		
William H.	m	20	daughter		
Mattie L.	f	15	daughter		
M. J.	m	19	daughter		

1880 U.S. Census

Washington's Centennial Farms: A Profile

They have their roots in Washington State, perhaps deeper than any others. Families who came to the new territory and began to farm the land.

They were some of Washington's earliest settlers. They came for the promise of land and new opportunities. They farmed first to supply food for their families and local markets. Soon they were shipping food and agricultural products to markets thousands of miles away.

Almost 400 farms, located throughout Washington State, have been designated as Washington Centennial Farms. These are farms that have been owned by the same family for 100 years or more, and that have chosen to share some of their family history with others.

The oldest Centennial Farms are in Island and Lewis counties. They trace their roots back to 1851, to the time when Washington was still part of the Oregon Territory.

The dates of settlement of Centennial Farms reflect the settlement and population growth of the state during its territorial years. Nine Centennial Farms were established before 1860. A steadily increasing number of farms were settled in the 1860's and 1870's, with more than half of the farms established in the last decade before statehood.

The settlement of the state and the establishment of Centennial Farms began in western Washington. Settlement began near Vancouver and on Puget Sound and moved up river valleys and inland from the coast.

Western Washington has the oldest Centennial Farms, as well as some of the youngest. Eighty-six Centennial Farms are spread out over the 18 western counties with the greatest number in Snohomish and Skagit counties.

Washington's earliest agricultural lands in western Washington became the sites of Washington cities and, over time, farming has given way to residential and industrial development. Some of the oldest Centennial Farms are now side by side with urban areas. The oldest Centennial Farm, the Freund Farm in Island County, is in the city limits of Oak Harbor and a grocery store now sits on land that was once part of the farm. In the Puyallup Valley, land still owned by descendants of Ronimous Nix is a private golf course with the Nix brothers

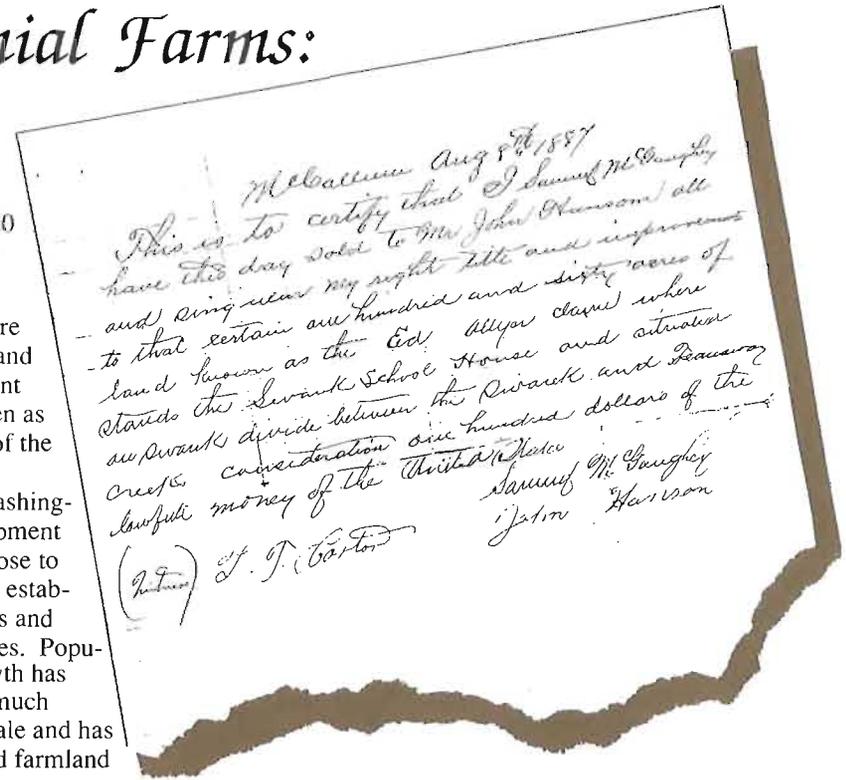
farming 120 acres right next door.

The pressure of growth and development has not been as great east of the Cascades. Eastern Washington development has kept close to the already established cities and communities. Population growth has been on a much smaller scale and has not affected farmland in the same way.

The oldest Centennial Farms in eastern Washington were settled in 1858, the year eastern Washington was re-opened to settlement after the Indian Wars. Centennial Farm founders came first to the fertile Walla Walla River Valley. Here, too, settlement followed rivers and streams.

You'll find Centennial Farms in 36 of Washington's 39 counties. Only Ferry, Pend Oreille and Skamania counties do not have Centennial Farms. Whitman County has the greatest number of Centennial Farms, with 78, or 20 percent, of Washington's Centennial Farms. An additional three counties have more than 30 Centennial Farms: Walla Walla has 47, Spokane has 38 and Lincoln has 32.

Columbia County has the greatest percentage of Centennial Farms. Twenty Columbia County farms, almost 10 percent of the farms in the county, are Centennial Farms. In Walla Walla, Garfield and Whitman counties, more than five percent of the farms in the county are Centennial Farms.



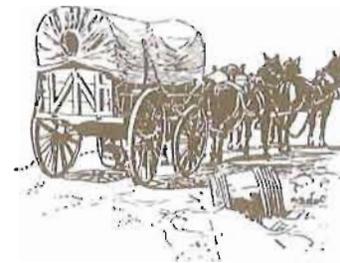
What is a Centennial Farm?

In considering what would qualify as a Centennial Farm, the decision was made to be as inclusive as possible. There were no minimum acreage requirements.

To qualify as a Centennial Farm, a farm had to meet a number of criteria.

- The land must have been continuously owned within the same family for 100 or more years. To qualify for Centennial Farm Recognition, a farm must have been settled on or purchased by an ancestor prior to 1890.
- The land must have been in agricultural production or under first improvement in 1889.
- The present owner must be related to a person who originally owned the land. The line of ownership from the original settler or buyer may be through children, brothers, sisters, nephews, and/or nieces. Adopted children are recognized equally with blood children.
- The present owner or a member of the owner's family must actively manage the farm.
- The present farm must meet the current USDA definition of a farm: A farm includes all land under one management arrangement which has at least \$1,000 worth of agricultural production or sales or expenses for production of agricultural products during the most recent calendar year.

All farms that met the program criteria and submitted an application by January 1, 1989 received a certificate from the Washington State Department of Agriculture and are profiled in this book.



Most of Washington's Centennial Farms were settled by people who came from eastern and midwestern states and most of these people were born in the United States. Many had come west first to Oregon or California and later headed north to take advantage of the land and opportunities available in the new territory.

A significant number of Centennial Farms were also settled by people from northern European countries. Most of these immigrant settlers came from Scandinavia, the British Isles and Germany.

These pioneers were often young men or young married couples in their 20's. It was not unusual for entire families to come west, sometimes all at once or over



The Benson family owned one of the first steam engines west of the Rockies and used it to power its threshing machine in 1910.



Lagesson Farm, 1910

In western Washington, many settlers had to clear heavy timber before farming their homesteads.

the course of a few years. Men in their 40's and 50's came to Washington with their families which often included adult children who were already married and starting families of their own.

For the earliest settlers it was a long, difficult journey to the northwest. Many came by covered wagon over the Oregon Trail. Wagon trains would leave Missouri each spring after grass for livestock began its new season growth. It was a 2000-mile journey across the plains and the mountains that would take four to five months.

Some early settlers also came by ship, travelling from the east coast to the Isthmus at Panama and taking a second ship up to San Francisco or Portland or Seattle before going overland or up river. For settlers from Europe, these journeys were preceded by a long trip across the ocean.

When at last the railroads were built, travel became easier and much faster. More people came west and more farms were settled. The first transcontinental railroad, the Union Pacific, was completed to California in 1869 and Washington settlers could then take the train to San Francisco and then sail up the coast to Astoria or Portland. But the big boon to settlement came when the Northern

Pacific Railroad was completed in 1883 and settlers could travel by train directly to Washington Territory.

Starting in southwestern Washington and South Puget Sound, settlement of Washington land moved north and east. Washington's Centennial Farm founders typically filed claims on public land and gained title to that land after improving it and putting it under cultivation.

Improving land took different forms in different parts of the state. A Skagit County settler would dike and drain land, while a Kittitas County farmer constructed irrigation ditches. Western Washington settlers first had to cut timber and clear stumps from the land. Eastern Washington settlers broke out sod and often travelled quite a distance to find timber to build a home, a barn and fences.



Horsepower was used to enlarge the Sunnyside Irrigation Canal in 1910.

It was a rough existence for most settlers. Many were the first to settle in an area. Their first residences were shacks, one-room log cabins, tents or houses built out of sod. But they soon would build better, larger homes, using sawn timber rather than logs. The houses would have windows and separate living and sleeping quarters.



Settlers replaced their early shacks and cabins with larger, more comfortable homes. A new barn dwarfs a homestead cabin on the Ayers Ranch in the 1920's.

RATE OF TAX:		WHITMAN COUNTY TAXES.		No. 39		
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Dr 28 ⁹	25	14	43	80	300	64
Town Plat.	Town Lots.		Block.			
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In the early years, Washington farms were diversified and self-sufficient. They produced food for the family, feed for the livestock, and agricultural products to sell for income to buy family and farm supplies.

Most of the people who came to Washington came here for the land. Most were farmers but Centennial Farm founders also included teachers, carpenters, blacksmiths, freighters, a miller, a newspaper editor. The skills and talents of these people were important in improving the land and establishing and developing communities. Their skills also could provide additional income for their family.

Most of Washington's Centennial Farms started with the acquisition of a 160-acre parcel of land. Neighboring land was often acquired. By 1890, these farms were part of an industry with more than 18,000 farms producing \$13.7 million in agricultural products, an average of \$750 per farm.



Mielke Farm, 1989

Most eastern Washington Centennial Farms grow wheat and other grain crops.

Most Centennial Farms were passed on to sons or nephews and continue to be owned and operated by individuals who have the same last name of the original settler. On most farms you'll find a descendent of the first family owner managing the day-to-day operation of the farm.

Each of these Centennial Farms has been a part of agriculture as it's gone through profound changes over the past 100 years. These changes have been brought on by mechanization, electricity, improved varieties, better production practices and the expansion of markets throughout the world.

Today, Washington's Centennial Farms are more specialized than they were 100 years ago. The farms range in size from a one-acre orchard to wheat ranches of over 5000 acres. They are part of an industry of 38,000 farms that produced more than \$3.6 billion dollars of agricultural commodities in 1988, an average of more than \$94,000 per farm.

These Centennial Farms were settled and developed by families whose histories are an integral part of the history of Washington. Many of these families helped establish communities, churches and schools and played an active role in shaping Washington as it is today.

The local schools would often carry their name. There was Scoggin School in Garfield County, McRae School in Skagit, Muehle School in Spokane. Farm families would often deed an acre or two to the local school district so that their children and their neighbors' children could get an education.

Reading a county map, particularly of eastern Washington, is like reading a list of Centennial Farms. Roads, and in some cases, localities and natural features were named after early settlers. The Bull Farm is on Bull Road, the Zwainz Farm



Many farm families helped establish local schools. John A. Bishop donated the land and helped build Bishop School, District No. 96.

Olmstead Place State Park

EXPERIENCE A PIONEER HOMESTEAD

In 1875, Samuel and Sarah Olmstead crossed the Cascade Mountains on horseback with their young family. Like many early residents, the Olmsteads were attracted to the Kittitas Valley by the tall grass that provided feed for their livestock, the rich soil and suitable climate for farming, and the plentiful supply of water for crops and animals. Their farm was one of the first homesteads in the valley.

The Olmstead's cabin, though simple and rugged by today's standards, was considered large and comfortable in 1875. It was constructed of cottonwood logs from the Yakima River Canyon. With newspapers lining the walls for insulation and heat provided by a fireplace and a cookstove, the cabin was secure from the cold.

By 1900 the farm boasted a dairy barn, wagon shed, granary and toolhouse. In 1908 a barn was constructed for hay storage and a new residence was built. A milkhouse was added in 1920.

In 1968, Leta May Smith and Clareta Olmstead Smith, granddaughters of Sarah and Samuel Olmstead, deeded the 217-acre farm to the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission. Leta May and Clareta had no descendants, and their legacy was to be a living historical farm which would preserve and interpret an important part of our heritage. Their generous donation included not only the rich farm land, but pioneer artifacts, antiquated farm implements, and all of the farm's historical buildings.

The Seaton Cabin schoolhouse, built in the 1870's, was reconstructed at Olmstead Place in 1980.

Olmstead Place remains today much as it was when Sarah and Samuel lived there, and now, as Olmstead Place State Park, it is being developed into a living historical farm.

Olmstead Place State Park, located 4 1/2 miles southeast of Ellensburg, provides an opportunity for the public to experience a pioneer homestead. The 1876 cabin has been restored and furnished with articles of the period between 1875-1890 when it was occupied by the Olmstead family. Guided tours through the restored cabin and the 1908 farmhouse are offered on summer weekends or by appointment. Park staff may be contacted for further information.



The Olmstead's homestead cabin, built in 1876, has been restored and furnished with period articles.





is on Zwainz Road. Waitts Lake is next to Waitt’s farm, the Macaulay Farm is on Macaulay Creek. The Lowden Farm’s mailing address is Lowden, Washington.

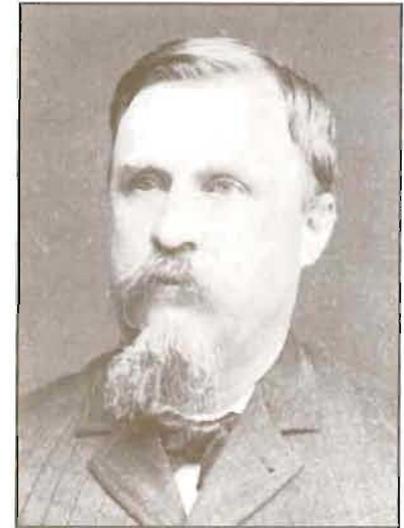
Members of Washington Centennial Farms have had a major role in shaping how Washington developed as a state. At least eight Centennial Farm founders were members of the territorial and early state legislatures. George Comegys was Speaker of the 1880 territorial legislature, only two years after coming to Washington. Of the 75 delegates to the state’s constitutional convention four – Comegys, Thomas Hayton, Henry Suksdorf and Lewis Neace – were founders of Centennial Farms. Members of later generations of Centennial Farm families, including Walter Rowe, John Hansen, and Elmer Huntley, also served as elected state officials and helped set the direction and write the laws that this state has grown under.



The rock from which Littlerock got its name is in front of the Rutledge home and was used as a mounting stone for ladies who rode side saddle.



Alex McLean



George Comegys

Centennial Farm owners have played an active role in local and state government. George Comegys is one of many Centennial Farm founders elected to territorial or state office. Alex McLean is a Centennial Farm owner in the 1989 state legislature.

Today, three state legislators, Alex McLean of Mansfield, Gene Prince of Thornton and Bill Grant of Walla Walla, are members of Centennial Farm families.

Many members of Centennial Farm families have helped shape Washington at the state level and even more were instrumental at the county and local level. These were people who held elected and appointed positions. Many served as county commissioner, school director, assessor, sheriff, surveyor, and in other local and county positions. Many were the first postmaster for their area.

Unmentioned are the many ways Centennial Farm families contributed to their communities without official titles or positions.

Washington’s Centennial Farms made up two percent of the state’s farms in 1890 and make up just over one percent of the state’s farms today. They each provide us with an unbroken thread that follows the settlement and development of agriculture. Together these many threads weave a picture of agriculture then and agriculture now. Individually and as a group, these Centennial Farms help tell the story of Washington agriculture and the story of Washington state.



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Homestead Certificate No. 139
APPLICATION 116

Whereas, there has been deposited in the General Land Office of the United States, a CERTIFICATE of the REGISTER OF THE LAND OFFICE at Olympia, Washington Territory, whereby it appears that pursuant to the Act of Congress approved 20th May, 1862, "To secure Homesteads to actual Settlers on the public domain," and the acts supplemental thereto the claim of Thomas E. Rutledge, has been established and duly consummated in conformity to law for the North half of the South half of Section Eleven, in Township sixteen, North, of Range three, West, in the district of lands subject to sale at Olympia, Washington Territory, containing one hundred and sixty acres,

according to the Official Plat of the survey of the said Land returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the SURVEYOR GENERAL:

Now know ye, That there is therefore granted by the UNITED STATES unto the said Thomas E. Rutledge the tract of Land above described: To Have and to Hold the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said Thomas E. Rutledge and to his heirs and assigns forever.

In testimony whereof, J. Ulysses S. Grant, President of the United States of America, 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, the second day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy, and of the INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES the ninety /

By the President: U. S. Grant
By Charles White, Register of the L.



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Most of Washington's early farms acquired land under the Homestead Act. After five years of residence and improvement, a homesteader would make final proof and receive a patent giving him title to the land. Thomas Rutledge was the 116th person to apply for a homestead and the 139th to make final proof at Washington's first land office in Olympia.

Acquiring Farm Land in Washington Territory

The profiles of these Centennial Farms provide an overview of how land was settled in territorial Washington over the course of almost 40 years.

While many farms were acquired through sales between private parties, Washington's first farms and most of Washington's Centennial Farms acquired land from the U.S. government through provisions of a number of public land disposal acts.

THE DONATION LAND ACT OF 1850

Washington's oldest Centennial Farms were settled under the Donation Land Act, the only way to officially acquire land in the earliest years.

The Donation Land Act of 1850 was specific to the Oregon Territory, which at the time included present day Washington. It rewarded the territory's earliest settlers with land. White males, including half-breed Indians, who had settled in the territory by December 1, 1850 could claim up to 640 acres. The law granted 320 acres to single men or 640 acres to married men who were over the age of 18.

The law also encouraged new settlers by offering at no cost up to 320 acres of land to white males who settled in the territory by December 1, 1855. The law granted 160 acres to single men or 320 acres to married men who were over the age of 21. This was only the second time Congress had passed a law offering free land to encourage new settlement.

Settlers were required to live on the land and cultivate it for four consecutive years. Donation land claims were limited to settlers who were citizens or declared their intent to become citizens.

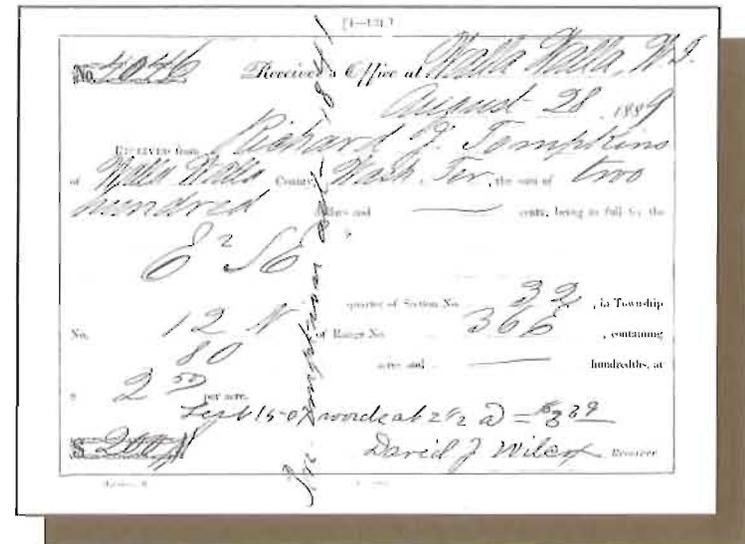
The Donation Land Act continued to apply to Washington land after Washington Territory was created from Oregon Territory in 1853.

The Donation Land Act was short-lived but very quickly allowed the earliest settlers in the territory to make a claim and eventually acquire title to 300,000 acres of the most accessible land in Washington. One major complaint about the act was that the maximum size of a grant, 640 acres, was so large that it isolated settlers from each other and discouraged the development of communities.

Land grants in Washington were made to 1,018 individuals under the Donation Land Act. Almost half of those grants were made in three counties—Thurston with 234, Clark with 161 and Pierce with 108. Only 13 donation land grants were made in eastern Washington, primarily in the Walla Walla and Colville areas near former Hudson's Bay Company trading posts.

THE PRE-EMPTION ACT OF 1841

Washington settlers gained another way to acquire public land in 1854 when the Pre-Emption Act of 1841 was extended to include Washington Territory. Under the pre-emption law, a settler could acquire 160 acres of land at the low cost of \$1.25 per acre. Any head of a family, widow, or single man over 21, who did not already own 320 acres of land was granted a preferred, or pre-emptory, right to



Under the Pre-Emption Act, a person could purchase 160 acres for the low price of \$1.25 an acre. The price for land that fell within forty miles of the railroad line was \$2.50 an acre.

buy 160 acres for \$1.25 per acre. From 1870 to 1889, the price was \$2.50 per acre for land pre-empted within the railroad grant limits.

The pre-emption law required settlers to reside on the land and improve it before they could purchase the land. While land was not free, \$1.25 was a very low price and settlers had at least a year, and sometimes many years, to pay for the land.

Ideally, the process for transferring land from federal ownership to private ownership began with the federal government surveying the land. Once surveyed, the land was then opened to settlement or purchase.

Settlers, however, did not wait for the surveyors. They located on the best land they could find and claimed “squatter’s rights.” Once their land was surveyed they would then file their claim with the land office.

Very little of Washington had been surveyed by the time pre-emption took effect in 1854. And the progress of survey work was very slow. The heavy timber and rough terrain of western Washington made the land difficult to survey. The Indian Wars kept surveyors out of the field in eastern Washington until 1858. Numerous other administrative problems, including inadequate funding and low payment rates for surveyors, held up the progress of surveys.

To acquire land under the pre-emption law, a settler first filed a declaratory statement (D.S.) identifying the land that he had made settlement on and intended to use his pre-emption right on. After living on and improving the land for a certain period of time, he would provide proof of residency and improvement and pay for the land.

The deadlines for filing a declaratory statement and making final proof were changed a number of times and differed if a person settled on surveyed or unsurveyed lands.

On unsurveyed land, settlers had to file their declaratory statement within six, later three, months after the land was surveyed and then had 12 months to make final proof and payment.

On already surveyed land, settlers initially were required to file their “D.S.” within three months of settlement and could prove up on their claim by providing proof of their settlement and improvement and paying the fixed price of \$1.25 per acre any time before the land was offered for sale.

If no one had filed a pre-emption claim on a parcel of land the government could offer it for sale. However, very little public land in

Washington was ever offered for sale at public auction—only 3 million acres in 1863. The 1863 auction only sold a few thousand acres. To pre-empt the unsold land, a settler had a month after settlement to file a D.S. and a year more to prove up.

Most Washington settlers pre-empted land that had been surveyed but never offered for sale at public auction. The deadline for final proof on these lands was eventually set at 30 months after a settler filed his declaratory statement with the district land office.

The pre-emption law was in effect from 1854 to 1891 in Washington but relatively few Centennial Farms actually purchased land under the law. Few farms were being established in the 1850’s and, in 1863, free land again became available to Washington settlers after Congress passed the Homestead Act.

Still, the pre-emption law was very important to the settlement and expansion of Washington farms. Many settlers used the law to file their first claim to 160 acres. They filed a declaratory statement establishing their right of first entry and then, before the “proving up” time ended and \$200 or \$400 was due, they changed their entry to a claim under the other settlement laws that allowed them

Acquiring land under the pre-emption and homestead laws required an individual to live on and improve the land. This meant constructing a home and other needed buildings and putting the land into agricultural production.



William King homestead (circa 1870)

While land acquired under the homestead law was free, settlers did have to pay filing and administrative fees.

to acquire land at no cost other than the filing and administrative fees.

For many farms, including many Centennial Farms, pre-empting land was a very useful way to acquire an additional 160 acres from the government.

THE HOMESTEAD ACT

On May 20, 1862, the U.S. Congress passed the Homestead Act "to secure homesteads to actual settlers on the public domain." More Washington settlers acquired land under this law than all the other public land laws together. More than 58,000 free homestead claims on 8.5 million acres were proved up in Washington State, most of them after 1889.

The Homestead Act granted 160 acres free to a settler if he or she would live on and improve the land continuously for five years. Heads of households and any single persons over 21 years of age were eligible to file homestead applications.

Settlers were allowed six months after filing their original application before they were required to live on the land. This gave them time to build a residence and move their family onto the land.

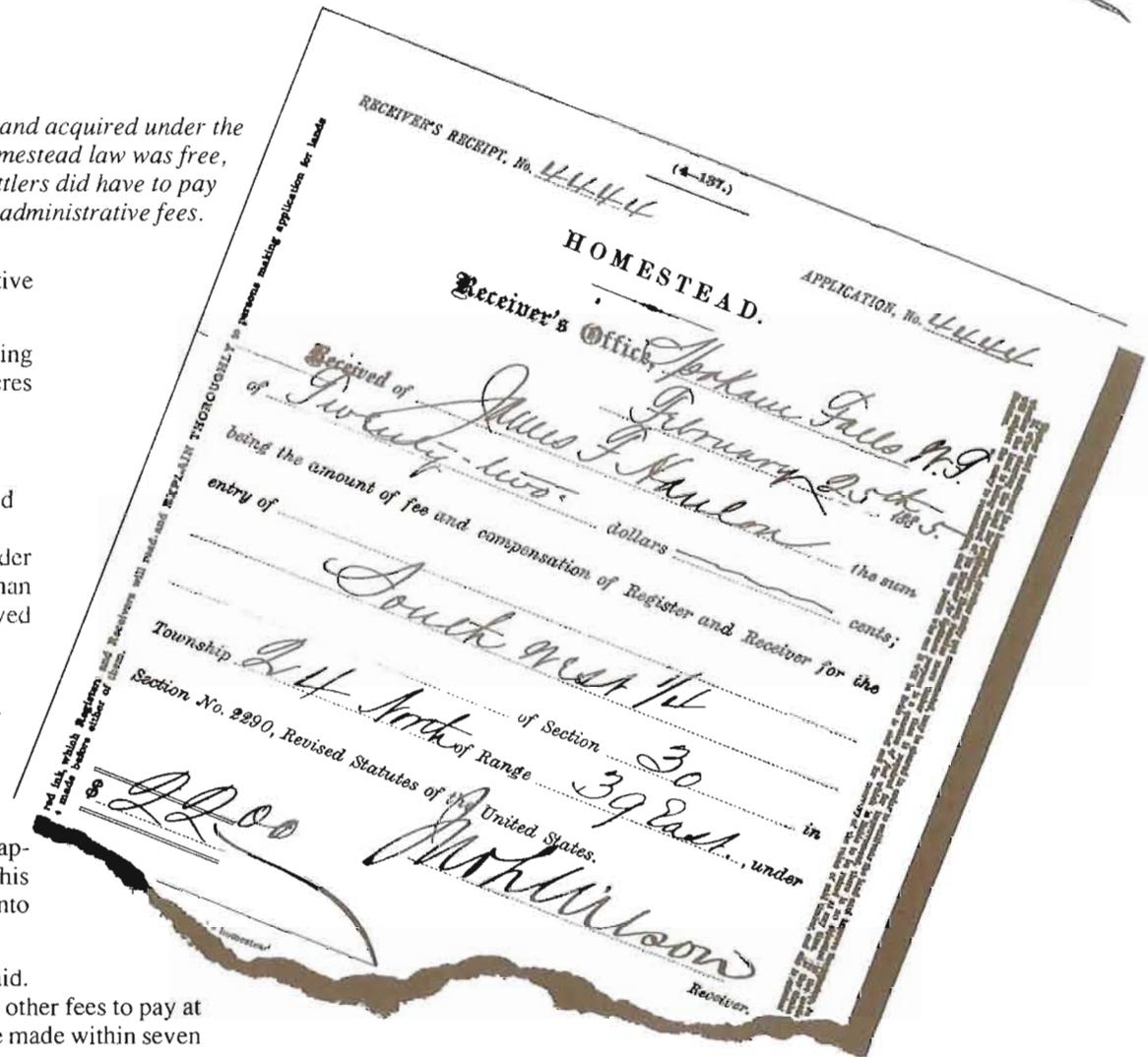
Although homestead land was free, there were fees to be paid. The original filing fee on 160 acres was \$10 and there were other fees to pay at the time of application and final proof. Final proof had to be made within seven years after application.

Homesteading was not always as easy as it appeared. Living continuously on land for five years was often a hardship. It was difficult to earn income to pay for improvements and needed supplies.

Bringing land under cultivation was often a slow process. Western Washington homesteaders had to cut heavy timber then clear the stumps before they could

plant crops. Breaking out the bunch grass-covered hills of eastern Washington to plant it to wheat, potatoes and oats was hard work.

There were many adjustments to the homestead law over time, many of them important to Washington settlers. Originally, homesteaders could only file an application for surveyed land and the five-year residency clock didn't start until that application was filed.



This presented a problem in Washington where early survey progress was slow and there were complaints that the way surveys were conducted, an entire 36-square mile township at a time, did not serve settlers who were staking claims further and further up rivers and other waterways and not on the large acreage of land further away from the water that was deemed less desirable. It wasn't until 1880 that homesteading was officially allowed on unsurveyed land and the homestead right was tied to the date of settlement rather than the date of application.

Another important adjustment was to eliminate the size restriction on homesteads within 40 miles of the Northern Pacific Railroad's main route. Originally, homesteaders who settled on government land within the railroad land grant were limited to 80-acre homesteads. In 1879, the law was changed, allowing homesteads up to 160 acres in size on all public land in Washington.

In 1872 an amendment allowed Civil War veterans to count the time they served in the army toward the five-year residency requirement.

Homesteaders could commute their claim and receive title to the land after six months residency and improvement by paying \$1.25 per acre but few Washington settlers chose that option. Less than five percent of Washington's homestead claims were commuted.

The Homestead Act specifically retained the pre-emption law. This made it possible for settlers to acquire both a pre-emption and a homestead, each for 160 acres, though not at the same time because each required residency. This was important, particularly in eastern Washington, where 160 acres was judged to be not enough land to make a living from.

By 1889, over 9000 homestead entries had been proved up in Washington, including many by the settlers and family members of Washington's Centennial Farms.

THE TIMBER CULTURE ACT

The Timber Culture Act of 1873 was often used by homesteaders and preemptors to acquire additional land from the government. The timber culture law granted 160 acres to a settler who planted and maintained a minimum number of trees on a portion of the acreage for ten, later eight, years. A settler had 13 years to "prove up" his claim.

There was no residency requirement so a settler could be proving up on a timber culture claim and a homestead or pre-emption claim at the same time.

The purpose of the timber culture act was to encourage settlers to plant trees to supply firewood and timber for themselves. The law however rarely achieved

its purpose in Washington and other western states.

The law specified what trees could be planted, the density of the planting, and how many must have survived by the end of the proving up period. Unfortunately, the law was written with the climate of the mid-western states in mind. The specified trees did not grow in the drier climate of eastern Washington and, although the law was amended to better suit conditions in Washington

Settlers could acquire an additional 160 acres of public land under the Timber Culture Act.

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Timber-Culture Certificate No. 142
 APPLICATION 514

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 OF THE REGISTER OF THE LAND OFFICE at Walla Walla Washington, whereby it appears that, pursuant to the Acts of Congress approved March 3, 1873, March 13, 1874, and June 14, 1878, "To encourage the Growth of Timber on the Western Prairies," the claim of Nicholas Wheeler has been established and duly consummated, in conformity to law, for the South West quarter of the South East quarter, the South half of the North West quarter and the North East quarter of the South West quarter of Section twenty in Township sixteen North of Range forty two East of Willamette Meridian in Washington containing one hundred and fifty acres

according to the OFFICIAL PLAT of the Survey of the said Land, returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the Surveyor General.

Now know ye, That there is, therefore, granted by the United States unto the said Nicholas Wheeler the tract of Land above described: To have and to hold the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereof unto the said Nicholas Wheeler and to his

and other western states, it was soon judged to be an unworkable program.

When the timber culture law was repealed in 1891, settlers who had filed timber culture claims could purchase the land for \$1.25 an acre if they had complied with the law for at least four years. Settlers who had complied with the law and cultivated trees in good faith for eight years could receive patent to the land regardless of the number of trees living.

While the timber culture law never served its stated purpose, it was very important to the state's early farms in eastern Washington. By using the homestead, pre-emption and timber culture laws, a settler could acquire 480 acres of public land.

THE DESERT LAND ACT OF 1877

The Homestead Act didn't apply well to the arid lands of the west. The Desert Land Act of 1877 was one attempt to promote settlement and irrigation of the dry areas of the public domain. It provided another way for settlers to acquire land.

While other settlement laws were restricted to 160-acre claims, the desert land law granted up to 640 acres of surveyed or unsurveyed land to a settler for \$1.25 per acre if the land was irrigated within three years. The settler paid \$.25 per acre upon original entry and \$1 per acre at final proof.

Very few land claims were proved up under the desert land law during Washington's territorial years. Two Centennial Farms, both located in Yakima County, acquired land under the law.

The law was revised over the years to specify how much land had to be irrigated and cultivated and to deal with irrigation projects but it never worked as envisioned in Washington. Most of the desert land in eastern Washington was irrigated and acquired under the Reclamation Act of 1902.

MAJOR REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC LAND ACTS

The public land laws all had problems. These problems included numerous cases of fraud and abuse by speculators, companies and others. Settlers, elected officials and the General Land Office all called out for reform.

H. Doe, Sr.
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U. S. LAND OFFICE

AT
North Yakima, Wt

No 208

DESERT-LAND ACT, MARCH 3, 1877.

DECLARATION OF APPLICANT.

L. M. Rowe

October 10, 1889

Sec. 24, T. 14, R. 17
S. 6839.

See RR Dec. 2, 1892.
The contract dismissed. The
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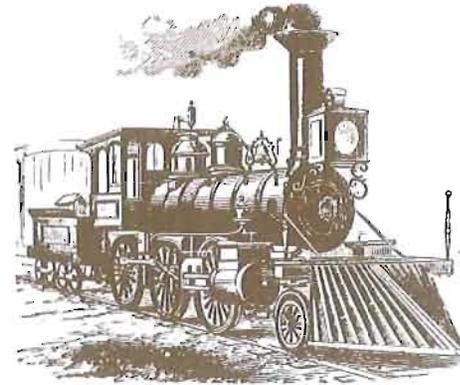
Definitions

Homestead - a term commonly used to refer to the first settlement of land whether it was acquired from the federal government under the Homestead Act or not.

Prove up - Settlers applying for land from the federal government had to "prove up," or meet the requirements of the law, before they could receive title to the land. Proving up usually meant cultivating and living on the land.

Patent - Document, issued under the signature of the President of the United States, which transferred legal title of public land from the federal government to private or state ownership. Final document received by a settler from the federal government. Dated when signed in Washington, D.C., which was months and often years after a settler had "proved up" on a claim.

Lieu land - Land selected by the railroad or state in lieu of land granted to them by the federal government. For example, the Northern Pacific Railroad was granted the odd-numbered sections of land for 40 miles on either side of its route. If any of that land was already reserved, sold, or settled on before the railroad's route was located, the railroad could select land from the odd-numbered sections located in the next 10 miles beyond the grant limits in place of that land.



After many years of attempting to revise or repeal the various public lands acts, Congress finally passed an act in 1891 that made sweeping changes to how public land could be acquired.

The act of 1891 repealed the pre-emption law and the timber culture act, and revised the homestead and desert land acts.

One major change to the homestead law was to increase the residency requirement before a homestead claim could be commuted from six months to 14 months. After 1891, the homestead law provided the way for most settlers to acquire land from the government.

RAILROAD GRANT LANDS

The Northern Pacific Railroad played a significant role in the land history of Washington and was the second most important source of land for Washington settlers, particularly after 1880.

In 1864, Congress passed a law incorporating the Northern Pacific Railroad. The railroad was to construct a rail line and telegraph line from the Great Lakes to Puget Sound. To cover construction costs, Congress granted the railroad every odd-numbered section for 20 miles on either side of its route through states and for 40 miles on either side of its line through territories. So, for every mile of completed rail line in Washington, the railroad would earn 25,600 acres of land that it could then sell.

The railroad did not file its proposed route with the General Land Office until 1870. The land office then withdrew millions of acres of land from entry under the public land laws in Washington Territory. The original main route entered Washington about 10 miles north of the Oregon line, travelled west to Wallula and then down the north side of the Columbia River to Vancouver before heading north to Puget Sound and Canada. The route was amended in 1872 to enter Washington at Spokane and, in 1873, to terminate at Tacoma.

The route for the branch line was located in a sweeping arc from Lake Pend

The Northern Pacific Railroad Company was granted more than nine million acres of land in Washington Territory that it could then sell to cover the costs of building the northern transcontinental rail line.

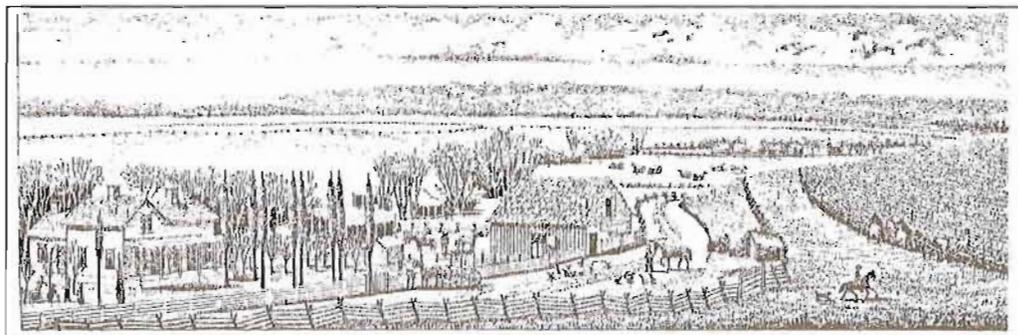
Oreille over the north Cascades to Tacoma. The route was amended in 1879 to not split from the main line until it reached the Columbia River and to cross the Cascades east of Tacoma. Together, the 80-mile wide grant limits for the main and branch lines covered most of Washington.

Even-numbered sections within the grant limits were still open to settlers but the rules were a little different. Until 1879 homesteaders were limited to 80 acres and until 1889 preemptors had to pay \$2.50 per acre instead of \$1.25 per acre. Those who settled on the odd-numbered railroad sections after the route was filed were guaranteed the right to purchase the land from the railroad once the line was completed and the land offered for sale. In 1879 the company fixed agricultural land prices at \$2.50 per acre, but settlers after 1883 had to pay the appraised value of the land.

Those who settled on railroad land before the route was filed were allowed to keep their land and the railroad was allowed to select lieu lands from odd-numbered sections in the ten miles beyond the grant limits.

The railroad was slow in coming and so settlement within the grant limits was in a checkerboard fashion in the even-numbered sections. The railroad earned land as it completed 25-mile sections of line and only then could it sell the land.

A great deal of controversy surrounded the Northern Pacific Railroad and its



Farm residence of Philip Yenney, Walla Walla Co., W.T. circa 1882.

Form 49 A.

PACIFIC DIVISION.

DEED.

Contract No. 2722 Deed No. 2579.

Northern Pacific R. R. Company.

—TO—

Robert H. Wilson

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State of *Washn*

County of *Lewis* ss.

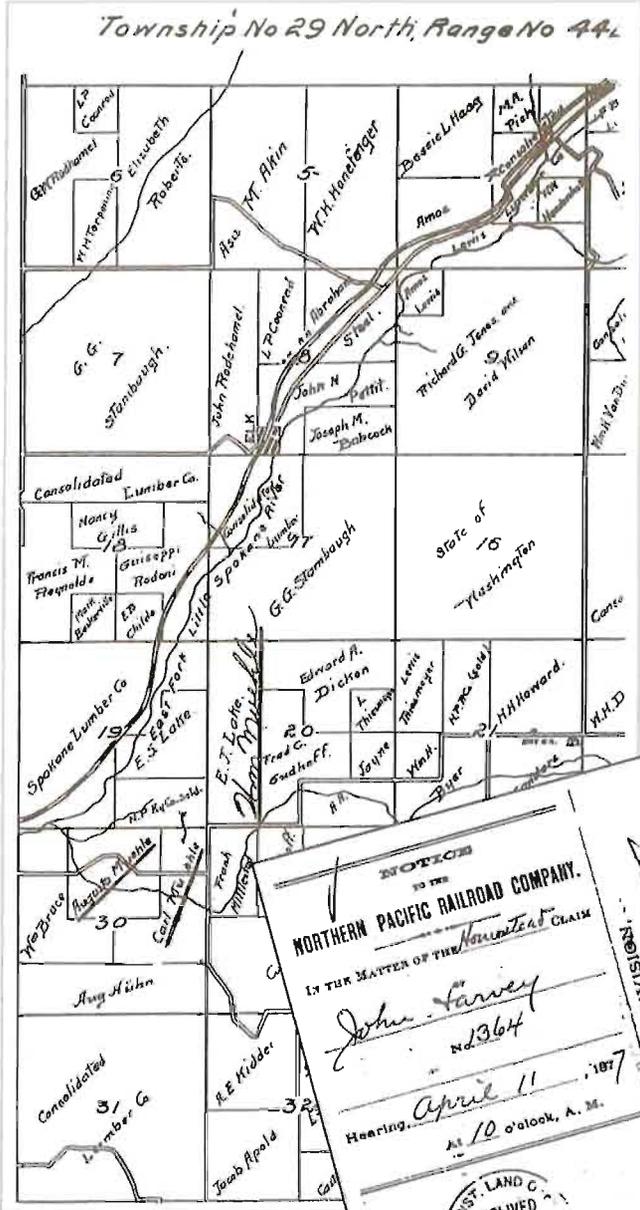
OFFICE OF COUNTY AUDITOR.

I hereby certify that the within Deed was filed for Record in this office, on the 13 day of Dec A. D. 1892 at 1:35 o'clock P. M., and duly recorded in Book 38 of Deeds, on pages 24 to 29 inclusive.

R. Nashmore
County Auditor of *Lewis Co.*

By *C. M. Steadman*
Dep.

11-00-1,000 PUGET SOUND PRINTING CO., TACOMA.



In most townships, sections 16 and 36 were state school lands, odd-numbered sections were railroad lands, and the remaining 16 sections were open to entry under the public land acts. (Below:) When a settler and the railroad claimed the same land, a hearing, and sometimes a court battle, took place to settle the claim.

grant. The original charter had specified that the railroad would begin work within two years, construct a minimum of 50 miles each year and complete construction of its route by 1876. The railroad received two extensions from Congress and even still had only completed 106 miles of line in Washington, from Kalama to Tacoma, by an interim deadline in 1873.

There were calls for forfeiture of the grant and numerous bills introduced in Congress to act against the railroad and to provide relief to settlers who had claimed land within the grant limits.

The railroad was able to use its influence and its continued work on the line to stave off forfeiture. The transcontinental railroad link to Puget Sound, using the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company's tracks from Wallula to Portland, was completed in 1883. The railroad's branch line up the Yakima River Valley and through Stampede Pass was completed in 1887 and became the main line when the Northern Pacific finally abandoned its plans to construct a Wallula to Portland line.

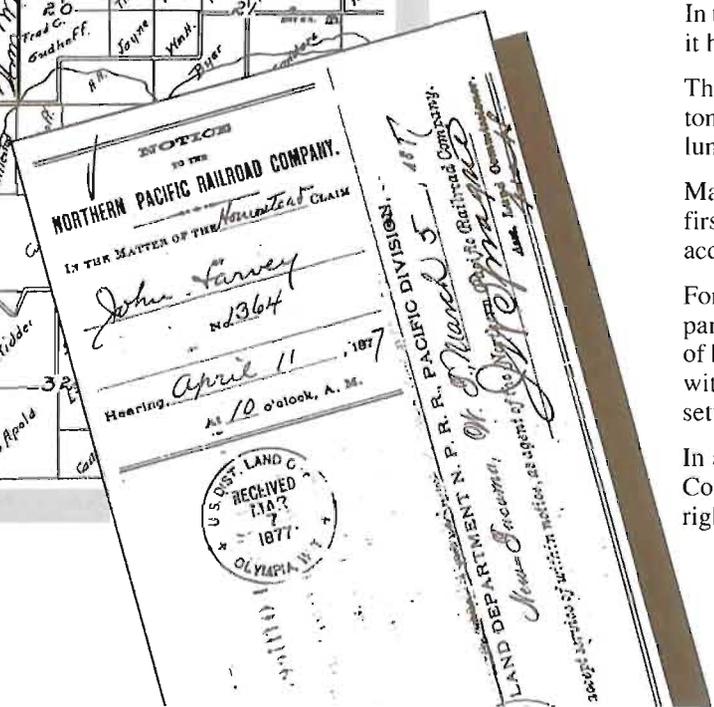
In the end, the Northern Pacific constructed only 366 of the more than 700 miles it had proposed in Washington.

The railroad eventually received title to 9.6 million acres in Washington. This land was then sold to settlers and others, including 900,000 acres to lumberman Frederick Weyerhaeuser.

Many Centennial Farms purchased land from the railroad. For some it was their first parcel of land. Many others purchased railroad land to add to land they had acquired under the public land acts.

For many settlers, acquiring land involved a court battle with the railroad, particularly for land in the 10 miles beyond the grant limits. This was the belt of land the railroad could make its lieu land selections from to make up for lands within the grant limits that were mineral lands, reserved for Indians or previously settled by individuals.

In a landmark case involving the Miller/Powers Centennial Farm in Whitman County, the Secretary of Interior ruled that the railroad did not have a guaranteed right to land in the odd-numbered sections of the 10-mile belt if a settler had



Public Land Acts and Farm Numbers, 1850-1900

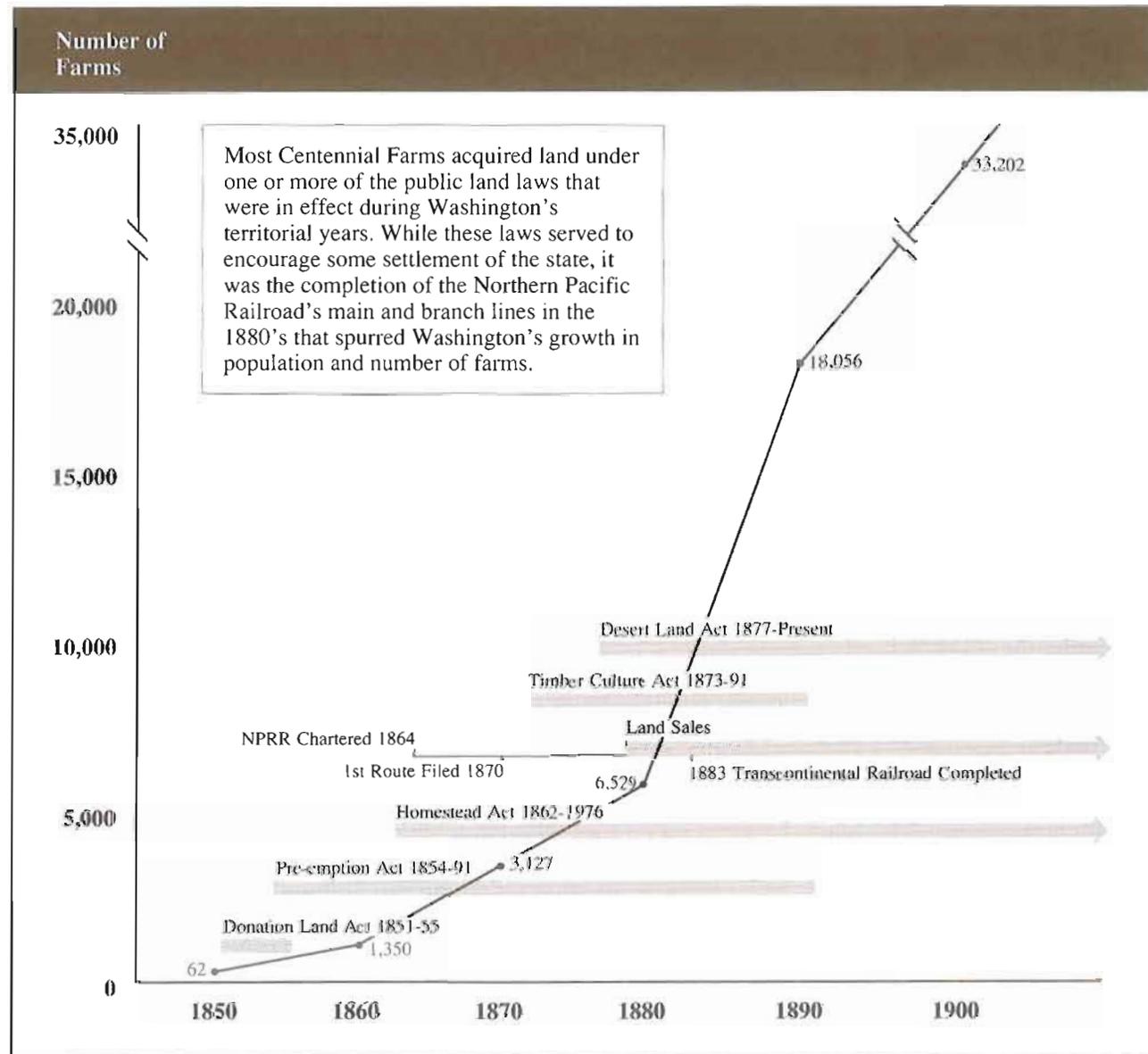
already made claim to the land. This ruling opened the way for over 2000 settlers to receive title to land that the railroad had claimed should be included in its grant.

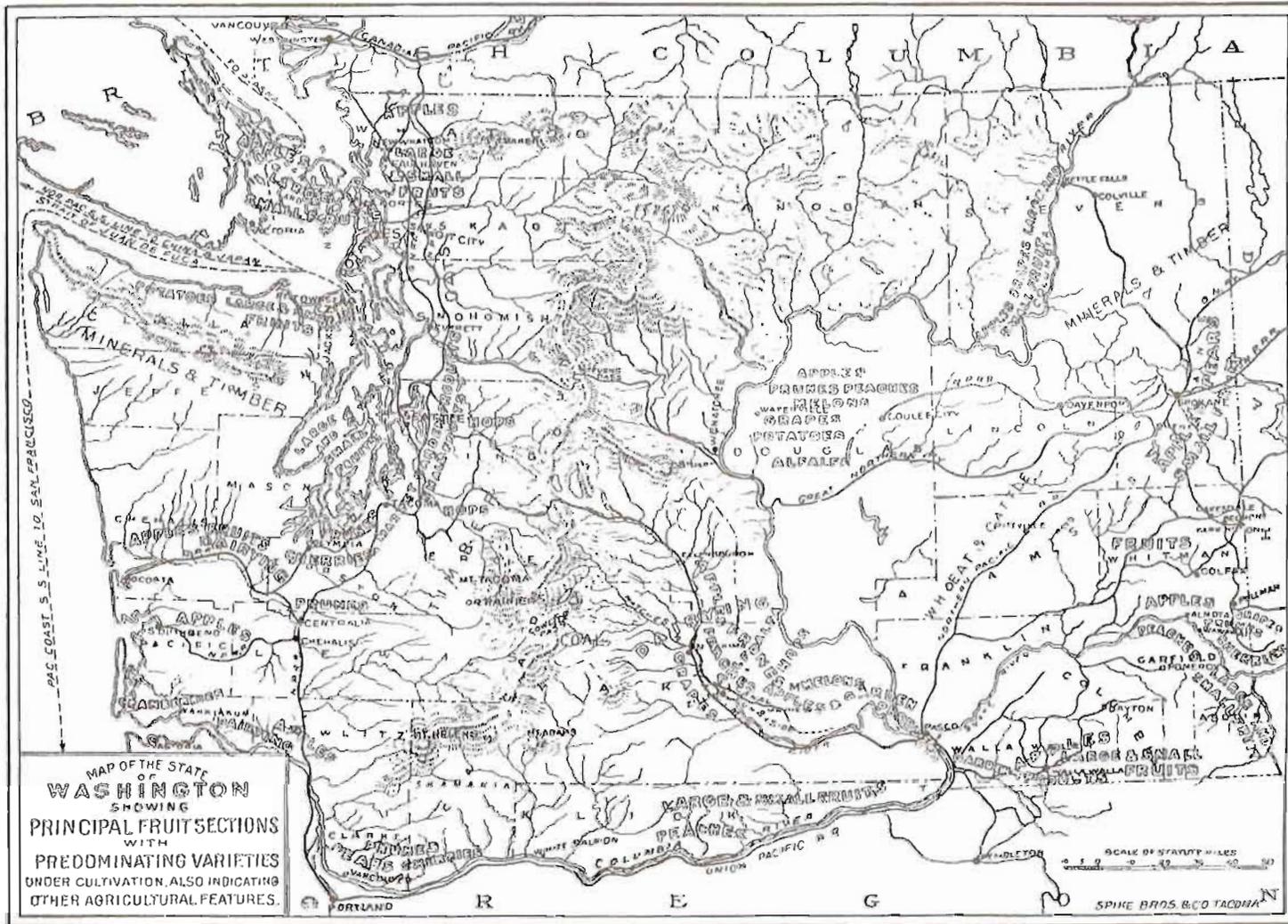
Conflicting claims were sometimes resolved between the railroad and settlers with a settler agreeing to relinquish his claim to land in exchange for the right to purchase that land at a reduced price. Some Centennial Farms purchased railroad land for \$1.00 and \$2.00 per acre.

SCHOOL LANDS

Settlers also purchased land that had been granted to the territory to support a university and public schools. The Organic Act of 1853, creating the Washington Territory, reserved sections 16 and 36, or equivalent lieu lands, in every surveyed township for the support of common schools. In 1854, two townships to be selected by the territory, were reserved for the support of a university. Both reservations were to be granted to the state when it was admitted to the Union.

Generally, territories were not to use the lands before attaining statehood. However, Washington Territory sold nearly half of its university lands by 1864 and started selling and leasing school lands in the 1860's.





This horticultural map of the state appeared in the "Second Biennial Report of the Board of Horticulture of the State of Washington, 1893-94."



Agriculture Yesterday and Today

Agriculture in Washington State traces its history back to the Hudson's Bay Company. The company's North American director, George Simpson, insisted the company be self-sufficient. So, when the Hudson's Bay Company established Fort Vancouver in 1824, the fort's chief factor, Dr. John McLoughlin, encouraged agriculture. The Hudson's Bay Co. raised livestock, cultivated land and planted orchards to supply food to its posts.

In 1836 the company's livestock inventory included 1,000 cattle, 700 hogs, 200 sheep, 500 horses, and 160 oxen.

In addition to agricultural production at its northwest trading posts, the company established farms at Nisqually on Puget Sound and in the Cowlitz River Valley. The farms, organized as the Puget Sound Agricultural Company, not only supplied agricultural products to the company but to export markets as well.

Raising livestock and cultivating the land was also important to the settlements established by early missionaries who came to the northwest in the 1830's.

According to the 1850 census there were 62 farms in the Oregon Territory north of the Columbia River. For the next 30 years, Washington's population and number of farms grew at a steady rate. In 1860 Washington had 1,330 farms, almost all in western Washington.

By 1870 the number of farms in the state had increased to 3,127. Two-thirds of these farms were less than 50 acres in size. Only 52 were 500 acres or more in size. Most farms were located in western Washington but, by now, the settlement and cultivation of land in eastern Washington was underway. In 1870, Walla Walla County, which at that time included much of eastern Washington, had 653 of the territory's farms and more than 25 percent of the improved land.

Washington's leading crops in 1870 were potatoes, oats and wheat. In livestock, the census counted more than 44,000 sheep and more than 44,000 dairy and beef cattle.

In the next ten years the number of farms doubled, with 6,529 farms evenly divided between western and eastern Washington.

Washington agriculture shifted from primarily stock raising to crop growing

early in its history. As settlers came to the state, the public domain and its free open range shrank. Severe eastern Washington winters like the winter of 1889-90 resulted in a tremendous loss of livestock.

In the 1880's Washington's population and farm numbers boomed. The northern transcontinental railroad was completed in 1883 and the railroads finally linked Washington's productive farm land to eastern markets and the west coast ports.

By 1890, Washington State had more than 18,000 farms producing \$13.7 million in agricultural products. Over 75 percent of the state's population lived on farms, and agriculture and timber were Washington's leading industries.

Agriculture in Washington has made some dramatic changes over the last 100 years. A comparison of the 1890 Census of Agriculture with the agricultural statistics of today shows an industry that has become both larger and more productive.

The 1890 Census of Agriculture reported 18,056 farms with more than 60 percent of the farms located in eastern Washington. Whitman and Spokane counties led the state in number of farms with more than 2,000 farms each. The tremendous productivity of Washington's dryland wheat farms was already well-known. Walla Walla and Whitman counties were each producing two million bushels of wheat and shipping to markets in California, eastern states and foreign countries. The railroad had brought thousands of new settlers to farm in Spokane and Lincoln counties. Spokane was a boom town and area farms supplied food for the new local market.

In western Washington, the greatest number of farms were in Clark, King and Lewis counties. Timber was the primary industry. It was profitable and brought quick returns. However, gradually, small farms were being established on the cutover benchlands. The combined population of Seattle and Tacoma had skyrocketed from 4,631 in 1880 to 78,843 in 1890. Farms around these cities had a rapidly expanding market for their products.

Washington has twice as many farms today as it did when it first became a state. Just about one-third of the state's 38,000 farms are located in western Washington and two-thirds are in eastern Washington. Yakima County, which had less



than 400 farms in 1890, now leads all counties in number of farms with over 4,000. The number of acres in farms has grown from just over 4 million acres in 1890 to 16 million acres today.

Not only have the number and distribution of Washington's farms changed but so has the character of the farms.

Most of the farms in 1890 were self-sufficient operations with a garden, some chickens, a milk cow, hogs, and beef cattle, horses to do the work, and grain crops to feed the livestock. Surplus products were sold to earn cash income to clear or improve additional land and purchase goods.

Already some specialization was starting to be seen in Washington agriculture. In eastern Washington farms averaged almost 300 acres and wheat was the main cash crop. Cattle and sheep grazed the bunch grass-covered hills and open range. In western Washington, potatoes, hops, market garden produce and milk were all important farm products. Farms here averaged 120 to 150 acres in size.

Today's farms are much more specialized and the range of crops and livestock produced is even more diverse. Western Washington farms average less than 100 acres in size and produce most of the state's berries, Christmas trees, green peas, milk, seafood and poultry products. The irrigated lands of central Washington include orchards, vineyards and vegetable farms of less than 50 acres and farms of 500 acres or more that harvest potatoes, hay, corn and wheat. Dryland farms and ranches in eastern Washington are often thousands of acres in size.

In 1890, families often earned their primary income off the farm—in logging, mining or transportation. Today almost 45 percent of the state's farms are small part-time operations that depend on non-farm income for support. Most of these small farms are in western Washington. Full-time commercial operations are

located throughout the state and account for most of the state's agricultural production.

Perhaps the most dramatic changes of the past 100 years are found by comparing agricultural production.

In 1890, Washington growers produced 17 bushels of wheat per acre. Today yields have more than tripled, averaging 60 bushels of wheat per acre. Potato yields are 18 times what they were in 1890. Washington growers averaged a record 55,000 pounds of potatoes per acre in 1988 and lead the world in production per acre.

Apples were already the number one fruit in 1890 but the 7,000 tons produced then are just a fraction of the almost 2 million tons produced by Washington apple growers in 1988. The 1890 census reported 315,000 bearing apple trees spread throughout the state. The most recent fruit tree survey estimated Washington growers had more than 30 million apple trees in their orchards.

These dramatic differences are the result of several factors, including improved plant varieties, better fertilizer practices and extensive irrigation.

Livestock production has also increased. Milk production per cow today is six times what it was in 1890 while the number of milk cows has tripled. Washington leads the nation in production per cow. Beef and poultry production have also increased dramatically.

Not all commodities, however, have shown production increases. Sheep and hog numbers are much lower today than they were in 1890. Oat acreage has dropped in half as tractors and other motor vehicles replaced horses on the farm. The shift from the horse to the tractor also brought on other significant changes including the ability for one person to work more acres and the development of larger farms.

Total agricultural production has increased and so has the total value of that production. The value of crops and livestock produced on Washington farms in 1890 was a substantial \$13.7 million. In 1988, Washington farmers produced more than \$3.6 billion in commodities, more than 250 times that of 100 years ago.



Historic Comparisons

The market for Washington's farm products has also grown. Though exports were important to the wheat market, Washington's early farms provided food primarily for the farm family and local markets. Today, only 25 percent of the state's agricultural production is sold in the state. Half is sold in the rest of the United States and 25 percent is sold to foreign countries.

The nature of the industry has also changed as raw commodities are not only produced in the state but processed and packaged here, too. The food processing industry generates more than \$4.5 billion in sales annually.

Washington's Centennial Farms were typical diversified homesteads in 1890. Today, they are typical of the farms in their areas. Dairy farms dominate the Centennial Farms in northwestern Washington. Wheat is grown on all the Centennial Farms in Whitman County and most other counties of eastern Washington. Central Washington farms rely on irrigation to produce their hay, fruit and vegetable crops.

As they were in 1890, Washington's Centennial Farms are part of one of the state's most important industries.

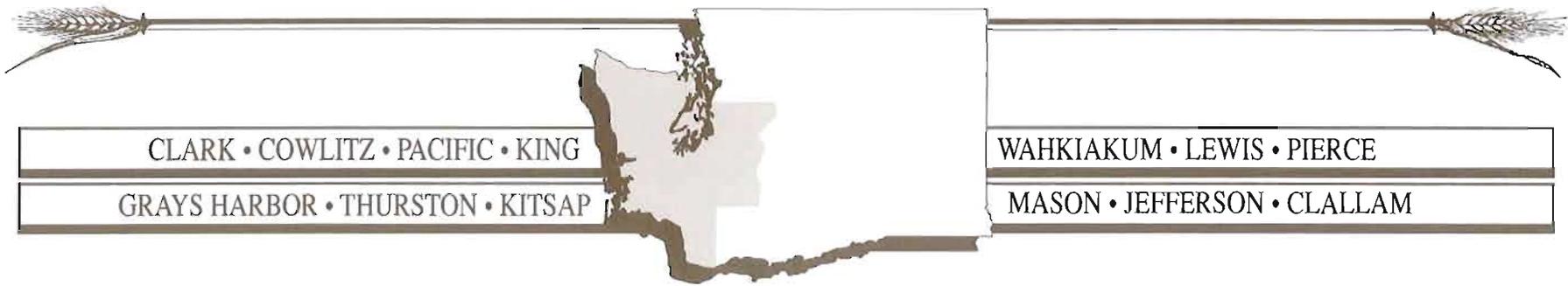
COMMODITY	UNIT	1890		1988	
		HARVESTED ACRES	PRODUCTION	HARVESTED ACRES	PRODUCTION
FIELD CROPS					
Wheat	Bu	372,658	6,345,426	2,060,000	124,620,000
Barley	Bu	51,551	1,269,140	560,000	34,720,000
Oats	Bu	65,089	2,273,182	37,000	2,479,000
All Hay	Tons	286,013	395,770	800,000	2,833,000
Hops	Lbs	5,113	8,313,280	23,100	39,751,000
FRUIT					
			PRODUCTION		PRODUCTION
Apples	Tons		7,085		1,950,000
All Cherries	Tons		281		63,200
Peaches	Tons		1,524		25,000
All Pears	Tons		672		310,000
LIVESTOCK					
			NUMBER		NUMBER
Sheep	Head		265,267		74,000
All Cattle	Head		255,134		1,300,000
Milk Cows	Head		70,721		216,000
Milk	Lbs		170,910,217		3,966,000,000
Hogs	Head		90,274		53,000
Chickens	Head		779,972		6,085,000

Source: 1890 U.S. Census of Agriculture and Washington Agricultural Statistics Service



Hop Harvest, Nix Farm, 1887

By 1890, Washington was second only to New York in hops production with Pierce and King counties producing 85 percent of the state's hops.



Southwest Washington and South Puget Sound

Washington's earliest pioneers made their homes in southwest Washington and south Puget Sound. They acquired land by taking donation land claims of up to 640 acres. Some of these pioneers were the founders of Centennial Farms. Five of the 48 Centennial Farms in this region were established by 1856.

Although many of the state's oldest Centennial Farms are in this region, most of the Centennial Farms in southwest Washington and south Puget Sound were established in the 1880's. In many cases these later farms were founded by individuals who purchased land from earlier settlers or the Northern Pacific Railroad.

Like many western Washington settlers, farming was not the only source of income for these Centennial Farm founders. Many worked in the timber industry as loggers, millworkers or carpenters. Others operated stores or roadhouses. Some helped build roads and the railroad.

Most farms were established "up river," in the valleys and adjacent prairies of western Washington. Often the first order of business was to clear heavy timber.

With the completion of the railroad the population of western Washington's cities skyrocketed. The combined population of Seattle and Tacoma leaped from less than 5,000 in 1880 to almost 80,000 in 1890. Clark, King and Lewis were major agricultural counties, each with more than 750 farms in 1890.

These farms helped supply the local city markets. King County led the state in potato production. King and Pierce counties were leaders in market garden products. King and Clark were leaders in milk production.

Most of the early farms gave way to the cities they supplied. Today there are more than 8,400 farms in the region, including more than 1,100 farms each in King, Clark, Pierce and Lewis counties. Most farms are part-time operations of less than 50 acres.

Centennial Farms are spread throughout the 13 counties in this region with the greatest number in Lewis County. Most of these farms are 50 to 300 acres in size. Most raise beef or other livestock and harvest hay and grain and sometimes timber.



The Anderson Farm

Clark

Owners: Kent E. Anderson

Location of Farm: One mile east of La Center on County Road 41

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1865 - 1900	Magilbra Anderson	Grandfather
1900 - 1946	Curtis Anderson	Father
1946 - Present	Kent E. Anderson	

In 1864, 31-year-old Magilbra Anderson and his wife Caroline traveled by wagon train and river boat to Oregon from his birthplace of Union County, Illinois. After working for a Sauvie Island farmer over the winter, the Anderson's homesteaded 160 acres east of La Center. Anderson cleared land, built a log cabin, barn and outbuildings and began to farm. He and Caroline had nine children.

Acres in original parcel: 159.05 **Acres still retained:** 59

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Cattle, hogs, wheat, oats, and potatoes;
1988 - Hay, grain, and cattle

Additional information: This tract of land was burned-over forest land with a cover of brush and stumps when the homestead was granted. Since 1925 the entire tract has been improved and in agricultural production. The present owner is retired and lives in the farmhouse built in 1901. The 66-acre farm is leased out for hay and grain production and for the grazing of cattle.

Bi-Zi Farms

Clark

Owners: Bi-Zi Farms: "Bill" and Peggy Zimmerman

Location of Farm: 6 miles northeast of Vancouver on N.E. 119th St.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1872 - 1894	Gabriel Zimmerman	Great Grandfather
1894 - 1922	Edward Gabriel Zimmerman	Grandfather
1922 - 1980	Arbra W. Zimmerman	Father
1980 - Present	Wm. F. "Bill" Zimmerman	

In 1872 Gabriel Zimmerman paid \$250 for 40 acres Gottlieb Wagenblast had homesteaded in 1866. In 1873 Zimmerman purchased an additional 40 acres from J.E. O'Flarity for \$100 and in 1882 80 acres from John Person for \$400. In addition to farming, Zimmerman was a brickmaker. Born in Iowa, Zimmerman was 32 years old when he settled in Clark County. He was married to Janette Vincent, and the couple had nine children.

Acres in original parcel: 40 **Acres still retained:** 40

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hay and cattle; 1988 - Oats and certified clover seed

Additional information: In the early 1920's, a hatchery was built by E.G. Zimmerman and his son Arbra and baby chicks were sold from the farm flock. Today, Bill Zimmerman farms about 700 acres. The grain is cleaned and delivered to Portland and Seattle race tracks.

The Wright Farm

Clark

Owners: Alfred and Linda Wright, Ronald and Charline Wright, Claude Wright

Location of Farm: 4.8 miles east of Washougal on S.E. 70th St.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1870 - 1888	Stephen and Sarah Wright	Great Grandparents
1888 - 1903	Stephen and Maggie Wright	Great Grandparents
1903 - 1909	Stephen and Mary Wright	Great Grandparents
1909 - 1968	Clarence and Beatrice Wright	Grandparents
1968 - Present	Alfred J. and Linda Wright	Parents
1974 - Present	Ronald G. and Charline Wright	
1985 - Present	Claude K. Wright	

The Steve and Emily Wright family came west from Kansas in 1863 and settled on the donation land claim of Emily's brother Joseph Durgan. In 1870 their son Stephen Jr., with his wife Sarah, homesteaded 160 acres just to the north, adjacent to Lawton Creek. Stephen Jr. cleared the land, constructed buildings and put in an orchard. He made final proof on his homestead in 1876.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 80

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Oats, wheat, hay, horses, and apples; 1988 - Hay, pasture, forage crop, and beef cattle

Additional information: Stephen and Sarah Wright had nine children. In 1881 six of the children died from diphtheria or scarlet fever over a period of six weeks. Family history tells that two-year old Clarence survived because a neighbor suggested giving him a dose of kerosene. Today Alfred and his two sons, Ronald and Claude, own and operate the 80-acre farm.

The Hazen/Frasier Farm

Clark

Owners: Dennis Jay Frasier

Location of Farm: 21 miles north of Vancouver at the corner of Hoff and Grantham Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1882 - 1940	Enoch and Daisy Hazen	Grandparents
1940 - 1943	Oscar Wilson	Step Grandfather
1943 - 1985	Mary Hazen Frasier	Mother
1985 - Present	Dennis Jay Frasier	

28-year-old Enoch Hazen travelled by train from his native Indiana to San Francisco, then by boat to Portland. He then went up the Lewis River and, in 1882, homesteaded 120 acres northeast of La Center. Hazen added on to the existing house, built a barn and cleared 40 acres. He and his first wife, Lena Bell Morris, had three children. He and his second wife, Daisy A. Cummings, had three children. In addition to farming, Hazen was a carpenter, trapper, did some gold mining and supplied logging camps with beef.

Acres in original parcel: 120 **Acres still retained:** 20

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, oats, horses, and dairy and beef cattle; 1988 - Beef

Additional information: From 1891-1894, Enoch Hazen helped organize the building of the church now known as Hazen Chapel at View. Enoch lost his eyesight in a dynamite powder blast in 1914, but continued to do carpentry work. He died in 1931 and Daisy married Oscar Wilson in 1934. Today three generations live on the original place. Enoch Hazen's descendents total the better part of 250 and most live in Clark County. Dennis Jay Frasier is the current owner and operator of the 20-acre farm.



The O'Keefe Farm

Clark

Owners: Timothy Roy and Kathleen H. O'Keefe

Location of Farm: One mile north of Hockinson

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1881 - 1930	Leonard and Louise Brown	Grandparents
1930 - 1965	Eugene and Hilda O'Keefe	Parents
1965 - Present	Timothy and Kathleen O'Keefe	

In 1881 Leonard Brown, age 47, purchased 69.33 acres from William B. Cambell for \$300. He built a house and barn and farmed the land. Brown, who was also a fisherman, was born in Finland and lived in Astoria, Oregon prior to moving onto this farm. He and his wife Louise had four children.

Acres in original parcel: 69.33 **Acres still retained:** 69.33

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Milk cows and chickens; 1988 - Grain, hay, and beef

Additional information: The original barn is still in use. Today Tim and Kathy O'Keefe own and operate the 69.33 acre farm and lease an additional 44 acres.

The Mattson Farm

Clark

Owners: Laine Kruusma Mattson, Otto Kruusma Mattson, Erik Olav Mattson, Allan Henrik Mattson

Location of Farm: 1 mile north of Hockinson

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1883 - 1911	John Erik Mattson	Great Grandfather
1911 - 1945	John Warren Mattson	Grandfather
1945 - 1973	Franklin Lewis Mattson	Father
1973 - 1976	Franklin Lewis Mattson Estate	
1976 - Present	Laine K. Mattson	Mother
1976 - Present	Otto K., Erik O. and Allan H. Mattson	

Born in what is now Finland, John Erik Mattson went to sea when he was 15 years old. He spent 15 years as a sailor and came to the United States in 1892. He lived in San Francisco working as a bay pilot prior to coming to the Washington Territory. He purchased 140 acres from Mr. and Mrs. Matt Spurgen in 1883 and cleared the land for farming and a house site. Mattson was a logger as well as a farmer. He had three children by his first wife Erika and one child by his second wife Maria.

Acres in original parcel: 140 **Acres still retained:** 81.29

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Mixed farming; 1988 - Hay and trees

Additional information: Part of the original home, built in the 1870's and moved in the 1880's, remains. The original barn is still used for equipment storage. Today the Mattsons own and operate 81 acres.



The Foster Farm

Wahkiakum

Owners: Elizabeth Foster Doumit

Location of Farm: 1.5 miles west of Cathlamet on Foster Rd.

Dates of Ownership	Name	Relationship to Current Owner
1865 - 1924	John J. and Margaret Foster	Grandparents
1924 - 1955	Robert Neil and Ellen Foster	Parents
1955 - 1982	Mitchell and Elizabeth Doumit	Husband
1982 - Present	Elizabeth Foster Doumit	

Born in South Carolina, John J. Foster taught school in Alabama and Mississippi before catching gold fever and heading west to California. He mined not only in California, but also Australia and Idaho. He came to Washington in 1864 and selected a farm in the Elochoman Valley near Cathlamet. Foster was 41 and his Irish-born wife Margaret Boyd was 21 when he purchased 320 acres from Charlotte Birnie for \$400 in 1865. Margaret received an adjacent 160 acres from William McCullough for \$1 in 1868. Foster cleared the land and began to farm. The Fosters had 11 children.

Acres in original parcel: 320 **Acres still retained:** 320

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Apples, potatoes, beef cattle, dairy herd, and pigs; 1988 - Beef cattle

Additional information: In addition to farming, John Foster served as probate judge, county treasurer, county superintendent of schools, and county commissioner. In 1879 he was elected to represent Wahkiakum and Cowlitz counties in the territorial legislature and, later, served as a representative in the state legislature. Today the Centennial Farm land is owned and managed by Elizabeth Doumit, who currently rents the 324-acre farm to James O. Anderson.

The Klady/Guild/Taggart Farm

Cowlitz

Owners: Osa May (Davis) Taggart

Location of Farm: Northwest of Woodland on Guild Rd.

Dates of Ownership	Name	Relationship to Current Owner
1871 - 1911	Columbia L. and Sarah Klady	Great Grandparents
1911 - 1969	Jessie Jacob Guild	Grandfather
1969 - 1971	Emily Graciebelle (Guild) Davis	Mother
1971 - Present	Osa May (Davis) Taggart	

Columbia Klady was 7 years old when he came west with his parents in 1852. His father took up a donation land claim in Oregon. In 1863, Klady and his mother Mary came to the Lewis River area where her brother lived. In 1871 Klady, now 26, purchased 235 acres of Solomon Strong's donation land claim for \$1000. He cleared the land and built a storage shed, a dairy barn and the existing house. Klady married Sarah Isabelle Lacky and they had two daughters. In addition to farming, Klady was the local mail carrier for 12 years.

Acres in original parcel: 234.44 **Acres still retained:** 9.25

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Grain, hay, and dairy cows; 1988 - Maintain original orchard; apples, pears, prunes, plums, and grapes

Additional information: Klady was a notary public, justice of the peace, school board member, and served as county superintendent of schools from 1876-78. Klady was active in Grange for more than 50 years. The original home is presently occupied by 87-year-old Emily Graciebelle Davis. Seven acres of the Centennial Farm land is leased out. The remaining 2 acres is an orchard and large garden farmed by Osa Taggart.



N.B. Gardner Tree Farm

Cowlitz

Owners: N. B. Gardner, Sr.

Location of Farm: Junction of Lapham and South Toutle Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1882 - 1918	Napolean Boneapart Gardner	Grandfather
1918 - 1960	Harry Nelson Gardner	Father
1960 - Present	N. B. Gardner Sr.	

44-year-old Napolean B. Gardner homesteaded 160 acres east of Toutle in 1882. Gardner purchased the rights to the land from Henry Powelson who had decided to relinquish the homestead claim he had made on the quarter section. Gardner, his wife Nellie and their three young children moved right in. Almost immediately Gardner started a store and blacksmith shop. A post office was established with Gardner as postmaster. Gardner's three brothers also came out and homesteaded. Nellie's family, the Laphams, also came to the area. Gardner was born in Longton, Illinois and moved his family to the Toutle area from Kansas. Five more children were born in Washington. Two sons died while young.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 55

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hay, cattle, potatoes, carrots, apples, prunes and cherries; 1988 - Timber and hay

Additional information: Napolean Boneapart Gardner owned several thousand acres when he died in 1918. His heirs still own several thousand acres in the Toutle Valley. The original land was divided among the three surviving sons. N.B. Gardner, Sr. currently farms 505 acres including the land where the original barn and corrals stood.

The Bebe Farm

Cowlitz

Owners: Alden A. and Ann L. Bebe

Location of Farm: 5 miles northwest of Castle Rock on Bebe Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1889 - 1927	Peder Jensen Bebe	Grandfather
1927 - 1984	Amon Bebe	Father
1984 - Present	Alden Arlen Bebe	

Peder Jensen Bebe, age 30, purchased 40 acres from the Northern Pacific Railroad in 1889 at a cost of \$4 per acre. He cleared some timber and farmed the land. Bebe was born in Copenhagen, Denmark and lived in Minnesota prior to coming to the Washington Territory. In addition to farming, Bebe worked in logging. Bebe and his wife, Maren Kirstine Johanson, had eight children.

Acres in original parcel: 40 **Acres still retained:** 40

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Cattle and horses; 1988 - Appaloosa horses and Douglas Fir trees

Additional information: The present owner, Alden Bebe, is the last surviving male family member. The property will pass on to his only daughter who will reside on the 40-acre farm with her family.



The Morehead Farm

Pacific

Owners: John A. Morehead

Location of Farm: First farm north of the port dock in Nahcotta

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1885 - 1934	John A. Morehead	Father
1934 - Present	John A. Morehead, Jr.	

There were about 15 acres in the parcel John A. Morehead purchased from R.A. Seaborg in 1885 for \$20 per acre. Born in Minerva, Ohio, Morehead lived in Oysterville prior to settling in Nahcotta at the age of 25. He put in roads, fencing, a bulb farm and built barns and made part of his property a public park. He and his wife, Elizabeth Brown, were the parents of three children. In addition to farming, Morehead was a general merchandise storekeeper.

Acres in original parcel: 15 **Acres still retained:** 1

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Vegetables, cows, and chickens; 1988 - Vegetables and chickens

Additional information: None of the original buildings remain however some of the timber from the old barn were used in constructing the present house in 1947. Today John A. Morehead, Jr. farms on the one acre that remains from his father's land.

Habersetzer Family Farm

Pacific

Owners: Bob and Lynette Falkner

Location of Farm: 18 miles east of Raymond on Highway 6 in Frances

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1887 - 1912	Leonhard and Rosa Habersetzer	Great Grandparents
1912 - 1929	Cornelius Habersetzer	Great Uncle
1929 - 1959	William and Elizabeth Habersetzer	Grandparents
1959 - 1983	Victor and Ruth Habersetzer	Parents
1983 - Present	Bob and Mary Lynette Falkner	

In 1887 Leonhard Habersetzer paid the Northern Pacific Railroad \$7.50 per acre for 80 acres. Habersetzer was born in Bavaria, Germany in 1844 and was 43 years old when he came west from Colby, Wisconsin to settle in Washington Territory. He built a house and barn and planted an orchard. He and his Swiss-born wife, Rosa Steible, had 13 children. In addition to farming, Habersetzer also did logging.

Acres in original parcel: 80 **Acres still retained:** 80

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Grain, hay, dairy cattle, and work horses; 1988 - Timber and beef cattle

Additional information: Over the years additional purchases have increased the farm size to approximately 1,800 acres. Today the farm is owned and operated by Leonhard and Rosa Habersetzer's great granddaughter, Mary Lynette Habersetzer Falkner and her husband Bob. The timberlands are jointly owned by Ruth Habersetzer and daughters Barbara Fonda, Catherine Craggen and Lynette Falkner.



The Francis Layton Farm

Lewis

Owners: Oren and Marie Layton, Tom and Sharon Layton
Location of Farm: East of Toledo off Highway 505 on Layton Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1851 - 1925	Francis and SIRRILDA Layton	Great Grandparents
1925 - 1943	Emanuel Layton	Grandfather
1943 - Present	Oren and Marie Layton	Parents
1988 - Present	Tom and Sharon Layton	

In 1849 23-year-old Francis Layton travelled from Logansport, Indiana to what was then the Oregon Territory. In 1851 he settled on 641 acres of land that he acquired from the U.S. government as a Donation Land Claim. Layton cleared some of the timber and built a house and barn. He farmed the land and raised cattle, hogs and sheep. Layton was married to SIRRILDA Beth Minerva Prince, and they had 12 children. In 1867 he added to his holdings by purchasing an adjacent 640 acres from Henry Miles. That land originally was settled as a Donation Land Claim by SIRRILDA's uncle, J.C. Davis.

Acres in original parcel: 641 **Acres still retained:** 65
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Grain, beef; 1988 - Grain, peas, beef cows
Additional information: Francis died in 1889. After SIRRILDA died, the land was split among their surviving children. This Centennial Farm land was passed on through their son Emanuel. The original orchard still remains. Today the land is part of a 160-acre farm and is operated by Tom Layton.

The Francis Layton Home/Kirkendoll Farm

Lewis

Owners: Gary Kirkendoll
Location of Farm: East of Toledo off Highway 505 on Layton Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1851 - 1925	Francis and SIRRILDA Layton	Great Grandparents
1925 - 1931	Caroline Evans	Great Aunt
1931 - 1936	Frank Evans	Cousin
1936 - 1960	Elias and Margaret Layton	Grandparents
1960 - 1966	E. L. Layton	Uncle
1966 - 1975	Edith Layton Kirkendoll	Mother
1975 - Present	Gary Kirkendoll	

Francis Layton was born in New Jersey and came west from Indiana with his family. They arrived in Oregon Territory on December 1, 1849. Layton settled on a 641-acre claim up the Cowlitz River on March 1, 1851 and proved up on his claim in 1854. Layton's claim adjoined claims settled on at the same time by his father Samuel and brother Charles and J.C. Davis, who was the uncle of his young wife SIRRILDA. Layton was also a carpenter and worked part-time in Portland during the early years to finance improvements to his property.

Acres in original parcel: 641 **Acres still retained:** 60.2
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hay, grain, livestock; 1988 - Red angus cattle, wheat, barley
Additional information: Today Gary Kirkendoll owns and operates about 280 acres which includes 60.2 acres of the original donation claim. His house is on the same spot where Francis and SIRRILDA built their home.



The Layton/Kirkendoll Farm Lewis

Owners: Edith Layton Kirkendoll

Location of Farm: East of Toledo off Highway 505 on Layton Rd.

Dates of Ownership	Name	Relationship to Current Owner
1867 - 1894	Francis and Sirrilda Layton	Grandfather
1894 - 1953	Elias and Margaret Layton	Father
1953 - Present	Edith Layton Kirkendoll	

In 1867 40-year-old Francis Layton doubled the size of his farm by purchasing 640 acres from Henry Miles. Miles had purchased the land only three years earlier from J.C. Davis. Davis had settled on the land in 1851 and acquired it as a Donation Land Claim. Layton had also acquired his original parcel as a donation claim, settling at the same time as Davis in 1851. Layton was married to Davis' niece Sirilda.

Acres in original parcel: 640 **Acres still retained:** 140

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hay, grain, and all animals; 1988 - Hay, grain, and beef cattle

Additional information: This Centennial Farm land was passed on from Francis Layton through his son Elias. Books about the Laytons and the Davis', "The Children of Samuel Layton" and "Prince and Davis of Tennessee", have been published by Robert Layton, a descendent, and are in local libraries and the state library. Today Edith Kirkendoll and her son Gary operate the 140-acre farm.

The Layton/Armstrong Farm Lewis

Owners: Leroy and Edna Armstrong

Location of Farm: 5 miles east of Toledo on Layton Rd.

Dates of Ownership	Name	Relationship to Current Owner
1867 - 1873	Francis and Sirrilda Layton	Great Grandparents
1873 - 1874	Levi and Mary Prince	Great Great Uncle, Aunt
1874 - 1894	Francis and Sirilda Layton	Great Grandparents
1894 - 1915	Harry and Daisy Layton Hurst	Great Uncle and Aunt
1915 - 1917	Lettie Shultz	Great Aunt
1917 - 1953	Elias P. and Maggie E. Layton	Grandparents
1953 - 1961	Elva Armstrong	Mother
1953 - Present	Leroy and Edna Armstrong	

The land Francis Layton purchased from Henry Miles in 1867 was the 1851 Donation Land Claim of Johnathon Davis. Davis was from Tennessee and had come to Oregon Territory in 1849. He was about 34 years old when he and four of his children settled in the Cowlitz River Valley. Layton had also come to the area in 1851 and taken a 641-acre claim adjacent to Davis' land. Layton was married to Davis' niece, Sirrilda Prince, and they had 12 children.

Acres in original parcel: 640 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hay, grain, cattle, horses, sheep, chickens; 1988 - Christmas trees

Additional information: Davis was a county commissioner and supervisor of the Cowlitz School District. This land has been owned by three of Layton's children. It is now owned by great grandson Leroy Armstrong and his wife Edna and is operated by the Douglas Fir Christmas Tree Co.



The Wales Farm

Lewis

Owners: Florence M. Snyder

Location of Farm: 6 miles east of Toledo

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1885 - 1948	R.T. and Cora Wales	Parents
1948 - Present	Florence M. Snyder	

31-year-old R.T. Wales purchased 69 acres from the Northern Pacific Railroad in 1885 at a cost of about \$10.00 per acre. He was born in Canada and lived in Ethel, Washington prior to moving onto his land. He immediately started clearing the heavy forest and built a house, barn and outbuildings. Wales and his first wife Clara Fowl had two children. Clara died in 1899 and Wales married Cora McCune in 1902. They had three children.

Acres in original parcel: 69 **Acres still retained:** 69

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - In 1889, the land was heavy forest. He immediately started clearing the land.; 1988 - Peas, orchard, and timber

Additional information: One of the first things Wales did after moving on the place was to develop the spring as a water supply for the home. "The Wales Spring" is still a landmark in the county, and people come from miles around for water. In 1905 Wales planted 20 acres of hops. For years, neighbors and folks from miles around spent their late summers camped at the Wales hop yard picking hops. Today the Centennial Farm land is part of 180 acres owned by R.T. and Cora Wales' daughter Florence.

The Olsen Farm

Lewis

Owners: Hazel Olsen

Location of Farm: East of the Ethel Post Office on Highway 12

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1883 - 1901	John and Katharine E. Delfil	Grandparents-in-law
1901 - 1952	Albert, Sr. and Anna J. Olsen	Parents-in-law
1952 - 1988	Albert, Jr. and Hazel (Foister) Olsen	Husband
1988 - Present	Hazel Olsen	

John Delfil and his family came to Washington from Sweden in 1883 and homesteaded 160 acres on Lacamas Creek at what is now Ethel. He cleared the land to build a home and began to farm. Delfil had married Katherine Elizabeth Mattsson, a widow with two daughters. The girls, Anna and Mary, took the Delfil name. Anna married Albert Olsen, Sr. in 1896 and inherited the north 80 acres in 1901 upon the death of John Delfil.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 80

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Oats, potatoes, cows, horses, and chickens; 1988 - Cattle and hay

Additional information: Anna and Albert Olsen ran a roadhouse. Their barn was always full of horses and the house overflowed with travelers from eastern Lewis County or Chehalis. Later, the homestead contained the local switchboard. Some of the original buildings still stand. Today Hazel Olsen, with the help of her son Ken Olsen and his family, operate the 200-acre farm.



The Wilson Farm

Lewis

Owners: William John Wilson

Location of Farm: 4 miles south of Winlock on Avery Rd. W.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1887 - 1941	Robert H. Wilson	Father
1941 - Present	William J. Wilson	

Robert H. Wilson was 25 years old when he and his wife, Augusta Otillie, moved from Illinois to Winlock in 1887 and contracted to buy 40 acres of land from the Northern Pacific Railroad. He cleared the land and built a house and outbuildings. The purchase of the land was completed in 1892 with Wilson paying the railroad \$4.75 per acre. In addition to farming, Wilson was a millworker, carpenter and road worker. The Wilsons had one son and two daughters.

Acres in original parcel: 40 **Acres still retained:** 19.5

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Diversified farming, oxen, horses, cattle, and chickens; 1988 - Hay, pasture, and cattle

Additional information: The present owner, William Wilson, lives just north of the farm with his wife Marjorie. Their son Douglas Wilson lives on the farm and helps operate the 100-acre farm. Thirty years ago William Wilson built a sawmill on the farm and operated it until recently.

Nelson Tree Farm, Inc.

Lewis

Owners: Nelson Tree Farm, Inc.

Location of Farm: 2 miles west of Evaline at end of Lentz Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1889 - 1938	Nels Nelson	Father
1938 - Present	George H. Nelson	

An immigrant from Denmark, Nels Nelson came to the United States in 1887 and briefly lived in Minnesota and then Tacoma before purchasing 80 acres near Winlock from the Northern Pacific Railroad for \$550 in 1889. The 24-year-old Nelson built a small log cabin and began to clear the land. He eventually cleared 40 acres by hand and farmed the cleared ground. Nels and his wife Helen married in 1912 and had two children.

Acres in original parcel: 80 **Acres still retained:** 80

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Clover, oats, garden vegetables, cows, and chickens; 1988 - Douglas fir trees

Additional information: In 1958, George Nelson plowed and tilled 52 acres of pasture land and planted Douglas Fir trees to begin the Nelson Family Tree Farm. Today the 160-acre tree farm is managed by George Nelson with the help of his family. George Nelson was Washington State's Tree Farmer of the Year in 1989.



The Landes Farm

Lewis

Owners: Paul R. and Helen J. (Landes) Buntain

Location of Farm: 2 miles east of Mossyrock on Schoonover Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1879 - 1900	C.T. Landes	Grandfather
1900 - 1942	George Harvey Landes	Father
1942 - Present	Paul R. and Helen J. Landes Buntain	

In 1875, Civil War veteran C.T. Landes, his wife Rachel Moor-man Landes and their four children left Prairie Grove, Iowa by train for Sacramento, California. They traveled by boat to Portland and then stayed in Clackamas County, Oregon for three years. They went up the Cowlitz River to Toledo, getting off at Cowlitz Landing. In 1878 the family stayed at Newaukum, near Chehalis, while 38-year-old Landes went to Mossyrock alone to slash a road to his homestead and build a house. Landes moved his family to the homestead in June 1880, a three-day journey by ox team. The 160-acre homestead he applied for in 1878 was proved up and recorded in 1886. The Landes' had two more children after settling in the west.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 38

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Grain, hay, hogs, milk cows, and turkeys; 1988 - Hay, beef cattle, geese, ducks, and chickens

Additional information: The name Landes means "lots of land." Helen Landes Buntain was born in the present home and has lived her entire life on the farm. She and her husband Paul took over the farm after George Landes' death in 1942. Today the farm totals 58 acres.

The Crumb Farm

Lewis

Owners: Eugene Frank Bingaman

Location of Farm: 1 mile west of Morton on Highway 12

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1884 - 1934	William T. and Anna Marie Crumb	Grandparents
1934 - 1952	Anna Marie Crumb	Grandmother
1952 - 1973	Joseph, Gilbert, Vera and Amelia Crumb	Uncles and Aunts
1973 - Present	Eugene Frank Bingaman	

William Crumb was born in Milton, Pennsylvania. He was 24 years old when he came west from Pennsylvania to homestead 160 acres in 1884. Anna Marie Rockwood came from Albney, Kansas in 1882. They were married in Cinebar in 1889 and had nine children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 140

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Rye, oats, hay, and cattle; 1988 - Hay and cattle

Additional information: In addition to farming, William Crumb did road work and was a justice of the peace. When Anna Marie died in 1952, ownership passed to Anna's sons Joseph and Gilbert and daughter-in-laws Vera and Amelia. Vera was the widow of Thomas Crumb; Amelia was the widow of Isaac Crumb. Today Eugene Bingaman operates the 140-acre family farm.



The Young Homestead Farm Lewis

Owners: Conrad and Katherine Thomas
Location of Farm: 3 miles east of Randle on Silverbrook Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1886 - 1938	Charles Young	Great Grandfather
1938 - 1944	Minnie Young	Grandmother
1944 - 1981	Henry Young	Father
1981 - Present	Conrad and Katherine (Young) Thomas	

Charles Young came west from New Hampshire, living first in Centralia before choosing a 160-acre homestead near Randle in 1886 when he was 29 years old. Young cleared and fenced the land and planted it in grass. Raising four children with his wife, Harriett, Charles not only farmed but ran a freight team from Chehalis.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 75
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Cows, chickens, pigs, and horses; 1988 - Dairy cows, pigs, and horses
Additional information: The original home burned, and the second home which is still in use was built in 1903. The original water system built by Charles Young and the original orchard are both still used on the farm by the family. Today, the 78-acre farm is owned and operated by Conrad and Katherine Thomas and their two children, Angela and Troy.

The Frase Farm Lewis

Owners: Mr. and Mrs. Gene L. Frase
Location of Farm: 6 miles east of Onalaska on Pigeon Springs Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1889 - 1942	Julius and Rosina Frase	Grandparents
1942 - Present	Gene L. and Gladys E. Frase	

Born in Germany, Julius Frase came to the United States in 1868 at the age of 15. He worked as a section foreman on the railroad in Mineral County, West Virginia before he and his family came to Lewis County in 1889. That spring he paid Otto Shotter \$500 for the improvements Shotter had made on land in Lewis County. Mr. Shotter did not hold legal title to the land so Frase applied for title to the land under the homestead act. He cleared land and built a big barn and a house. Frase and his wife Rosina Buser had five children, with the youngest born in Washington.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 147.46
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Cows, chickens, and pigs; 1988 - Hay and beef cattle
Additional information: The Frases purchased more land in 1902 and 1948. Today, Gene and Gladys Frase own 173 acres, including 147 acres of the original homestead.



The Glenn Farm

Grays Harbor

Owners: Donald Gilbert Glenn and Grace Lodeece Glenn

Location of Farm: 372 Monte-Brady Rd., Montesano

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1868 - 1913	William T. and Lucy Ann Glenn	Grandparents
1913 - 1963	Gilbert Glenn	Father
1963 - Present	Donald Gilbert Glenn	

In 1868, 29-year-old William Glenn came from Ohio to homestead 160 acres near the present town of Montesano. Glenn cleared the land and proved up on the homestead. He and his wife, Lucy Ann Smith, were the parents of 13 children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 52

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Dairy cattle (milking shorthorn), hay, and grain; 1988 - Hay or grain for dairy herd

Additional information: Gilbert Glenn and his son, Donald, were born on the farm. Family remembrances of Grandmother Lucy Glenn include the hospitality she extended to a group of Indians during an "uprising". Her husband died when their youngest child was two-years-old. Her grown sons then ran the farm, but she was boss. Today the farm totals 52 acres and is operated by Donald and Grace Glenn.

The Austin Farm

Grays Harbor

Owners: James and Janie Austin

Location of Farm: 2 miles east of Oakville on Elma-Gate Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1878 - 1908	Joseph Mauermann, Jr.	Great Grandfather
1908 - 1945	Ella Mauermann Austin	Grandmother
1945 - 1968	Paul Theodore Austin	Father
1968 - Present	James Theodore Austin	

While visiting his father in Olympia, Joseph Mauermann, Jr. learned of a sheriff's sale to satisfy a judgment against William Hunter. Joseph Jr. made the successful bid and eventually purchased 213.5 acres for \$1,200 in 1878. The land included the Black River Ford, the crossing point for the route connecting Grays Harbor to Chehalis and points north. Mauermann built a new house, barns and sheds, and cleared the land of trees and brush. He married Antonio Worf in 1872 and they had one daughter, Ella. They were divorced and Mauermann married Helena Walters in 1887. Mauermann was born in 1848 aboard the "Mosell Boston" as his parents were immigrating from Austria. They came west in 1852 and eventually settled near present day Dryad.

Acres in original parcel: 213.5 **Acres still retained:** 133.33

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, hay, pasture, vegetables, dairy cattle, and hogs; 1988 - Hay, dairy cattle, and young stock

Additional information: As a sideline, Joe Mauermann operated a punch-eon log barge ferry and a dugout canoe to carry stock and passengers across the river. His house was a stopover for travelers. Today, James and Janie Austin operate the 153-acre dairy farm with 100 milk cows.



The McDougal Farm

Grays Harbor

Owners: Charles W. McDougal

Location of Farm: 3 miles east of Oakville on Sickman Ford Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1888 - 1936	Charles E. McDougal	Father
1936 - Present	Charles W. McDougal	

In 1888 24-year-old Charles E. McDougal purchased 80 acres from Robert and Celesta Ames. This was one-half of the Ames' homestead. McDougal worked at a mill while buying the farm. He cleared the standing timber and began to farm the land. Born in New Brunswick, Canada, McDougal lived in Montana prior to moving onto the farm. He later married and he and his wife had five children.

Acres in original parcel: 80 **Acres still retained:** 80

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hay, oats, wheat, barley, rye, and Milking Shorthorn cattle; 1988 - Hay and Shorthorn beef cattle

Additional information: None of the original buildings remain, but the present barn was built in 1923 with lumber from the old barn. Years ago the valley where the McDougal farm is located was called Poverty Flats. Today Charles W. McDougal operates 40 acres of the original homestead and leases the other 40 acres.

The Koch Farm

Grays Harbor

Owners: Karl M. Koch

Location of Farm: On Mox Chehalis Rd. between McCleary and Malone

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1889 - 1918	John George Koch, Sr.	Grandfather
1918 - 1961	John George Koch, Jr.	Father
1918 - 1963	Martin Gebhardt Koch	Uncle
1963 - Present	Karl Martin Koch	

J. George Koch, Sr. and his wife, Kreszenzia, were married in Austria in 1884 and came to the United States in 1889 with their three young sons. Upon arriving in New York, they immediately set out for the Washington Territory, arriving in Elma in July 1889. They stayed with George's brother Joseph for a short time, and in August George purchased a 160-acre homestead along the Mox Chehalis River from George Ryan for \$1100 in gold coins. The family moved into the one-room woodshed Ryan had built and immediately built a barn and purchased some cows.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Beef and milk cows; 1988 - Beef cattle

Additional information: Besides keeping a small farm going, George Koch, Sr. also worked on the Northern Pacific Railroad six days a week. He came home on Saturday evening and went back on Monday morning. With the money earned from working on the railroad, he was able to purchase additional land. The Kochs also sold some of their farm produce to millworkers and their families who lived about four miles up the road. Today the 460-acre farm is owned and operated by Karl M. Koch.



The Colvin Ranch

Thurston

Owners: Fred A. and Doris Colvin

Location of Farm: 2 miles west of Tenino on Old Highway 99

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1854 - 1893	Ignatius Colvin	Grandfather
1893 - 1939	Fred Ambrose Colvin	Father
1939 - Present	Fred A. Colvin	

Ignatius Colvin, a native of Boone County, Missouri, first came west to Vancouver in 1849 as a driver of a government commissary wagon. In 1854, at 25 years of age, he took up a 320-acre donation land claim on Scatter Creek. Colvin built a house and barn and cleared ground for meadows along the creek. By 1872, he had purchased additional land and increased his holdings to almost 3,000 acres. He married Emma Peck Rector, a widow, in 1866, and they had four children.

Acres in original parcel: 320 **Acres still retained:** 240

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hay and cattle; 1988 - Hay and cattle

Additional information: Colvin was among a number of Puget Sounders captured by Indians during the ill-fated Queen Charlotte Island gold expedition and subsequently rescued by the government. The present home was built in 1877 and is included on the National Register of Historic Places. Today, Fred and Doris Colvin own a total of 550 acres including 240 of the early Colvin Ranch.

The Thomas Rutledge Homestead

Thurston

Owners: Dale Rutledge

Location of Farm: 1/2 mile south of Littlerock

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1856 - 1925	Thomas Elliott Rutledge	Grandfather
1925 - 1977	(Thomas) Albert Rutledge	Father
1977 - Present	Dale Rutledge	

In 1852 Thomas Rutledge traveled with his parents by ox team from Indiana to present day Tumwater. His parents took a donation claim and, in 1855, 24-year-old Thomas selected land about 9 miles further south on the Black River. He cleared land and built a cabin and barn of logs as there was no road to the nearest sawmill. He settled on the land in May 1856 and, in July, married Louisa Shotwell, the daughter of a couple who had a neighboring claim. They had nine children before Louisa died of cancer in 1877. In 1882, Rutledge married Luella Miles. They had two children. Rutledge eventually acquired the land under the homestead law.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 139

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hay and cattle; 1988 - Hay and cattle

Additional information: In 1879, Rutledge applied for the establishment of a post office and was appointed postmaster. The post office consisted of a cabinet in his living room. Living in an isolated area, Rutledge was also a doctor of sorts. He pulled teeth and in the 1890's during a small pox scare, he vaccinated his family. In 1861, Rutledge built a larger house and installed bored log pipes to supply running water to the house from a spring on the hill. The house, added on to in 1893, and the 1864 barn are still in use. Today Dale Rutledge and his son operate the 331-acre farm.



The Spirlock/Nelson Farm

Thurston

Owners: Robert G. Nelson, Ronald J. and Richard A. Nelson
Location of Farm: South of Tumwater off Highway 99 on Waldrick Rd.

Dates of Ownership	Name	Relationship to Current Owner
1862 - 1901	James D. Spirlock	Great Grandfather
1901 - 1956	Pearl and Gust Nelson	Grandparents
1956 - 1975	James Nelson	Father
1956 - Present	Robert Nelson	Uncle
1975 - Present	Ronald and Richard Nelson	

James Spirlock was a livestock trader who came to Washington from the California gold fields. He bought cattle from all over the territory and drove them to Olympia where he loaded them on barges for shipment to Canada. Spirlock acquired his first land on Rocky Prairie in 1862 when he paid \$211.47 for 140.98 acres of land that had been selected by Washington Territory as part of its grant to support a university in the state. He began to clear and farm the land. Spirlock married a neighbor, Cordella Ricker Plumb, and they had five daughters. Two daughters married Swedish immigrants who worked on the farm, Andrew and Gust Nelson.

Acres in original parcel: 140.98 **Acres still retained:** 140.98
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hay, grain, dairy, and beef; 1988 - Hay and beef
Additional information: Today the Centennial Farm land is part of a 900-acre farm operated by Ron and Rick Nelson.

The Nix Farm

Pierce

Owners: Paul Nix and Lawrence J. Nix
Location of Farm: 11th bend of the Puyallup River; 2505 E. Main, Puyallup

Dates of Ownership	Name	Relationship to Current Owner
1852 - 1904	Ronimous Nix	Grandfather
1904 - 1962	Ronimous Nix	Father
1962 - Present	Paul and Lawrence Nix	

In 1855 22-year-old Ronimous Nix filed a donation land claim on 160 acres he had settled on in 1852. Nix lived in Pennsylvania before coming to Steilacoom where he lived before moving onto this farm. He cleared the land and grew hops and various berries. Nix married three times. He and his first wife, Maude Jane Forest, had five children. He and his second wife Catherine L. Meyer had no children. He and Minna Teitzel Mohl had eight children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 127
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hops, cherries, apples, and berries; 1988 - Corn, pumpkins, strawberries, and Christmas trees
Additional information: Today three granddaughters and two grandsons of Ronimous Nix still own 127 acres of the original donation land claim: Alberta Nix Johnson, Helen Nix Kolano Waite, Lucille Nix Housh, Paul Nix and Lawrence Nix. Paul and Lawrence farm the nearly 22 acres still in agricultural production, the remainder is leased to the Linden Golf and Country Club.



The John Dillard King Farm Pierce

Owners: Dick Allen Taylor

Location of Farm: West of Eatonville on Highway 7 next to Silver Lake

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1884 - 1934	John Dillard and Margaret Catherine King	Grandparents
1934 - 1970	Margaret Elaine King-Taylor	Mother
1970 - Present	Dick Allen Taylor	

In 1884, 36-year-old John Dillard King, his son Stonewall Jackson King, and John's uncle, Samuel Vance, came from Farmersville, Texas and settled on 210 acres in the Eatonville area. John acquired 130 acres under the homestead law. The other 80 acres was land granted to the Northern Pacific Railroad which Stonewall later purchased for \$200. The Kings built a small log house and cleared land. After improving the land, King returned to Texas in 1888 to bring his wife, Margaret Catherine Case, and seven children to their new home. The Kings had a total of 12 children. In addition to farming, King worked on road construction, including the Mountain Highway.

Acres in original parcel: 130 **Acres still retained:** 55

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hops, cattle, chickens, and hogs; 1988 - Hay, cattle, and chickens

Additional information: Information about this farm was provided by Margaret Elaine King-Taylor who was born on the homestead in 1893. She still resides there and celebrated her 95th birthday with the community of Eatonville. Today Dick A. Taylor farms the 55 acres of Centennial Farm land.

Sunnycrest Farm Pierce

Owners: Joyce Olson Niemann and Charles R. Niemann

Location of Farm: In Key Center bordering State Highway 302

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1886 - 1920	Andrew Olson	Grandfather
1920 - 1969	Elmer Olson	Father
1969 - Present	Charles and Joyce Niemann	

In 1886, 34-year-old Andrew Olson chose a homestead of 160 acres. Squatters were on about 15 acres and, rather than fight, Olson let them stay and filed for 145 acres. He cleared the land, building two houses and two barns, and sold logs to a brick kiln at Glencove. Olson was born in Sweden and lived in Tacoma before moving onto the farm. He and his wife, Ellen Pierson, had five children.

Acres in original parcel: 146 **Acres still retained:** 42

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Potatoes and sheep; 1988 - Beef cattle

Additional information: The Niemanns have two of the oxen yoke that Andrew used when he cleared the land. Elmer Olson drove a horse team at age 13 to help build State Highway 302. Most of the original land is still held by family members. Today the Centennial Farm land is part of 97 acres operated by Joyce and Charles Niemann.



The Davidson Farm

Pierce

Owners: Joseph R. and Peggy L. Dervaes

Location of Farm: South of Vaughn on Lackey Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1889 - 1899	Gideon M. and Elmira Davidson	Great Grandparents
1899 - 1918	Nathaniel and Ella A. Davidson	Grandparents
1918 - 1970	Robert and Bertha Davidson	Parents
1970 - 1983	J. Paul and Margaret (Davidson) Logan	Brother-in-Law and Sister
1983 - Present	Joseph and Peggy (Davidson) Dervaes	

Gideon Miter Davidson spent most of his life on the move during the westward expansion of the United States. Born in New York in 1819, his family moved to Ohio where they lived in 10 counties, his father being an itinerant master millwright. Gideon also became a master millwright and continued in this profession as they moved to Iowa. He left Iowa in 1883 to establish a mill near Aberdeen, Dakota Territory. At 70 years of age, he made his final move to Vaughn in Pierce County and homesteaded 80 acres. Davidson planted 650 fruit trees and built houses, a barn and outbuildings. He married Elmira Ferree in 1844 and the couple had six children.

Acres in original parcel: 80 **Acres still retained:** 5

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Fruit trees; 1988 - Hay, raspberries, fruit, eggs, and cattle

Additional information: Today, Joe and Peggy Dervaes operate 15 acres which include the family home and 5 acres of the original homestead.

The Sikes Meadowlake Farm

King

Owners: Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Kay Sikes

Location of Farm: 4 miles northwest of Carnation

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1882 - 1936	William Ezra Sikes	Father
1936 - Present	Kenneth and Edna Sikes	

William Ezra Sikes was 23 years old when he homesteaded 160 acres in 1882. He was born in Novelty, Missouri, and lived two years in California before coming to Washington Territory to join an aunt and uncle who were homesteading in the lower Snoqualmie Valley. Sikes proved up the homestead, clearing the land and building a cabin. He soon got into the dairy business. He married Janet Ada Adair and they had four children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 60

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hay and pasture; 1988 - 500 head of dairy cattle

Additional information: Today Ken and Edna Sikes live in the house Ken's father built in 1908. The dairy farm is leased and produces 12,000 to 15,000 pounds of milk per day year round. The milking herd numbers more than 200. Dry cows, calves, yearlings and heifers plus the milking herd add up to around 500 head of stock. The Sikes Meadowlake Farm totals 180 acres, including 60 acres of the original homestead.



Lagesson Homestead

King

Owners: Grant Knadle, David Knadle, Lois Clapper, Alice Kubisky
Location of Farm: 2 miles west of Maple Valley at 20201 S.E. 216th St.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1885 - 1940	Nels Peter Lagesson	Grandfather
1940 - 1963	Emil Lagesson	Uncle
1940 - 1967	Gunnard Lagesson	Uncle
1963 - 1983	Ruth Lagesson Knadle	Mother
1967 - Present	Grant and David Knadle, Lois Clapper and Alice Kubisky	

21-year-old Peter Lagesson emigrated from Sweden to Kansas in 1881 joining his sister Emma and her husband John Marker who had emigrated earlier. Economic conditions were bad in Topeka and no better in Seattle where they moved in 1883. The Markers decided to homestead and at least be able to provide themselves with food. In 1885 Peter applied for adjacent land. To make his first field he drained a pond. He raised potatoes to sell to local miners. By 1890 Peter had a half-acre orchard, six acres cleared for cultivation and 25 acres slashed and seeded to pasture. He married Laurentina Nilson and raised six children. A farmer and a carpenter, Lagesson constructed 17 buildings, and cleared and fenced 50 acres.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 102
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Vegetables and dairy cattle; 1988 - Beef cattle, fruit, vegetables, and timber
Additional information: The original farm house, built in 1885, and several remaining outbuildings have been placed in King County Historic Preservation. Today the farm totals 179 acres and is operated by the owners.

The Newman Farm

King

Owners: Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Murray
Location of Farm: Corner of 212th and 384th SE, known as Newmans Corner

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1886 - 1915	Charles A. Newman	Great Grandfather
1915 - 1980	Frank W. and Marion E. Newman	Grandparents
1980 - Present	Eldon Murray	

In 1886 28-year-old Charles Newman purchased 40 acres at a cost of \$3 - \$3.25 per acre to add to land he already owned across the road. Newman cleared his new land and put in ditches. Born in New York, he lived in Ohio prior to coming west. Newman and his wife, Sara, had two children.

Acres in original parcel: 40 **Acres still retained:** 40
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Pasture, grass, and dairy cows; 1988 - Polled Hereford cattle, hay, and pasture
Additional information: The original owner lived on adjoining land and did not have dwellings or other buildings on this land. The second owner, Frank Newman, built the present home in 1915. Today the 295-acre farm is owned and operated by Eldon Murray.



The Peacock Farm

King

Owners: Richard R. Peacock

Location of Farm: 26602 S.E. 208th St., Maple Valley

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1888 - 1904	Charles and Ellen Peacock	Great Grandparents
1904 - 1951	Fred Peacock	Grandfather
1951 - 1976	Hubert W. Peacock	Father
1976 - Present	Richard R. Peacock	

In 1887 and 1888, Charles and Ellen Peacock acquired 200 acres from the Northern Pacific Railroad Company. The 30 acres owned by Richard Peacock today were part of a 40-acre parcel purchased by 36-year-old Ellen Peacock in 1888 for \$4 per acre. Charles logged the land and built a house, barn and other buildings. In addition to farming, Charles did logging, owned a sawmill, and did carpentry work. The Peacocks lived in nearby Franklin where Charles worked in the coal mines before moving onto this land. The Peacocks had seven children.

Acres in original parcel: 40 **Acres still retained:** 30

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Fruit trees, timber, and cattle; 1988 - Beef cattle

Additional information: Both the original house, built in 1889, and barn, built in 1900, are still in use. The 30-acre farm is currently operated by Richard R. Peacock.

The Martinson Farm

Kitsap

Owners: Vernon Roy Martinson

Location of Farm: 3 miles north of Poulsbo on Bond Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1889 - 1930	Mikal Martinson	Grandfather
1930 - 1962	Berger Martinson	Father
1962 - Present	Vernon Martinson	

In the summer of 1889 32-year-old Mikal Martinson chose 40 acres to homestead in Kitsap County. He cleared 10 acres by hand and donkey and built a log house. Both Martinson and his wife Martha were born in Norway and had come to Washington from Minnesota, living in Tacoma prior to moving onto their homestead. The couple had six children although only three lived to adulthood. In addition to running the farm, Martinson worked in Port Gamble and Port Madison doing logging and millwork.

Acres in original parcel: 40 **Acres still retained:** 36

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Vegetables, chickens, dairy cattle, and turkeys; 1988 - Beef and dairy cattle

Additional information: After the first log house burned down in 1889 or 1890, neighbors helped build the log house that is still standing. It is made of cedar logs with dovetail corners. No nails were used except home made nails in cable ends. Today the farm totals 36 acres and is operated by Vernon Martinson.



The Kirkland/Ragan Farm

Mason

Owners: Donald and Roberta Ragan

Location of Farm: 16 miles northwest of Shelton at the west end of Skokomish Valley

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1877 - 1886	Moses Kirkland	Great Grandfather
1886 - 1933	Jessie Kirkland	Great Uncle
1933 - 1940	Josie Ragan	Mother
1940 - Present	Donald Ragan	

Moses Kirkland was a widower and 72-years-old when he purchased 40 acres in the Skokomish Valley from John McReavy for \$7.30 per acre. A logger and farmer, he first cleared the land. He gave his 40 acres to his son Jessie who homesteaded 160 acres in the valley in 1886. Kirkland lived in the White River area near Seattle before moving to the valley. He was born in Louisiana and, with his wife Nancy, raised four sons and four daughters.

Acres in original parcel: 40 **Acres still retained:** 40

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hay, cattle, and timber; 1988 - Christmas trees

Additional information: Donald Ragan operated a dairy farm on the land for 44 years. Today 25 acres of the farm is leased to a Christmas tree grower and, Donald and his son manage the remaining 45 acres.

Hungry Hollow Farm

Mason

Owners: Alfred W. and Doris N. Jones

Location of Farm: 10 miles northeast of Shelton on Pickering Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1889 - 1975	Jacob Edmund and Jessie Julia Jones	Parents
1975 - Present	Alfred W. and Doris N. Jones	

Jacob Edmund Jones was 25 years old when he came to Washington Territory from Kansas in 1888. He worked in the Kelso area before coming to Mason County where he purchased 80 acres in 1889 from Marion and Mary Simmons for \$3.50 per acre. Jones cleared the land, built a house and barn, and planted crops and fruit trees. Jones' first wife died in childbirth. He and his second wife, Bessie Pearson Jackson, had two children. After Bessie passed away, Jones married Jessie Jackson. They had five children.

Acres in original parcel: 80 **Acres still retained:** 80

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Garden produce and livestock; 1988 - Raspberries, Christmas trees, and timber

Additional information: Three families, representing two generations, live on the 220-acre farm today. Jacob Jones gave the farm its name "Hungry Hollow Farm" which is still used today. Today Alfred and Doris' sons, Edmund and Alfred, Jr. operate the farm.



The Huntingford Farm

Jefferson

Owners: C.R. "Bob" Huntingford, Philip Huntingford, Glen Huntingford

Location of Farm: 4 miles south of Chimacum on Highway 18

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1860's - 1923	John Huntingford	Great Grandfather
1923 - 1946	John W. Huntingford	Grandfather
1946 - Present	C.R. Huntingford	Father
1987 - Present	Philip and Glen Huntingford	

John Huntingford arrived in the Chimacum area in the 1860's. In 1871 he filed a homestead claim on 160 acres he was living on. He made final proof in 1876 and received patent in 1877. Huntingford built a house, barn and sheds. Born in England, Huntingford married Annie Yoeman in 1874. They had five children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 120

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Garden, dairy, and hay; 1988 - Dairy

Additional information: John Huntingford also was a justice of the peace and served as a county commissioner. Glen and Phil Huntingford operate their family land along with another 160 acres which they lease.

The Broderson Homestead

Jefferson

Owners: Wm. A. and Dorothy Broderson

Location of Farm: South of Chimacum at 5944 Center Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1882 - 1929	John Broderson	Father
1929 - Present	William A. and Dorothy D. Broderson	

Born in Copenhagen, Denmark, John Broderson was a sailor on a ship that stopped at ports all over the world. He was the captain of a ship when he retired from his seafaring career and settled in Washington Territory. He lived in Port Townsend prior to homesteading 160 acres near Chimacum. He filed a pre-emption claim in February 1882, changed it to a homestead claim in 1884 and made final proof in 1889. Broderson cleared the land and built a house and barn. John and Carrie Broderson were the parents of nine children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 40

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Cows, horses, and sheep; 1988 - Livestock

Additional information: In addition to farming, John Broderson also did stevedoring work. The original house was remodeled in 1921 and 1963. Today the farm totals 100 acres and is owned and operated by William A. and Dorothy D. Broderson.



The Charles Johnson Farm

Jefferson

Owners: Erving Johnson, Thomas Johnson, Constance Childers, Barbara McClary, Elizabeth Nelson

Location of Farm: 7 miles northeast of Quilcene on Dabob Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1887 - 1946	Charles John Johnson	Grandfather
1946 - 1987	Steven Johnson	Uncle
1946 - Present	Erving Johnson and Constance Childers	Uncle and Aunt
1985 - Present	Thomas Johnson	Cousin (son of Erving)
1987 - Present	Barbara McClary and Elizabeth Nelson	

A Swedish immigrant, 26-year-old Charles Johnson chose his homestead of 160 acres near Quilcene in 1887. Johnson built a 12' x 14' house, a 16' x 24' barn, a 14' x 16' shed and cleared 3.5 acres of land in the first two seasons. A bachelor at the time, he married between 1890 and 1900. He and his first wife had no children, and after her death he remarried. Johnson raised four children and two stepchildren. In addition to farming, Johnson worked in a sawmill, boomed logs, and did work for neighbors.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 74

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hay and cattle; 1988 - Cattle, hay, and a small timber farm

Additional information: The original home, built 1890-1900, is currently occupied by Johnson's granddaughter Barbara McClary and her husband, Henry. Today the 164-acre farm is operated by the current owners.

The William King Farm

Clallam

Owners: Robert J. Clark and Elliot K. Clark, Jr.

Location of Farm: 7 miles north of Sequim on Clark Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1863 - 1886	William King	Great-Great Uncle
1886 - 1919	Elsie King Clark	Great Grandmother
1919 - 1923	James A. Clark	Great Uncle
1923 - 1981	Elliot King Clark, Sr.	Father
1981 - Present	Robert J. Clark and Elliot King Clark, Jr.	

William King, a 47-year-old bachelor, received patent to 150.20 acres under the homestead law in 1870. Born in Edinburgh, Scotland, he came to the United States after serving in the English army and fighting in the Crimean War. He lived at New Dungeness townsite prior to claiming his homestead in 1863. He built a home, barn and outbuildings and also cleared several acres. The land passed to King's widowed sister Elsie after he died.

Acres in original parcel: 150.20 **Acres still retained:** 116.47

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hay, grain, potatoes, and dairy cattle; 1988 - Hay and beef cattle

Additional information: William King was a blacksmith and teacher. He taught school in a log cabin adjacent to his land claim. He was also the first Clallam County auditor. The original road from New Dungeness to Sequim ran through the farm and a small portion of it is still visible on the south end of the farm where it borders the Olympic Game Farm. Today Robert J. and Elliot K. Clark, Jr. operate the Centennial Farm land.



The James Clark Farm

Clallam

Owners: Elliot K. Clark, Jr. and Robert J. Clark

Location of Farm: 3 miles west of Elwha River on Highway 112 in Eden Valley

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1887 - 1958	James A. Clark	Great Uncle
1958 - 1981	Elliot K. Clark, Sr.	Father
1981 - Present	Elliot K., Jr. and Robert J. Clark	

James Clark was born in Ireland and came to Washington with his widowed mother Elsie in 1874 when he was 18 years old. They joined his mother's brother, William King, who had already been in Washington for many years. In 1887 Clark purchased 160 acres from Wilbur Covill for \$1,000. He built a house, barn and many out-buildings and cleared 100 acres by hand. A carpenter by trade, he also trained oxen for use in the logging industry. Clark never married and died in 1958 at the age of 101.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hay, grain, dairy cattle, oxen, and chickens; 1988 - Hay, beef cattle, and quarter horses

Additional information: Originally the area was known as Poverty Flats but Clark's mother, Elsie, renamed it Eden Valley because it reminded her of the Garden of Eden. Elsie's husband and three children died of smallpox in Ireland. She and her surviving children came to Washington via Boston, Bay City, Michigan, and San Francisco. To reach New Dungeness, they crossed the Strait of Juan de Fuca from Victoria by Indian canoe. Today the Centennial Farm land is part of a 360-acre operation.

The Woodcock Farm

Clallam

Owners: Daniel J. and Bernice M. Gagnon, Gwendolyn Gagnon Jones

Location of Farm: 5 miles northwest of Sequim on Woodcock Rd. in Dungeness Valley

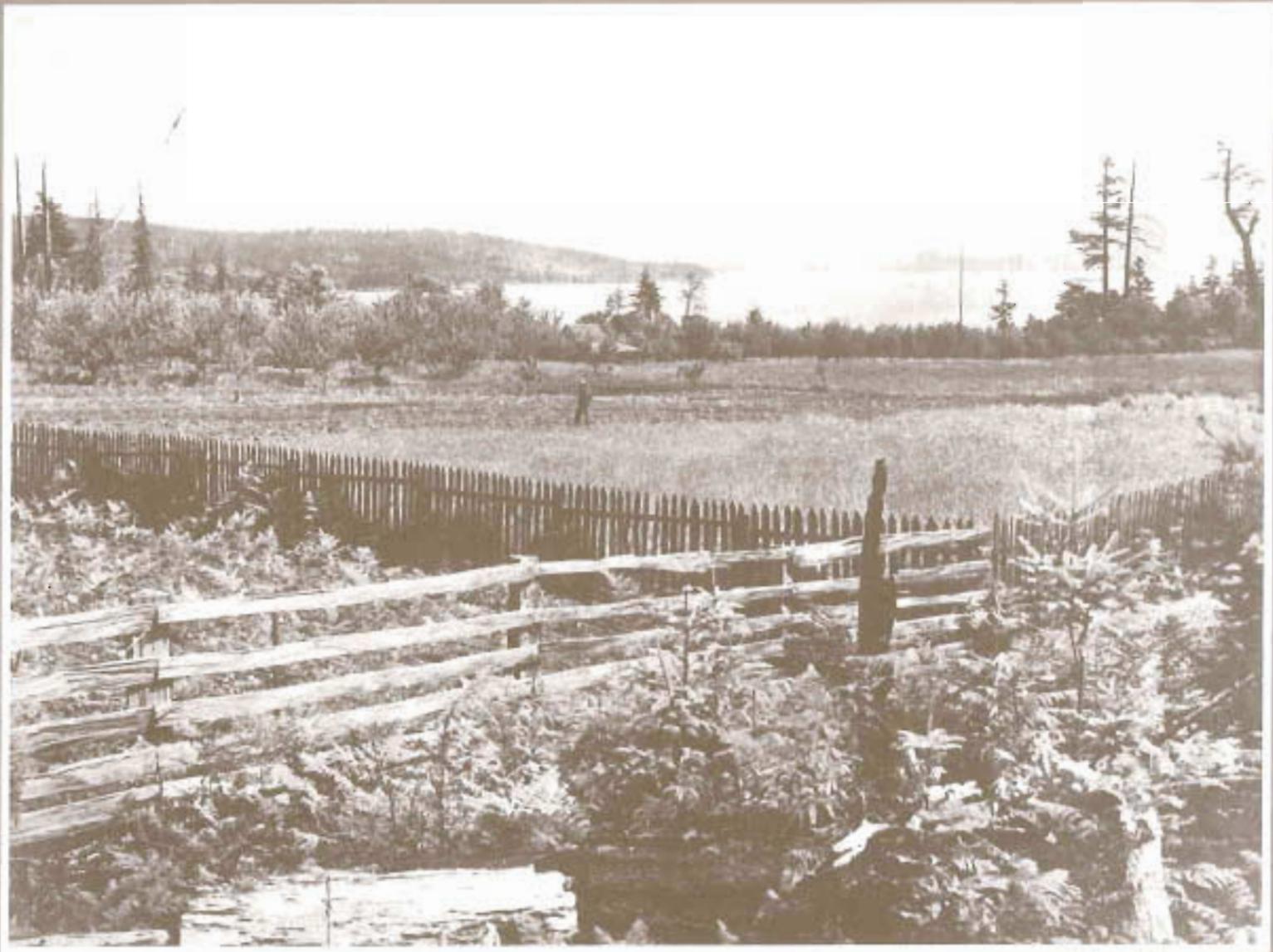
<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1884 - 1886	George Woodcock	Great Great Uncle
1886 - 1925	Samuel A. Woodcock	Great Grandfather
1925 - 1978	Warren Woodcock	Grandfather
1978 - Present	Bernice Woodcock-Gagnon	Mother
1978 - Present	Gwendolyn Gagnon Jones	

George Woodcock, a 32-year-old bachelor, purchased 160 acres from William and Irma Payne in 1884 at a cost of \$5 per acre. Woodcock was born in New Brunswick, Canada, and lived in California prior to moving to Washington. Woodcock cleared the land of heavy timber. He sold 80 acres of the land to his brother Samuel in 1886 for \$600 and the rest of the 160 acres to Samuel in 1887 for \$1,000. Samuel later married. He and his wife had five children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 110

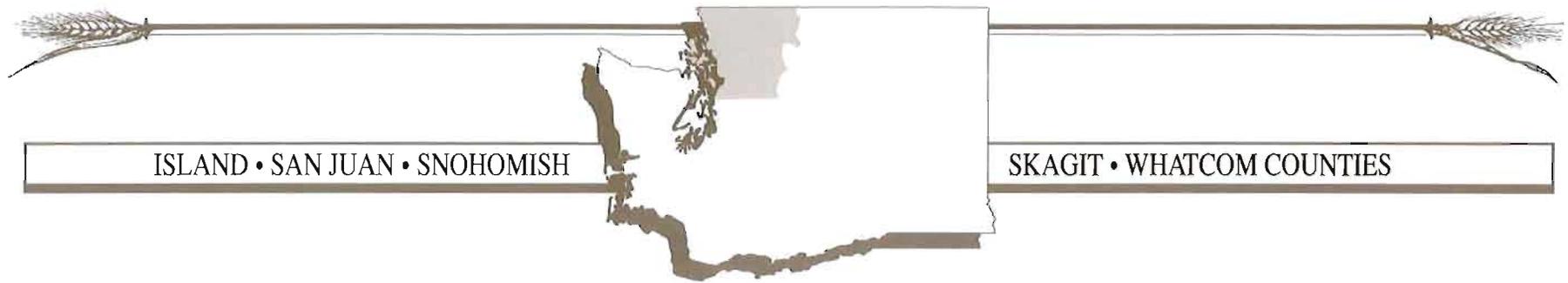
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Cows; 1988 - Oats, barley, alfalfa hay, wheat, cabbage seed, and spinach seed

Additional information: The old granary has been remodeled into a residence. Today the farm totals 110 acres of which 75 acres are currently leased.



Woodside Farm circa 1903

*W*estern Washington's earliest farms were on Puget Sound and along the region's rivers.



North Puget Sound

*M*ost of northwest Washington's Centennial Farms were established in the 1880's by immigrants from Scandinavia, Germany and the British Isles. They were miners and loggers, carpenters and surveyors, as well as farmers. Almost all were the first permanent settlers of the land and acquired that land from the U.S. government under the homestead law.

The oldest Centennial Farm in the state was established on Whidbey Island in 1851. Settlement progressed slowly along the region's rivers and the shores of Puget Sound. In 1880, there were approximately 6,600 people and just under 700 farms in the region.

Western Washington had a number of rich agricultural valleys. The reclaimed tideland at the mouth of the Skagit River was once called the richest soil in the

world. Indeed, in 1890 oat and wheat yields in Skagit and Snohomish counties were more than double the state average.

Centennial Farms in this region today are diverse. Northwest Washington is the center of the state's dairy industry, and most of the state's Centennial dairy farms are located here. The dairy industry makes Whatcom County one of the leading agricultural counties in the state, based on the value of production, and makes a major contribution to agriculture in the other four counties as well.

Here also are most of the state's Centennial Farms that produce vegetables and seeds. They are part of the region's well-known vegetable and seed crop industry. Many other Centennial Farms are beef cattle and hay operations.



The Freund Farm

Island

Owners: Winifred L. Freund and Arnold R. Freund
Location of Farm: Western section of Oak Harbor along Highway 20

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1851 - 1876	Ulrich Freund	Great-Great Uncle
1876 - 1918	Arnold Freund	Grandfather
1918 - 1974	Ralph U. Freund	Husband/Father
1974 - Present	Winifred L. and Arnold R. Freund	

In 1851 at the age of 30 Ulrich Freund took out a Donation Land Claim on 320 acres near present day Oak Harbor. Freund was born in Switzerland and had served as an officer in the German army. He sailed to the Puget Sound area with his companions Tafison and Sumner in 1850 from the California gold rush area. They were the first white settlers in the Oak Harbor area. A bachelor, Freund built a cabin and farmed his land. He passed his land on to his nephew Arnold in 1876.

Acres in original parcel: 320 **Acres still retained:** 140
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, potatoes, hay, cattle, and hogs; 1988 - Grain, hay, and silage
Additional information: The home built in the early 1860's is still occupied. Today Winifred Freund and her son Arnold still own 140 acres of the original parcel. 50 acres remain in cropland and are leased to Martin Boon. A large portion of the land is within the city limits of Oak Harbor.

The Iverson Farm

Island

Owners: Edward K. and Edith G. Iverson
Location of Farm: Northeast of Camano Island on Livingston Bay

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1882 - 1904	Hon. Oliver B. and Maria Iverson	Grandparents
1904 - 1965	Edward and Lena Iverson	Parents
1965 - Present	Edward K. and Edith G. Iverson	

After serving three years in the Union army, Oliver Iverson married Maria Danielson and took up farming, first in Iowa, then in the Dakota Territory. After a bad grasshopper year, he decided to move to Washington and reached Olympia in March 1875. In 1882 the 37-year-old Iverson purchased 54 acres from Thomas Brue for \$200. Construction of dikes to protect the tideland farm was among the early improvements. Iverson's daughter Bertha and her husband Peter Leque, who also purchased adjoining land at that time, managed the farm for Iverson. Iverson and his wife were both born in Norway. They had seven children who lived to adulthood.

Acres in original parcel: 54 **Acres still retained:** 54
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Oats, hay, and pasture for cattle; 1988 - Variety of seed crops

Additional information: Oliver Iverson served in the Dakota territorial legislature in 1869-70 and in 1876-77 represented Snohomish County in Washington's territorial legislature. Iverson is credited with being the chief leader in the movement of Scandinavians to Snohomish County after helping to survey the Stillaguamish Valley. Today Edward Iverson and his wife Edith own 179 acres, including all of the original Iverson and Leque acreage. They rent 65 acres to Mark and Paul Christianson.



Sherman Farms, Inc.

Island

Owners: Sherman Farms

Location of Farm: 1 mile south of Coupeville on Ebey's Landing Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1885 - 1940	F.A. and Mary LeSourd	Great Grandparents
1940 - 1949	John, Luther, Charles and Minnie LeSourd	Grandparent, Great Uncles and Aunt
1949 - 1964	Ed LeSourd, Clark and Dorothy Sherman	Uncle and Parents
1964 - Present	Sherman Farms, Inc.	

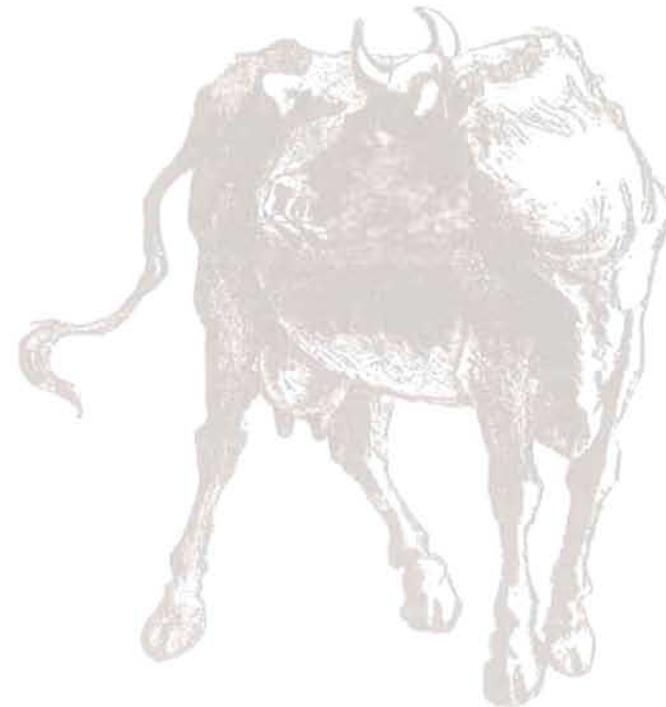
F.A. LeSourd was 42-years-old when he came to Island County from Indiana in 1885 with his wife, Mary Scoonover, and three sons. They purchased nearly 200 acres, 130 acres improved and the rest heavily timbered, from Granville and Henrietta Haller for \$9,000. LeSourd paid \$4,500 cash (all the money he had) and the rest in annual payments with 10 percent interest--he paid off his indebtedness in five years. LeSourd had been a teacher in Indiana and later was a state legislator in Washington.

Acres in original parcel: 199.65 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat and potatoes; 1988 - Wheat, alfalfa, corn, barley, and dairy cattle

Additional information: In an 1893 letter, LeSourd wrote "I find farming gives better results here than in Indiana". He reported high yields, few pests and making a specialty of potatoes to supply Seattle and Tacoma. LeSourd built a new home for his family in 1892 which is still in use. The barn, built in 1900, also remains. Today the Centennial Farm land is part

of the 668 acres of Sherman Farms, Inc. which is owned by Roger Sherman and his son Don, and Alvin Sherman and his son-in-law Wilbur Bishop and their wives. Roger and Al are the sons of Clark and Dorothy Sherman. Sherman Farms, Inc. operates a 300-cow dairy.





The Rosler Farm

San Juan

Owners: Sylvia M. Rogers and Carla J. Higginson

Location of Farm: South San Juan Island

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1860 - 1919	Christopher and Anna Rosler	Great-Great Grandparents
1919 - 1936	Charlie and Laurena Landahl	Great Grandparents
1936 - 1968	Frank and Sylvia Landahl	Grandparents
1968 - Present	Sylvia Landahl Rogers	Grandmother
1982 - Present	Carla Higginson	

Christopher Rosler was an American soldier and came to the San Juan Islands while they were jointly occupied by U.S. and British troops. After possession of the islands was settled in favor of the United States, Rosler used his pre-emption right and paid \$200 for 160 acres in 1876. His declaratory statement indicated he had settled on the land on May 4, 1860. Early improvements included a house, root cellar, barns, fences and clearing the land. Rosler was born in Germany in 1840 and married Anna Pike, a Tshimshian Indian. They had nine children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 26

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Oats, barley, hay, garden, and sheep; 1988 - Hay and bamboo

Additional information: The home built in 1897 and root cellar still stand. Today the Centennial Farm land is operated by the present owners.

Woodside Farm Estate

San Juan

Owners: Lucile Willis, Dorothy and Dennis Lundquist, John Willis, Elizabeth and Herbert Marcum, Judith Slater, Mary Willis and David A. Fox

Location of Farm: 2.5 miles east of Olga on Orcas Island

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1886 - 1920	Richard C. and Jane Willis	Great Grandparents
1920 - 1959	Cecil S. and Emma Louise Willis	Grandparents
1959 - Present	Cecil Culver and Lucile Willis	Parents
1986 - Present	Dorothy and Dennis Lundquist, Elizabeth and Herbert Marcum, Judith W. Slater, John Willis, David A. and Mary Willis Fox	

Richard Willis homesteaded 147 acres on the southeast side of Orcas Island. He was born in England and lived on Bainbridge Island prior to moving to Orcas Island in 1886 at the age of 54. He built a house, cleared land, and did ditching and fencing. He planted an orchard and earned his main livelihood from growing apples. Willis, a farmer and boatbuilder, and his wife, Jane Bruce, had five children.

Acres in original parcel: 147 **Acres still retained:** 85

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Vegetables, horses, and sheep; 1988 - Sheep, apples, prunes, family gardens, hay, and cows

Additional information: One of the very early volunteer weather stations was started by R.C. Willis on this place and continues to this day. In 1986, the Willis' completed a process of deeding land to their children. Today, the land is owned and jointly managed by Lucile and her children.



The Harvey Farm

Snohomish

Owners: Richard Noble Harvey

Location of Farm: 2 blocks south of Snohomish

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1860 - 1892	John Harvey	Great Grandfather
1892 - 1965	Noble George Harvey	Grandfather
1965 - 1986	Eldon Noble Harvey	Father
1986 - Present	Richard Noble Harvey	

John Harvey was born in England in 1829. At 20, he came by vessel to California just in time for the Gold Rush. He made his way to Seattle in 1852 and later took a 160-acre claim on Lake Washington. When his claim was burned out by Indians, he headed north. In 1860 he bought the rights to land on the Snohomish River from a disgruntled settler for \$50. He built a log cabin, cleared land and by 1869 had cultivated 50 acres. In 1871 Harvey entered a homestead claim for the land. He married 33-year-old Christina Noble in 1872. Their son Noble was born in 1873. By 1876 the Harveys had a home "with shingle roof, dressed floor, 12 doors, 12 or 14 windows, heated by a stove".

Acres in original parcel: 169 **Acres still retained:** 80

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Fruit, potatoes, cattle, chickens, sheep, and horses; 1988 - Hay, corn, green feed, and cattle

Additional information: John Harvey was appointed commissioner when Snohomish County was created in 1861. Over the years, the Harveys have owned or operated Harvey Park, The Harvey Hotel, Harvey Powder Co. and Harvey Airport. Today Richard Harvey manages the 135-acre farm.

Getchell Ranch

Snohomish

Owners: Everett D. Alexander, Alex Getchell Alexander, Francis A. Ross

Location of Farm: 1/4 mile east of Everett on Ebey Island

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1874 - 1875	Margaret Getchell Smith	Great Great Aunt
1875 - 1897	Martin and Olive Getchell	Great Grandparents
1897 - 1940	Everett and Maude Getchell	Grandparents
1940 - 1986	Alex and Ruth Getchell Alexander	Parents
1986 - Present	Everett D. and Alex G. Alexander and Francis Alexander Ross	

In 1874 Margaret Getchell Smith, born in Maine, paid Charles Segbert the sum of \$1,200 for 154 acres of land. In 1875 her brother Martin and his wife, Olive, moved from nearby Lowell and took over the farm. They cleared the land and constructed buildings. Martin also worked as a logger.

Acres in original parcel: 154 **Acres still retained:** 100

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hay and cattle; 1988 - Hay, grain, and cattle

Additional information: The original house still stands. Today the 345-acre farm is operated by Everett Alexander.

The Iver Johnson Farm

Snohomish

Owners: Gailee Kerns, Laura L. and Robert L. Johnson

Location of Farm: Southeast side of Ebey Island along Ebey Slough

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1887 - 1908	Iver and Caroline Johnson	Great Grandparents
1908 - 1965	Sarah Johnson Larson	Great Aunt
1908 - 1970	William O. and Margaret Johnson	Grandparents
1965 - 1977	William E. and Iver M. Johnson	Father and Uncle
1977 - 1988	William E. and O.K. Johnson	Parents
1988 - Present	Gailee Kerns, Laura L. and Robert L. Johnson	

In 1887 41-year-old Iver Johnson paid Charles Pierce \$1,000 in gold coin for 166.4 acres. Born in Norway, Johnson had homesteaded in Kansas, and lived on Whidby Island and in Mukilteo before purchasing this land. He cleared the land, built dikes and ditches, and built a house and barn. In addition to farming, Johnson fished and did a little beaver trapping. Iver and Caroline Johnson had four children. Three lived to adulthood.

Acres in original parcel: 166.4 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Jersey cattle, hay, pasture, garden, orchard, chickens, swine; 1988 - Berries, sweet corn, pumpkins, and grain

Additional information: The barn, fish shed and unused home of Sarah and Lewis H. Larson, built in 1909, are still standing. Today the farm totals 214 acres, including 170 acres of cropland. Bob Johnson and his wife Laura sell berries and vegetables directly at the farm. They also provide farm-related entertainment to schools and families.

The Cedergreen Farm

Snohomish

Owners: Clarice and Jean Cedergreen

Location of Farm: 3 miles southeast of Snohomish on Old Snohomish-Monroe Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1882 - 1931	J.A.C. Cedergreen	Grandfather
1931 - 1959	R.O. Cedergreen	Father
1959 - Present	Clarice and Jean Cedergreen	

A Swedish immigrant, J.A.C. Cedergreen was 36 years old when he filed a homestead application on 160 acres in 1882. His first improvements were cutting the timber and clearing the land. He made final proof in 1888 and received patent February 2, 1889. Later, he traded 40 acres of his original homestead for an adjoining 40-acre parcel and purchased an additional 15 acres at a cost of \$20 per acre. Cedergreen lived in Snohomish prior to moving onto the farm. He and his wife, Amelia, had 14 children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 120

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hay, grain, and dairy; 1988 - Peas

Additional information: An original barn is still in use. The Centennial Farm land is part of a 175-acre farm managed by Clarice R. Cedergreen.



The Robert J.E. Smallman Farm Snohomish

Owners: Gerald and Margaret Schmidt
Location of Farm: 4 miles south of Monroe on Tualco Loop Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1870 - 1900	Robert J.E. Smallman	Great Grandfather
1900 - 1938	Elizabeth Smallman Shannahan	Grandmother
1938 - 1984	Kathyrn Shannahan Shrum	Mother
1984 - Present	Margaret Shrum Schmidt	

During the winter of 1855-56, 18-year-old Robert J.E. Smallman served 100 days as a foot volunteer in Capt. Isaac Ebey's Company "I" when there were sporadic attacks by Indians on Puget Sound settlements. He then served in Capt. Smalley's Company. He helped build Fort Tilton in the Snoqualmie area and then panned for gold. In 1872, Smallman filed a pre-emption claim on land he had settled on in September 1870. He built a house, a barn and a few sheds. He paid \$200 for the 160 acres in 1874 and received his patent in 1875. Smallman and his wife, Louisa Spencer Morrish Nowell, had four daughters. One died as an infant and was buried in the Old Snohomish Cemetery about 1873.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 16
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hops, dairy cattle, and pigs; 1988 - Produce, corn, berries, apples, wheat, grass, and chickens
Additional information: This Centennial Farm land was passed down through Robert Smallman's daughter Elizabeth. Today Elizabeth's granddaughter Margaret and her husband Gerald Schmidt own and farm 16 acres of the original parcel.

Frohning Dairy Inc. Snohomish

Owners: Elmer and Frances Betty Frohning, Timothy and Sandra Frohning
Location of Farm: South of Monroe in Tualco Valley on Frohning Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1870 - 1900	Robert J.E. Smallman	Great Grandfather
1900 - 1934	Adelaid Smallman Frohning	Grandmother
1934 - Present	Elmer Wilson Frohning	Father
1980 - Present	Timothy Henry Frohning	

Robert Smallman was one of the earliest settlers of the Tualco Valley. He first came to the area in the 1850's as a soldier in the U.S. army and later pre-empted 160 acres. In 1883, the local newspaper reported Smallman had 60 acres under cultivation, had cut 50 tons of hay that season and had pasturage for 330 sheep, 25 cattle and two horses. "The house, though not built after modern designs, presents a picture of comfort." Smallman and his wife Louisa had four daughters. One died as an infant.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 70
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Dairy cattle, hops, and pigs; 1988 - Dairy cattle, corn, hay, crops, and pasture
Additional information: A barn is all that remains of the original buildings. Smallman served as Tualco Valley postmaster. This Centennial Farm land was passed down through Robert Smallman's daughter Adelaid. Today Adelaid's son Elmer Frohning and wife Betty together with their son Tim and his wife Sandra operate the 180-acre dairy farm.



The Ohlsen Farm

Snohomish

Owners: Alice M. Ohlsen, Harold N. and Margaret Ohlsen

Location of Farm: East of Monroe on Ben Howard Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1882 - 1926	Theis and Margareta Ohlsen	Grandparents
1926 - 1955	John and Peter Ohlsen	Uncle and Father
1955 - Present	Alice Ohlsen	Mother
1978 - Present	Harold N. and Margaret Ohlsen	

In 1882, 25-year-old Theis Ohlsen came from Holstein, Germany and homesteaded 134.05 acres in Snohomish County. He built a house and barns and cleared the land. Ohlsen married Margareta Christine Lau, and the couple had eight children.

Acres in original parcel: 134.05 **Acres still retained:** 8

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Dairy; 1988 - Grass and field corn

Additional information: When Peter Ohlsen died in 1955 the farm was split between John Ohlsen and his wife Mary and Peter's widow Alice. In 1969 an Indian burial site dating to about 1800 was discovered on the farm. Today, the Centennial Farm land is part of 140 acres farmed by Harold Ohlsen.

Ovenell Farms

Snohomish

Owners: Ted and Mary Ovenell

Location of Farm: West of Stanwood city limits

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1874 - 1907	Thomas and Carrie Ovenell	Grandparents
1907 - 1965	George Thomas and Martha Ovenell	Parents
1965 - Present	Theodore W. and Mary Ovenell	

At age 13 Thomas Ovenell allegedly stowed away on a ship from England to California for the 1849 Gold Rush. He came to Washington Territory in the 1850's and to the Stanwood area in 1874 where he purchased 122 acres from James and Louisa Caldon for \$2,500. Thomas and Carolyn Crane Ovenell had two children. Thomas died in 1884 and son George took over management of the farm, purchasing it from his mother in 1907.

Acres in original parcel: 122 **Acres still retained:** 122

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Oats, hay, and dairy; 1988 - Hay, grass and corn silage, and dairy

Additional information: Over the years the farm has gone through many changes in crop production, but dairying has been with the farm all along. Today four generations of Ovenells work together on their 300-head dairy farm. Ted Sr. and Mary own the farm, Ted Jr., who started farming with his father in 1950, operates the 600-acre farm with his son Gary and his young family.



The Eide Farm

Snohomish

Owners: Kathryn Eide Glick and Herbert Edison Glick
Location of Farm: 1 mile southwest of Stanwood on Leque Island, on Eide Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1878 - 1902	Nels (Nelson) R. Eide	Great-Great Uncle
1902 - 1927	Ole E. and Kirsti Eide	Grandparents
1927 - 1979	Erik Eide	Father
1979 - Present	Herbert E. and Kathryn Eide Glick	

Nels (Nelson) R. Eide was born in Granvin, Hardanger, Norway. He came to the United States and pre-empted 124.40 acres making final proof and payment on July 16, 1878. Eide and two other Norwegian immigrants hand-diked over 300 acres of farm land. In addition to farming, he did some mining and occasional logging. Nels Eide never married, and the land was passed to his nephew, Ole Eide.

Acres in original parcel: 124.40 **Acres still retained:** 100
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Grain crops, hay, and milk cows; 1988 - Corn and grass for silage and hay
Additional information: Today Kathryn Eide Glick and her husband Herbert own 100 acres of the original homestead. The original home is standing but not in use. Leque Island is below sea level and surrounded by diking. The present owners maintain and rebuild the dikes as necessary. The land is currently operated by the Ted Ovenell family who have been neighbors for four generations.

The Major Farm

Snohomish

Owners: Louis and Janet Stangeland
Location of Farm: 2 miles from Stanwood on Highway 530

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1883 - 1937	George W. Major	Grandfather
1937 - 1967	Eben Major	Father
1967 - Present	Louis and Janet Stangeland	

In 1883, 29-year-old George W. Major homesteaded 160 acres near Stanwood. He moved to the Washington Territory from his birthplace of Carlisle, Iowa. Early improvements included construction of a small house, clearing the land and draining the swamps. Major married Eliza Jane Sill in March 1880 in Iowa. The couple had six children. Major also engaged in mining.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 63
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hay, grain, pasture, and dairy animals; 1988 - Grass for green chop and silage
Additional information: As no roads had been built, George Major had to go to Stanwood for supplies by canoe. Indians far outnumbered the white settlers. Eliza Jane Major, a very capable and enterprising woman, managed the family farm after the death of her husband. Today the farm is owned by George Major's granddaughter Janet Stangeland and her husband Louis. It is part of a 500-acre operation that includes land homesteaded in 1884 by Louis' grandfather Hans Nordby.



The Nordby Farm

Snohomish

Owners: Louis and Janet Stangeland

Location of Farm: West of Bryant on Stanwood-Bryant Rd. next to Pilchuck Creek

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1884 - 1948	Hans A. Nordby	Grandfather
1948 - 1982	Albert Nordby	Uncle
1982 - Present	Louis and Janet Stangeland	

Hans Nordby was born in Norway in 1862. He lived in the Dakota Territory prior to coming west, and chose his 160-acre homestead in 1884. He built a house and barn, cleared land and put up fences. In addition to farming, Nordby also did logging. He married Karen Soltheren in 1901 and the couple had eight children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 76

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hay and pasture; 1988 - Pasture and timber

Additional information: Hans Nordby came from the Dakota Territory with Christian Jorgenson who was one of the first Lutheran ministers to serve the area. When building his house, Hans carried the kitchen door on his back from Stanwood. Today the farm is owned by Hans Nordby's grandson Louis Stangeland and his wife Janet, and is part of a 500-acre operation that includes land homesteaded in 1883 by Janet's grandfather George Major.

The Jensen/Grimm Farm

Snohomish

Owners: George J. Grimm

Location of Farm: 4 miles west of Arlington on Highway 530

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1878 - 1927	Thomas Jensen	Grandfather
1927 - 1954	Dora Jensen Grimm	Mother
1954 - Present	George J. Grimm	

A native of Germany, Thomas Jensen came from San Francisco to Seattle and then to Stanwood by boat in 1878. Since there were no roads, the 37-year-old Jensen hired Indians to paddle him up river in a canoe to his claim. He built a log cabin and began clearing the land. Each winter for four years he went back to San Francisco to earn money as a carpenter and cabinet maker. The fifth year he brought his wife Johanna to the homestead and they raised their two daughters, Dora and Martha, there. The certificate of patent for Thomas Jensen's 159.80 acres was signed in 1886.

Acres in original parcel: 159.80 **Acres still retained:** 80

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Fruit, vegetables, and forage for a few cattle; 1988 - Pasture, hay, and silage for producing dairy herd

Additional information: A home built by Jensen in 1888 still stands on the north half of the original homestead where it was moved about 1910 by his son-in-law William Grimm. The north 79.80 acres were sold in 1923. Today, the remaining 80 acres are part of a 95-acre dairy farm owned by George Grimm and operated by his son Robert and wife Marie Grimm.



The Nelson Farm

Snohomish

Owners: Norman H. Nelson

Location of Farm: 5 miles northeast of Marysville on 108th St.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1887 - 1920	Lars C. Nilson	Grandfather
1920 - 1959	Adolph Nilson (Nelson)	Father
1959 - Present	Norman H. Nelson	

32-year-old Lars Nilson came from Sweden in 1887 with his wife Netta and four children. They moved to their 160-acre homestead at "Kellogg Marsh", cleared the land and started grazing livestock, growing food and planting fruit trees. In addition to farming, Nilson worked on dikes near Marysville and on threshing crews at harvest time. Two more children were born, Adolph in 1894.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 17

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Cattle, sheep, and, horses; 1988 - Pasture hay and beef

Additional information: Sons Adolph and Alfred Nilson changed the spelling of their name to Nelson when they started school. Lars Nilson's grandson Norman (Bud) Nelson now lives on and operates 27 acres, including 17 acres of the original homestead. The original barn still stands.

The Stehr Farm

Snohomish

Owners: Bernice J. Stehr

Location of Farm: Between Arlington and Granite Falls on Burn Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1888 - 1930	August Stehr	Father-in-law
1930 - 1956	Lottie Stehr	Mother-in-law
1956 - 1985	Edwin O. Stehr	Husband
1985 - Present	Bernice J. Stehr	

22-year-old August Stehr settled on a 160-acre homestead in 1888. Born in Germany, Stehr lived in Wisconsin prior to coming west. Initial improvements included clearing approximately 40 acres. Stehr also did logging and had a lumber mill. Stehr and his wife Lottie had five children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 90

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Beef cows, hay, and corn; 1988 - Beef cows and hay

Additional information: The original barn, garage and milk house are still standing. Today Bernice Stehr and her two sons, Eddie and Greg, operate the Centennial Farm land.



The Hemstrom Farm

Snohomish

Owners: Carl and Elsie Hemstrom
Location of Farm: 4 miles south of Granite Falls

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1886 - 1895	August Hemstrom	Grandfather
1895 - 1925	Anna Hemstrom	Grandmother
1925 - 1944	Charles Hemstrom	Father
1944 - 1962	Jennie Hemstrom	Mother
1962 - Present	Carl Hemstrom	

In 1886, Swedish-born August Hemstrom and his son Charles travelled from their home in Meeker (now Puyallup) to 150 acres of land near Granite Falls that August had located the previous year to homestead. His wife Anna and her brother Louis Younglowe, with his 2-year-old son Harry, arrived a few weeks later having travelled from Tacoma to Snohomish by steamboat and walking the rest of the way. Hemstrom, about 40 years old at the time, cleared the land and built a house and barns. Louis homesteaded adjacent land to the south. In addition to farming, Hemstrom worked as a carpenter and logger. In the early years of homesteading, he would return to Meeker to work for Ezra Meeker as a carpenter in the drying sheds during hop harvest. This provided income for food for the winter. The Hemstroms had two children, Charles and Augusta.

Acres in original parcel: 149.9 **Acres still retained:** 149.9
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Dairy cows, potatoes, and hay; 1988 - Beef cattle and hay
Additional information: Today Carl Hemstrom operates the 149.9 acres.

The Ulrich Scherrer Farm

Snohomish

Owners: Ulrich E. and Pearl E. Scherrer
Location of Farm: 4 miles southeast of Granite Falls on Menzel Lake Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1889 - 1945	Ulrich Scherrer	Father
1945 - 1962	Anna Scherrer	Mother
1962 - Present	Ulrich E. Scherrer	

21-year-old Ulrich Scherrer came to Washington from California and chose 160 acres near Granite Falls to homestead in 1889. He made the land a dairy farm. He also raised hay, potatoes, vegetables, and, for a few years, sheep and goats. Scherrer was born in Switzerland. He and his wife Anna had six children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Unknown; 1988 - Beef cattle, hay, and rutabagas
Additional information: Six generations of Scherrers have lived or are living on this farm. The original smokehouse is still standing. Today, Ulrich E. Scherrer's sons, Kenneth and John, operate the Centennial Farm land.



Munks Farm

Skagit

Owners: Robert Leonard Munks

Location of Farm: 5 miles east of Anacortes on W. March Pt. Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1859 - 1897	Wm. and Arminda Munks	Grandparents
1897 - 1913	Wm. and Olive B. Munks	Grandparents
1913 - 1936	Leonard P. Munks	Father
1936 - 1961	Gerald L. Munks	Uncle
1961 - Present	R. Leonard Munks	

Born in Ohio, William Munks fought in the Mexican War and helped survey the Canadian border prior to coming to Washington Territory. In 1859, Munks took up a claim on property on the Bay of Fidalgo Island. He started improvements but left for a short time. Upon returning he found a squatter William Bonner on the property. In 1861 he paid Bonner "\$60 cash in hand and one silver watch" for the rights to the land and then resumed development of the farm. He cleared land, put up rail fences, and built a house, barns, hotel and trading post. Munks and his first wife Arminda Van Valkenburg had three children. He and his second wife Olive had two children.

Acres in original parcel: 800 **Acres still retained:** 7 1/2

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Grain, dairy, fruit, vegetables, hogs, beef, and chickens; 1988 - Hay and beef cattle

Additional information: Munks was the first permanent settler in what later became Skagit County. The Munks' history is on microfilm in the University of Washington Library in Seattle. R. Leonard Munk's son, Donald, operates the family land along with 800 acres which they lease.

The Summers Farm

Skagit

Owners: William M. and Eunice E. Summers

Location of Farm: 5 miles west of Conway on Rawlins Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1872 - 1919	Edward Summers	Great Uncle
1919 - 1973	Edward Jr. and Fanny Summers	Parents
1973 - Present	William M. and Eunice E. Summers	

In 1872, Edward Summers purchased 156.75 acres on the north fork of the Skagit River from Charles Henry for \$700. Summers built a crude shelter and rough-diked the land. Because the land was on a salt marsh, there were no trees to clear. However it took a tremendous amount of work to clear driftwood and establish a crude network of dikes to protect the land from the river and bay. The first dikes were built with horses and slip scrapers, wheelbarrows and shovels. Born in England, Summers married, but had no children, and the farm passed to his nephew, Edward Jr.

Acres in original parcel: 156.75 **Acres still retained:** 115

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Oats, hay, draft horses, swine, milk cows, and poultry; 1988 - Vegetable seed, green peas, and grain

Additional information: Originally the river was the main transportation route moving all supplies and farm products. In 1928, the county built a road on land donated by adjoining farms. Buildings were moved from the river side to the road, which became the main supply route. Today the Summers own and operate 155 acres.



The Hayton Farm

Skagit

Owners: Irene, Richard, Robert and William Hayton
Location of Farm: 6 miles southwest of Mt. Vernon on Fir Island Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1876 - 1905	Thomas and Sarah Hayton	Great Grandparents
1905 - 1956	James B. and Maude Hayton	Grandparents
1956 - 1982	R. Leroy and Irene Hayton	Parents
1982 - Present	Irene, Richard, Robert and William Hayton	

In 1876, Thomas and Sarah Hayton purchased 190 acres from Morris Frost at a cost of \$1 per acre. Hayton diked, drained and cleared the land and added buildings to improve the farm. Hayton was 43 years old when he came to Washington Territory from his birthplace in Pike County, Kentucky. The couple had 14 children.

Acres in original parcel: 190 **Acres still retained:** 190
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hay and oats; 1988 - Peas, cauliflower, broccoli, potatoes and strawberries
Additional information: Hayton was a representative from Skagit County to the Constitutional Convention in 1889. Today part of the original house is used as an office and shop. The Centennial farm land is part of 300 acres owned and farmed by Irene Hayton and her three sons.

The Swanson Farm

Skagit

Owners: The Swansons: Robert, John, William, and Lyle
Location of Farm: 3 miles south of Conway on Highway 530

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1882 - 1922	Bengt Johnson	Great Grandfather
1922 - 1944	Frida Johnson	Great Grandmother
1944 - 1981	Lena Swanson	Grandmother
1981 - Present	William H. Swanson	

Swedish-born Bengt Johnson lived in Pennsylvania, Nebraska and Illinois prior to selecting 132 acres to settle on in Skagit County. He acquired the land under the pre-emption law, proving up and paying \$1.25 per acre in 1882. He was 38 years old at the time. Johnson dug ditches, built dikes, several barns and a house, and planted an orchard. He and his wife, Frida Bjorkland Conrad, were the parents of two children. Johnson was also a butcher.

Acres in original parcel: 132 **Acres still retained:** 118
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Cattle, hay crops, and grain; 1988 - Potatoes, barley, cauliflower, cucumbers, and spinach seed
Additional information: In 1875, Bengt Johnson's crops on his farm near Chicago were destroyed by grasshoppers. He prayed that God would show him land where he could build his home. He homesteaded this farm in Skagit County because it corresponded to the land he dreamed about three nights in succession while back east. Today the Centennial Farm land is leased to Bob Hayton and his family.



The Jennings Farm

Skagit

Owners: Philip Jennings and Robert Hart
Location of Farm: 3 miles northeast of LaConner on Best Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1884 - 1932	Isaac and Margaret Jennings	Great Grandparents
1918 - 1961	Louis, Martha and Linda Jennings	Grandfather, Great Aunts
1944 - 1975	Ranville and Margaret Jennings Hart	Parents
1944 - Present	Philip Jennings	Uncle
1975 - Present	Robert Hart	

Isaac and Margaret Jennings doubled the size of their farm when they purchased 239 acres from John Conner in 1884. They added 80 additional acres in 1887 in a purchase from James Porter. Early improvements to this purchased land included diking and draining the land and building additional barns. Born in New Jersey in 1834, Isaac Jennings had pre-empted 80 acres in 1871 and filed a homestead claim on 160 acres in 1873. This land is no longer part of the Jennings farm. Isaac and Margaret Jennings had seven children.

Acres in original parcel: 239 **Acres still retained:** 239
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Oats, hay, and cattle; 1988 - Peas, wheat, berries, cabbage, turnip seed, and nursery stock
Additional information: The house built by Isaac and Margaret Jennings in 1884 is still in use on a neighboring farm. Today the Centennial Farm land is operated by Philip Jennings and his nephew Robert Hart.

The Chellman Farm

Skagit

Owners: Fredric and Phyllis Hawkins
Location of Farm: 3 miles west and 3 miles south of Mt. Vernon on Beaver Marsh Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1888 - 1920	Fred P. and Anna L. Chellman	Grandparents
1920 - 1930	Anna L. Chellman	Grandmother
1930 - 1939	Anna L. Chellman Estate	
1939 - Present	Fredric and Phyllis Hawkins	

36-year-old Fred Chellman began building dikes, clearing and draining the land of his 80-acre homestead in 1888. Born in Sweden in 1852, he lived at Port Blakely prior to settling in Skagit County. He and his wife, Anna Louise Benson, had two children.

Acres in original parcel: 80 **Acres still retained:** 80
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Durham cattle; 1988 - Vegetable seed, green peas, and potatoes
Additional information: At some point Frederick Petterson changed his name to Fred P. Chellman. Today the Hawkins own 160 acres which are operated by McMoran Farms.



The Morrison Farm

Skagit

Owners: Mrs. Roger Morrison, Don Morrison, Darrin Morrison
Location of Farm: 3 miles south of Mt. Vernon on Morrison Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1889 - 1954	John Morrison	Great Grandfather
1954 - Present	Mrs. Roger Morrison	Grandmother
1973 - Present	Don Morrison	Father
1986 - Present	Darrin Morrison	

In 1889, John Morrison came from Seattle to homestead 160 acres in Skagit County. Born in Varmland, Sweden he was 25 years old at the time. He cleared the land and tilled the soil. He and his wife, Agda Olson Morrison, had two children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 125.01
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hay, grains, and cattle; 1988 - Peas, seed crops, grain, corn, cucumbers, cauliflower, and broccoli
Additional information: An original granary and one barn remain. The original home burned in 1914. The family lived in the granary while the present home was built in 1915. Today Mrs. Roger Morrison lives in the home. Don Morrison, along with his two sons Darrin and Keith, operate the 205-acre farm along with another 600 acres which they lease.

Island View Farms, Inc.

Skagit

Owners: Phil L. and Vivian Inman, Phil C. and Shelah Inman, Larry R. Inman, Mary Lou Caudill
Location of Farm: 7 miles northwest of Burlington

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1885 - 1939	Charles H. Williams	Great Grandfather
1939 - 1950	L.L. and Mary Inman	Grandparents
1950 - Present	Phil L. and Vivian Inman	Parents
1970 - Present	Phil C. Inman, Larry R. Inman, Mary Lou Caudill	

In 1885 Charles H. Williams, age 35, filed a pre-emption claim on 80 acres northwest of Burlington. Improvements included logging and clearing the land. Williams was born in Connecticut and served in the Civil War. He came to Washington Territory from Iowa where he had farmed for a few years. Williams and his wife, Ellen Crandell, had three children.

Acres in original parcel: 80 **Acres still retained:** 80
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hay; 1988 - Dairy farm
Additional information: The farm has been in continuous operation as a dairy farm with Jersey cows since 1893. The family farm has been incorporated and is called Island View Farms, Inc. Today Phil C. Inman is the president of the corporation and operates the 155-acre farm along with 54 acres of leased land.



The Benson Farm

Skagit

Owners: Benjamin C. Benson, William E. and Joyce A. Benson

Location of Farm: 1 mile south of Allen on Avon Allen Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1886 - 1962	Berent A. and Clara T. Benson	Grandparents
1958 - Present	Benjamin C. Benson	Father
1962 - 1971	Carl A. Benson	Uncle
1971 - Present	William E. Benson	

At the age of 20, Berent A. Benson joined the flood of emigrants from Norway to the "land of promise" in the United States. He arrived in Minnesota in 1881 and worked on his uncle's farm and also spent two years in the fisheries on Lake Superior. He then travelled to the Puget Sound area where he engaged in farming, fishing and logging. In 1886 or 87 he paid \$200 to the U.S. government for a pre-emption claim on 160 acres of land in the Skagit Valley. In 1901, he married Clara Boe, also from Norway, and the couple had seven children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 150

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Oats; 1988 - Hay, corn for silage, grass, peas, and dairy farm

Additional information: Benson owned one of the first steam engines and threshing machines in the area and harvested his own and neighbors' crops. The Bensons provided a haven for many family members when they came to the U.S. Today, four generations of the Benson family live on the farm. William E. Benson operates the 200-acre farm.

The Holtcamp Farm

Skagit

Owners: William H. and Mildred Holtcamp

Location of Farm: 1.5 miles west of Sedro Woolley on Holtcamp Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1884 - 1931	Henry Holtcamp	Grandfather
1931 - 1986	William Henry and Minda B. Holtcamp	Parents
1986 - Present	W. H. Holtcamp	

In 1870 at the age of 23, Henrick Holtcamp (later Henry Holtcamp) walked from Hopsten to Bremen, Germany to work for passage on a ship to America. He arrived in the United States in 1872 and worked his way across the country to California. He came to the Skagit Valley in December 1878. He applied for his homestead in 1884 and made final proof in 1890. He married Anna Schlogle, a widow with one son, in 1889. Holtcamp cleared some land, planted an orchard and built a house and cattle shed. The Holtcamps had two more children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 80

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Fruit, garden vegetables, and dairy cattle; 1988 - Forage for 300-cow dairy

Additional information: In addition to farming, Holtcamp did blacksmithing for loggers and others. Today, 80 acres of the homestead is part of a 460-acre farm owned by Holtcamp Farms, Inc., a family farm corporation, and managed by Bill and Mildred Holtcamp's son.



The McRae Farm

Skagit

Owners: George McRae, Henry and Donna Stone, Dale and Eunice Jenkins, Jim and Janet McRae, Fred and Mary Hall
Location of Farm: 1.5 miles northwest of Sedro Woolley on F. and S. Grade Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1885 - 1929	George and Mary McRae	Grandparents
1929 - 1988	George A. and Jessie McRae	Parents
1988 - Present	George and Jim McRae, Donna Stone, Eunice Jenkins, Mary Hall	

In 1885, 28-year-old George McRae filed a pre-emption claim on 160 acres. He was born in Old Town, Maine, and had worked at a sawmill in Wisconsin prior to moving west. McRae built a house and blasted stumps to clear the land. He made final proof in 1887 and received patent in 1889. In addition to farming, he travelled to the Alaska gold rush three times. McRae married Mary Agnes McNally. The couple had four children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 20

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hay, potatoes, pasture, timber, bees, pigs, milk cows, and horses; 1988 - Hay, pasture, and beef cattle

Additional information: George McRae donated one acre of land to the local neighborhood for a school. McRae School District #72 was operated from about 1890 until 1943 when it was consolidated with Sedro Woolley School District #101. Today, 20 acres of the McRae homestead are farmed by George and Mary McRae's grandson Jim who also owns and operates a nearby farm. Grandson George lives in the two-story five-bedroom farm house built in 1908 for \$300.

The Hall Farm

Skagit

Owners: Mrs. Roy C. Hall
Location of Farm: 5 miles north of Sedro Woolley on Highway 9

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1884 - 1936	Woodbury K. Hall	Father-in-law
1936 - 1987	Roy C. and Nina V. Hall	
1987 - Present	Nina V. Hall	

Born in Maine, Woodbury Hall lived in San Francisco, and then briefly in Fairhaven (now Bellingham) before homesteading 122.85 acres at the age of 27. Homestead claims on adjoining property were made at the same time by Hall's brother Fred and their uncle Amariah Kalloch. Hall cleared 40 acres and put up buildings and then started farming the land. Hall was a teamster in Bellingham and also did various types of jobs using horses. He was married twice--first to Mary Kalloch and later to Ellen Cornelia (Heck) Broyles. Hall and his second wife Ellen had one child.

Acres in original parcel: 122.85 **Acres still retained:** 115.12

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Garden and a few sheep; 1988 - Hay and beef cattle

Additional information: Hall settled on his land before it was surveyed.

The surveyor's field notes on November 6, 1890 include mention of Hall's clearing and house. A barn built in 1890 is presently used for hay storage. The 115 acres of Centennial Farm land is owned and operated by Nina V. Hall.



The Perry Farm

Whatcom

Owners: William S. Perry Trust

Location of Farm: 4 miles north of Everson on Van Buren Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1876 - 1893	William B. Perry	Great Grandfather
1893 - 1941	William A. and Marie C. Perry	Grandparents
1941 - 1950	Roderic D. Perry	Uncle
1950 - 1979	William S. Perry	Father
1979 - Present	Roderic A. Perry	

William B. Perry was born in Kirkcudbright, Scotland and lived in Peoria, Illinois prior to coming west. He arrived at what was known as Hogs Prairie in 1876 to homestead 160 acres. He cleared land and built a log cabin and received title to the land in 1884. He and his wife, Elizabeth Beck, had nine children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 78.5

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Fruit trees, grass, hogs, dairy cows, and chickens; 1988 - Heifers, silage, and dairy farm

Additional information: Today the Centennial Farm land is part of a 135-acre farm operated by Roderic A. Perry.

The Steele Farm

Whatcom

Owners: Bonnie Steele Burns

Location of Farm: 1 mile south of Sumas on corner of Telegraph, Morgan and Hovel Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1883 - 1899	Marcus J. Steele	Great Grandfather
1899 - 1969	Ralsa N. Steele	Grandfather
1969 - 1986	Clyde N. Steele	Father
1986 - Present	Bonnie Steele Burns	

Arriving in Washington Territory from Iowa, Marcus Steele, 36, settled on a 160-acre homestead in June 1883. He cleared land, planted an orchard and built a log house and barn. He received his patent in 1890. In addition to farming his own land, Steele worked in the orchard and fields of Fraser York in the upper Sumas 10 hours a day for 10 cents per day. He and his wife, Harriett Belton, had four children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 38.43

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hay, milk cows, and sheep; 1988 - Hay and corn

Additional information: Today Les Postma farms the 38.43 acres of Centennial Farm land.



The Westergreen Farm

Whatcom

Owners: John G. and Frances J. Westergreen

Location of Farm: 6 miles east of Everson on South Pass Rd. to Westergreen Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1888 - 1920	Gust and Selma Westergreen	Grandparents
1920 - 1968	Albert and Ella Westergreen	Parents
1968 - Present	John G. and Frances J. Westergreen	

20-year-old Gust Westergreen came to Manitoba, Canada from Sweden in 1884. A year later he went to Oregon for six months, then to Alaska and then Seattle working for the railroad, fishing and logging. He selected a 160-acre homestead in 1888 and, over time, cleared 35 acres. He married Selma Soderquist in 1893, and they had six children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 74.96

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Cows, pigs, poultry, and horses; 1988 - Replacement dairy heifers and beef

Additional information: In addition to farming, Westergreen worked in mills and on roads. The Centennial Farm land is part of a 160-acre farm managed by John G. Westergreen.

The Macaulay Farm

Whatcom

Owners: Katherine Macaulay Woolf

Location of Farm: 1 mile west of Deming

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1883 - 1933	Hugh and Annie Macaulay	Grandparents
1933 - 1962	John and Adeline Macaulay	Parents
1962 - Present	Harold and Katherine Woolf	

Hugh Macaulay immigrated to Colorado in 1880 from Nova Scotia, Canada. He received an eye injury while working in the mines and came to Seattle for medical help. He then walked his way to Whatcom County where, in 1883 at the age of 27, he took up a 160-acre pre-emption claim and, later, a 160-acre homestead. When Macaulay had built a cabin on the bank of the Nooksack River, he sent to Nova Scotia for Annie Beaton and married her in Seattle in 1886. Macaulay cleared the land, built a large two-story house, two barns and outbuildings. The Macaulays had five children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 60

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hay, produce, grain, and corn; 1988 - Hay, beef cattle, and Christmas trees

Additional information: B.K. McElmon, Presbyterian missionary for Washington Territory accompanied Macaulay to Seattle to meet Annie Beaton and married the couple there. Many years later Rev. McElmon married each of the five Macaulay children. Today, Katherine, widowed in 1986, farms 60 acres with the help of her son Kenneth.



The Stephens/Dickey Farm

Whatcom

Owners: Marjorie Douglas Dickey

Location of Farm: North of River Bridge at Acme on Highway 9

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1884 - 1909	Thomas H. Stephens	Grandfather
1909 - 1959	J.W. and Mabel Douglas	Parents
1959 - 1984	Clyde and Marjorie Dickey	
1984 - Present	Marjorie Dickey	

Mary McDaniel came up the Nooksack River by Indian canoe in 1884 and joined her sister Emma who had come to the area six months earlier with her husband Morris McCarty. Mary filed a homestead claim on land that neighbored the McCartys in June 1887. In July she was married to 36-year-old Thomas H. Stephens by Rev. McElmon in the McCarty's home. Stephens was born in England and had staked a claim on adjacent land on the Nooksack River. The Stephens' built a log home on the section line and proved up on both parcels. Stephens logged the land and began to farm as he cleared the ground. Stephens acquired his claim under the homestead law and re-claimed Mary's land as a pre-emption. Mary McDaniel and the McCartys had come to Washington from Texas. Stephens had come from California. The Stephens had two daughters, Mabel and Anna.

Acres in original parcel: 158.20 **Acres still retained:** 136
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Grass, grain, and dairy cattle; 1988 - Grain and grass

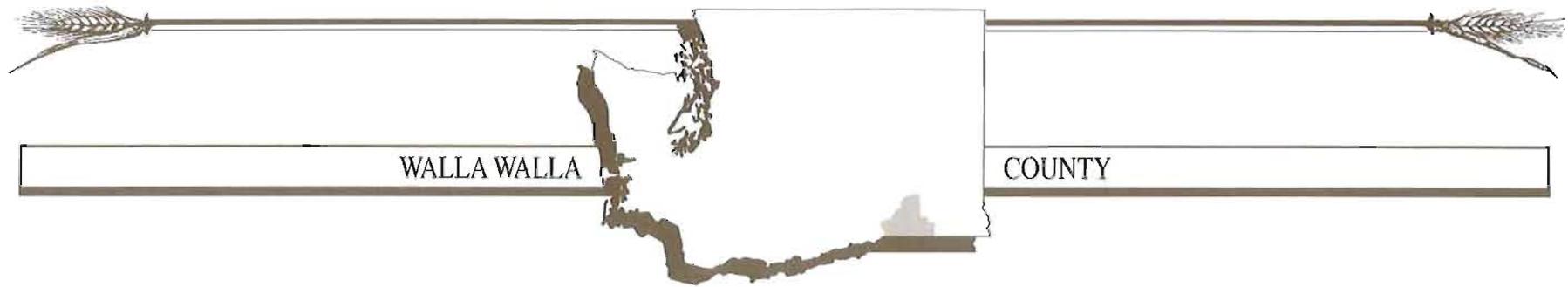
Additional information: Mary McDaniel Stephens named the town of Acme and served as its first postmaster. The first Acme Presbyterian Sunday School was held in a cedar grove on the farm. J.W. and Mabel Stephens Douglas acquired part of the Mary McDaniel claim in 1909 and part in 1922. The Thomas Stephens homestead land was passed on to Anna Stephens Morell in 1922. Today Marjorie Dickey owns 139 acres.





Bergeman Homestead 1887

*E*arly settlers like the Bergemans planted wheat on the bunch grass hills using two six-horse hitched pulling two-bottom plows to break up the soil.



Walla Walla County

The word was out. Gold had been found in Idaho and the rush was on. Gold seekers came up the Columbia River, and Walla Walla became the central outfitting point and the center of growth in Washington Territory. Population boomed and so did the valley's agriculture.

Walla Walla became the territory's most populated county and remained so until the 1880's. Livestock numbers increased and the valley lands were planted to crops. Settlers discovered grain grew well on the hill land as well as the bottom land. Production soon exceeded demand.

The first 15 barrels of flour were shipped from Walla Walla to Portland in 1867. By 1869, Walla Walla County was producing over one million bushels of grain annually, with California the primary market.

As a group, Walla Walla County's Centennial Farms are the oldest in the state. More than half of the county's 47 Centennial Farms were established before 1875.

The county's oldest farms were established in 1858, the year eastern Washington was re-opened to settlers after the Indian Wars. Many Centennial Farms trace

their history back to the early mining days. Many of these farms were established by packers or freighters who acquired land to pasture and overwinter their pack animals. Others were miners who made Walla Walla their headquarters and stayed.

Because of the early settlement of the county, many Centennial Farms in the county were purchased by the founder rather than homesteaded.

For the most part, these Centennial Farm founders were not newcomers to the west but had lived and worked in California, Nevada, Oregon or other parts of Washington before acquiring their land.

Walla Walla was the leading agricultural county in Washington Territory until the 1880's. In 1890 Walla Walla County had 850 farms and led the territory in wheat production, harvesting more than two million bushels.

Wheat continues to be Walla Walla County agriculture's number one crop and all but one Centennial Farm grow wheat today. Centennial Farms also raise cattle and grow many of the county's other important crops, including alfalfa seed, peas, asparagus and onions.



The Aldrich Farm

Walla Walla

Owners: Mrs. Robert Aldrich, Dr. P. M. Aldrich and Esther Aldrich Kittle

Location of Farm: 7 miles east of Walla Walla on Highway 12

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1858 - 1910	Milton Aldrich	Grandfather
1910 - 1968	Percy Shelley Aldrich	Father
1968 - Present	Normanita Aldrich	Sister-in-law
1968 - Present	Percy Milton Aldrich, Esther Aldrich Kittle	

In 1858 28-year-old Milton Aldrich took a pre-emption claim on a quarter section of land northeast of Walla Walla. He removed trash, planted trees and cultivated the land. Aldrich was born in Erie County, New York in 1830, and lived in Michigan and California before coming to the Washington Territory. He married Sarah Stanfield in July 1864, and the couple had three children. Aldrich was interested in education and donated a piece of land for the Union School. He served as a school director, road overseer and member of the board of county commissioners.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Horses, hogs, cattle, and grains; 1988 - Cattle, wheat, and dry peas

Additional information: The home built in 1877 has been built around and remodeled and is still occupied. Today, Normanita Aldrich farms 643 acres that she owns with her husband's brother Percy and sister Esther.

The Gilkerson/Davis Farm

Walla Walla

Owners: Lawrence and Irene Davis

Location of Farm: 5 miles east of Walla Walla on Mill Creek Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1863 - 1921	Thomas Gilkerson	Grandfather
1921 - 1943	Thomas J. Gilkerson	Father
1943 - Present	Irene Gilkerson Davis	

Born in England in 1837 Thomas Gilkerson lived in New York prior to coming west to Washington in 1859. He filed a homestead claim on 160 acres near Walla Walla on July 9, 1863. He cleared the land and planted crops, fruit trees and a garden. Gilkerson made final proof on his homestead in 1868 and received patent in 1870. He had married Eliza Sickler McQuirk, a widow, in 1862. They raised four sons and one stepson.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 129

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Cattle, wheat, fruit, and vegetables; 1988 - Wheat, peas, barley, and cattle

Additional information: Eliza Sickler was the first white woman to be married in Walla Walla County when she married Mr. McQuirk. Lawrence Davis' grandfather John came to Walla Walla County in 1862. His homestead cabin is now at the Fort Walla Walla Museum. The original woodshed and root cellar are still on the farm. Today the Davis family leases out most of its 129-acre farm.

The Robert F. Kibler Farm

Walla Walla

Owners: Robert F. and Margaret E. Kibler

Location of Farm: 6.5 miles northeast of Walla Walla on Spring Creek Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1870 - 1923	Jacob Kibler	Grandfather
1923 - 1973	Frank Kibler	Father
1973 - Present	Robert F. Kibler	

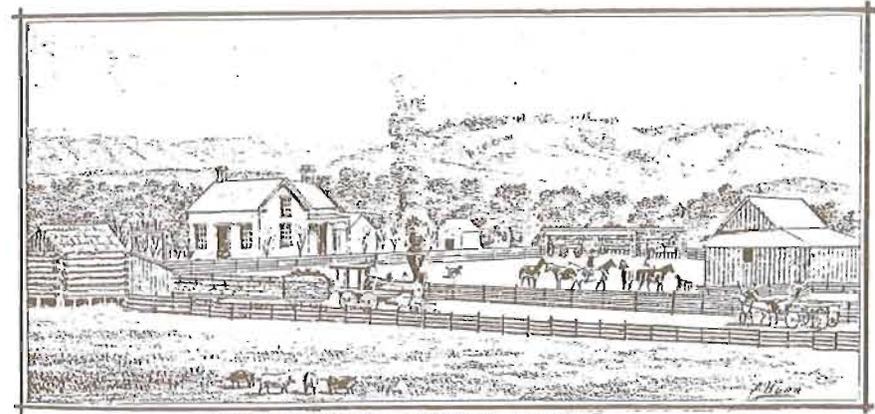
37-year-old Jacob Kibler arrived in Walla Walla County in 1858 with a pack mule, bedroll, rifle and \$20 in hopes of locating some farm land. To support himself and earn enough money to improve his eventual claim, he first worked in a brickyard then purchased a wagon and oxen and started a freighting business to the Idaho mines. He homesteaded 160 acres on Mill Creek in 1863 and in 1870 purchased a neighboring 160-acre parcel for \$480 from David Buroker who had settled on the land in 1864. In 1873 Kibler, now 51, married Buroker's 23-year-old daughter Louisa. Kibler increased his holdings in 1883 purchasing an adjacent 280 acres from Francis and Mary Corkrum for \$40 per acre. Kibler, a native of Shenandoah Valley, Virginia, spent five years in the California gold fields before coming to Washington. He and Louisa had four sons and two daughters.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat and hay; 1988 - Wheat, dry edible peas, bluegrass seed, barley, hay, beef cattle, and hogs

Additional information: When Jacob Kibler started over the Oregon Trail in 1853 he was headed for Oregon Territory intending to claim some land

using the land grant warrant his uncle had received for his military service. Near the fork of the northern and southern trails his three travelling companions took off with his warrant and his well-equipped outfit. He ended up in California after trying to follow the culprits. During Jacob Kibler's lifetime, he accumulated 1,500 acres of Walla Walla County farm land, 80 acres of timber in the Blue Mountains plus four blocks of property in the Pontiac addition of Seattle. Today the 530 acres owned and operated by Robert Kibler includes the land purchased in 1870 and 1883.



FARM RESIDENCE OF J. KIBLER, WALLA WALLA CO. W.T.



W.P. Reser Farm

Walla Walla

Owners: Maggie L. Reser, Peggy L. Reser Olson, William P. Reser, II, Edwin A. Reser, Mike Reser Farms, Inc.

Location of Farm: 7 miles southeast of Walla Walla on Reser Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1868 - 1897	W.P. and Emma Gray Reser	Great Grandparents
1897 - 1919	W.P. and Malinda Davis Reser	Grandparents
1909 - 1938	Philip and Nell Reser	Grandparents
1919 - 1947	Malinda, Byron and Maggie Reser	Grandmother, parents
1947 - 1988	Byron and Maggie Reser	Parents of Peggy, Bill, Ed
1938 - 1985	Frank M. and Helen Reser	Parents of Phil, Merridy
1985 - Present	Helen, Philip and Merridy Reser	
1988 - Present	B.D. Reser Heirs: Maggie, Peggy, W.P. II and Ed Reser	

William Philip Reser was born in Quincy, Illinois in 1843. "W.P." crossed the plains from Missouri with his parents, Rev. John and Clarissa Reser, in 1863, arriving in Walla Walla after the six-month journey. In 1864 he returned to Missouri to marry Emma Gray, then returned to Walla Walla, serving as a guide for a group of settlers. W.P. started a freighting business, hauling supplies to the mines in Idaho. He homesteaded the present farm site in 1868 and, at one point, owned more than 24,000 acres in Washington and Oregon, most of it timber and grazing land. W.P. and Emma Reser had four children. Emma died in 1895 and in 1897 Reser married Malinda Davis. They had one son, Byron.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, barley, alfalfa, fruit, vegetables, horses, cattle, sheep, pigs, elk, and pheasants; 1988 - Wheat, barley, peas, and cattle

Additional information: W.P. Reser built and operated the first steam threshing machine in the valley in 1874. The huge 3-story barn Reser built in 1883 with lumber and shingles sawed at his own mill is still used and dominates the Byron Reser homesite. It was built to hold 60 horses and 100 cattle. Reser served as a county commissioner and a state senator. In 1909, Reser deeded some land to his son Philip and wife Nell. That land is now part of 1370 acres owned by Mike Reser Farms, Inc. and operated by Phil Reser. Byron Reser's son Ed currently operates the 703 acres owned by the B.D. Reser Estate.



The Shelton Farm

Walla Walla

Owners: Carma R. Carlson, Martha D. Finney

Location of Farm: Southeast of Walla Walla at intersection of Reser Rd. and Foster Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1869 - 1906	Frank M. and Nancy Shelton	Great Grandparents
1906 - 1961	Oscar M. Shelton	Grandfather
1961 - 1986	Bessie M. Shelton	Grandmother
1986 - 1987	Ibbie L. Switzer	Mother
1987 - Present	Carma R. Carlson and Martha D. Finney	

24-year-old Frank Shelton filed a homestead application on land just south of Walla Walla on February 23, 1869. He built a dwelling, a barn and outbuildings and made final proof in early 1874, receiving a patent dated April 25, 1874. An Iowa native, Shelton and his wife, Nancy Ann Gwinn, had six children.

Acres in original parcel: 162.57 **Acres still retained:** 162.57

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, oats, horses, and cows; 1988 - Wheat and peas

Additional information: A small building originally used as a smokehouse is still in existence. Sailings Cemetery is located in the extreme northeast corner of the farm but has no road access. Today the Centennial Farm land is operated by John Yenney.

Yenney Farms, Inc.

Walla Walla

Owners: Yenney Farms, Inc.

Location of Farm: 5 miles east of Walla Walla on Russel Creek Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1872 - 1907	Phillip Yenney	Great Grandfather
1907 - 1929	W.H. Yenney	Grandfather
1929 - 1984	Frank and Bertha C. Yenney	Parents
1984 - Present	John P. and Bertha W. Yenney	

Born in 1834, Phillip Yenney immigrated to the United States from his native Germany when he was 15 years old. He travelled quite extensively, finally settling in Virginia and later in Iowa. In 1857 he married Rachael Winnett. The Yenneys crossed the plains with ox teams to the Washington Territory in 1860. For several years Yenney was a freighter, hauling supplies between Walla Walla and Spokane. In May 1872, he bought 160 acres from George Smails for \$25 per acre. Improvements to his property included a house, outbuildings, fences and an orchard. Phillip and Rachael Yenney had eight children, five lived to adulthood.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 120

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, barley, oats, hay, and cattle; 1988 - Wheat, barley, peas, and cattle

Additional information: While in Spokane County in 1864-65, Phillip Yenney built what later became known as Cowley's bridge. He had a store near the place, and was part owner in the bridge before it was purchased by Mr. Cowley. Today John P. Yenney and his son Robert operate the 1,840-acre farm.



The Pettyjohn Farm

Walla Walla

Owners: Elda Grant, Irene K. Grant, Samuel O. Grant, Jr., William A. Grant, Mary Grant Tompkins, Joseph E. Grant, and John L. Grant
Location of Farm: 4 miles west of Prescott on Highway 124

Dates of Ownership	Name	Relationship to Current Owner
1858 - 1909	Jonathan Pettyjohn	Great Grandfather
1909 - 1963	Mary Ellen Pettyjohn Grant	Grandmother
1963 - 1987	Samuel O. Grant, Sr.	Father
1963 - Present	Elda Grant	Aunt
1987 - Present	Irene K. Grant	Mother
1987 - Present	Samuel, Jr., William, Joseph and John Grant, Mary Grant Tompkins	

Hearing tales of gold in California, 21-year-old Jonathan Pettyjohn (Pettyjohn) left Illinois in 1848 and travelled on foot across the plains. After five years in California, free land beckoned him to the Oregon Territory where he took a donation land claim and married Hannah Warner. Word of good land brought Pettyjohn to the Walla Walla Valley in 1858 where he claimed squatter's rights on the Touchet River and built a log cabin and barn. He moved his family to the land in 1859 and received title in 1865 under the pre-emption law. The Pettyjohns had 10 children.

Acres in original parcel: 163.68 **Acres still retained:** 81.84
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, cattle, horses, mules, and sheep; 1988 - Wheat, barley, and cattle
Additional information: Today Sam Grant, Jr. and his brother Bill operate the 2,000-acre farm.

The Pettijohn/Sanders Farm

Walla Walla

Owners: Elbert T. Pettijohn and Doris Pettijohn Sanders
Location of Farm: 5 miles west of Prescott on Pettijohn Rd.

Dates of Ownership	Name	Relationship to Current Owner
1881 - 1909	Jonathan Pettijohn	Great Grandfather
1909 - 1947	W.T. Pettijohn	Grandfather
1947 - 1950	J.N. Pettijohn	Uncle
1950 - 1980	Harry E. Pettijohn	Father
1980 - Present	Doris L. Sanders and E.T. Pettijohn	

In 1881, 54-year-old Jonathan Pettijohn (Pettyjohn) added more land to his ranch with the purchase of 160 acres from the Northern Pacific Railroad for \$2.60 per acre. Pettijohn had first claimed land on the Touchet River in 1858. Over the years, Jonathan Pettijohn added to his holdings many times and accumulated 3,500 acres of land which he gave to his children in 1909. Born in Ohio, he had come west in 1848 following tales of gold in California. He later moved to Oregon Territory where he took a donation land claim in Linn County and married Hannah Warner. They had 10 children. In addition to ranching, Pettijohn hauled freight to miners in Idaho.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 120
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Grains, cattle, and horses; 1988 - Wheat
Additional information: Pettijohn voted yes for statehood in California in 1850, in Oregon in 1859, and in Washington in 1889. Today Sam Grant, Jr. operates the 415-acre farm.



The Flathers Farm

Walla Walla

Owners: Benjamin B. Flathers Trust, Benjamin B. Flathers, trustee
Location of Farm: 1 mile west of Prescott at junction of Highways 124 and 125

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1871 - 1910	Benjamin F. Flathers	Grandfather
1910 - 1932	Charles F. Flathers	Uncle
1932 - 1939	Julia M. Flathers	Aunt
1939 - 1959	Charles F. Flathers Life Estate	Uncle
1939 - Present	Benjamin B. Flathers	

Benjamin Flathers was born in Crawfordsville, Indiana and moved to Iowa as a small child. As a young man he went to New York City and mustered on a ship to San Francisco and became a packer. He headquartered in The Dalles for eight years before moving to Walla Walla in 1869. In 1871, 35-year-old Flathers bought 440 acres from H.H. Spaulding for \$2,500. He built a house, barn and outbuildings and used his land first for hay and pasture. He and his wife Malinda S. McQuown had seven children.

Acres in original parcel: 440 **Acres still retained:** 360
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, barley, horses, cattle, and hogs; 1988 - Wheat and barley
Additional information: Flathers' farm was a forage station for travellers on Mullan Trail. Between 1960 and 1980 the Flathers farm had 440 acres in asparagus. Today the Centennial Farm land is part of a 1,802-acre operation.

The Lloyd Farm

Walla Walla

Owners: Beth Tietjen, George Lloyd, Helen Shaffner
Location of Farm: 2 miles west of Waitsburg on the "lower road to Walla Walla"

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1863 - 1930	Lois H. Jasper Lloyd	Great Grandmother
1930 - 1936	Wesley Lloyd	Great Uncle
1936 - 1946	G. Marvin Lloyd	Father
1946 - 1964	Calla Lloyd and Heirs	Mother
1964 - Present	G. Marvin Lloyd Heirs	

Lois H. Jasper and Albert Gallatin Lloyd were married on May 20, 1858. In July 1859 they moved from Benton County, Oregon to a homestead on the Touchet River. Lois Lloyd turned her home into a "half-way house" where miners and packers passing through on the old Colville Trail could obtain meals, lodging and food supplies. In 1863 26-year-old Lois purchased 120 acres with money saved from her half-way house enterprises. She purchased an additional 40 acres with monies from the sale of a mare that she owned. Both parcels were purchased from the U.S. government and adjoined the Lloyd homestead. The land was plowed and grain was planted. Lois and Albert Lloyd had 11 children; nine grew to maturity.

Acres in original parcel: 120 **Acres still retained:** 120
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Grain; 1988 - Grain
Additional information: Mrs. Lloyd molded the first candles for Wait's grist mill. Over her lifetime, Lois Lloyd lived to see her land harvested by cradle and flail, the reaper, the binder, header, and thresher, and finally by combine. Today the Centennial Farm land is part of a 312-acre farm.



The McKinney Farm

Walla Walla

Owners: Margaret K. Mantz, James D. and Mary E. Wood
Location of Farm: 1 mile west of Waitsburg on Bolles Junction Rd.

In 1894 he purchased 149 acres from John Poulson for \$3,500. McKinney married Sara Jane Poulson in 1865 and had four children.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1864 - 1924	William McKinney	The descendent owners have included William's children: Wm. Elmer,
1924 - 1925	Wm. Elmer McKinney	
1924 - 1947	Frank McKinney	Frank, Thomas Virgil (TV) and Emma; TV's daughter Joyce and her husband Lee Mantz, Sr.;
1924 - 1959	Thomas Virgil (TV) McKinney	
1924 - 1963	Emma McKinney	Joyce and Lee, Sr.'s sons Lee, Jr. and William and their wives Eveline and Margaret; and Lee, Jr. and Eveline's daughters Mary (Lynn), Patricia and Katherine.
1947 - 1980	Lee Mantz, Jr.	
1959 - 1985	Joyce McKinney Mantz	Lee, Jr. and William and their wives Eveline and Margaret; and Lee, Jr. and Eveline's daughters Mary (Lynn), Patricia and Katherine.
1947 - 1980	Lee Mantz, Sr.	
1973 - 1981	William M. Mantz	Lee, Jr. and William and their wives Eveline and Margaret; and Lee, Jr. and Eveline's daughters Mary (Lynn), Patricia and Katherine.
1980 - 1985	Eveline M. Mantz	
1981 - Present	Margaret K. Mantz	Lee, Jr. and Eveline's daughters Mary (Lynn), Patricia and Katherine.
1985 - 1987	Patricia J. Mantz, Katherine M. Leid	
1985 - Present	Mary E. Wood	Lee, Jr. and Eveline's daughters Mary (Lynn), Patricia and Katherine.
1987 - Present	James D. Wood	

Acres in original parcel: 157.5 **Acres still retained:** 157.5

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Small grains, cattle, mules, and chickens; 1988 - Wheat, barley, alfalfa, and cattle

Additional information: William Elmer McKinney operated the farm after his father moved to Waitsburg in 1890. "TV" took over the operation in 1916. The farm has been owned and operated by TV and his descendants since then. Today the farm is owned by William McKinney's great-great granddaughter Mary (Lynn) Wood, her husband Jim and her aunt Margaret Mantz. Jim operates the 412-acre farm.

9-year-old William McKinney crossed the plains to Oregon with his parents in 1845. McKinney first came to Walla Walla as a soldier in the Indian Wars during the winter of 1855-56. After working on his father's farm near Hillsboro, McKinney was a packer on a government survey crew and later packed to Idaho gold miners. He moved to Walla Walla in 1859. He filed a homestead claim on the Touchet River in 1864. He later filed a 157-acre timber culture claim and, in 1881, purchased 80 acres from the railroad for \$208.



The Roberts Farm

Walla Walla

Owners: David Henry Roberts, Lydia Roberts, David Roth Roberts
Location of Farm: 3 miles east of Waitsburg on Wilson Hollow Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1871 - 1897	David Roberts	Great Grandfather
1897 - 1964	Heirs of David Roberts	Grandfather, great uncle, aunts
1964 - 1985	Richard Harold Roberts	Father
1964 - Present	David Henry Roberts	Uncle
1985 - Present	Lydia Roberts	Mother
1958 - Present	David Roth Roberts	

Born in North Wales in 1833, David Roberts was orphaned and apprenticed to a wheelwright at the age of nine. Soon after arriving in the United States at the age of 21, he came to Illinois where he had a blacksmith and wheelwright shop and married Jane Anderson. Roberts and his family came to Waitsburg where he purchased 160 acres from Elijah Bird for \$1,000 in 1871. He put up buildings and fences and broke out more land. He had a timber claim and homesteaded additional land. He also had a wheelwright shop near Waitsburg which "became a center of thoughtful discussion, moral and political, ...". The Roberts had eight children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Grains, cattle, horses, hogs, and chickens;
1988 - Wheat
Additional information: Roberts' wife, Jane, was the sister of Alexander Jay Anderson who was the first president of the University of Washington

and later of Whitman College. When David Roberts died the farm was inherited by his seven living children who sold their shares, at various times, to younger family members. Today the land is owned by descendants of David Roberts' son Richard. Great grandson David Roth Roberts presently operates the 400-acre farm.



The Collins Farm

Walla Walla

Owners: Mrs. Robert Bonfield Collins

Location of Farm: Southwest of Waitsburg on Miller Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1886 - 1918	John and Bridget Collins	Parents
1918 - 1980	Robert B. Collins and other heirs of John and Bridget Collins	
1980 - Present	Roselle Collins	

Irish-born John Collins was an early day gold and silver miner and was an established cattleman in Nevada before moving to Washington in 1880. He drove his cattle to Walla Walla County where his wife's parents had settled. Collins and his wife Bridget Murphy, married in 1872, immediately began buying property near Waitsburg. The acreage still retained today includes 160 acres purchased by Bridget from Levi and Jennie Ankeny in 1886 for \$2,880, 40 acres she purchased from J.F. and Sarah Boyer for \$350 in 1886, and 40 acres acquired by John as a timber culture. The Collins fenced their property, dug a well and built a house and numerous outbuildings. They had nine children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat and cattle; 1988 - Wheat

Additional information: Following John Collins' death in 1904, the farm was leased out until son Robert was old enough to farm on his own (about 1916). He lived on and farmed the place until his death in 1980. Today his wife, Roselle Collins, lives in the original house, built around 1890. The locust trees which surround the home were planted by John and Bridget Collins. The 1,012-acre operation is farmed by Roselle's son, Robert.

Barrett/McInroe Farm

Walla Walla

Owners: Corleen M. Barrett

Location of Farm: 5 miles northeast of Walla Walla, Middle Waitsburg Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1869 - 1888	Oliver C. Gallaher	Great Grandfather
1888 - 1902	William H. Buroker	Grandfather
1902 - 1949	Ida May Gallaher Buroker	Grandmother
1949 - 1984	Ida May Buroker Wolfe Estate	Mother, Uncle, Aunts
1984 - Present	Corleen M. Barrett	

32-year-old Oliver C. Gallaher and his wife Mary E. Mealey came to Washington Territory in 1862 living first in a settlement south of Dayton. Their daughter Ida was born in July 1863 and that November Gallaher purchased 15 acres of land in the Dry Creek area from William Courtney et al. In 1869 Gallaher filed a homestead claim on 160 acres just to the north on Dry Creek. He built a house, barn and sheds and purchased additional land starting in 1871. The Gallahers had three children. Their daughter Ida May married William Buroker, a 26-year-old area farmer, in 1882. Buroker purchased 284 acres from Oliver Gallaher in 1888, which included Gallaher's homestead land.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 120

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, cattle, horses; 1988 - Wheat and barley

Additional information: Today the land is part of 370 acres owned by the Burokers' granddaughter Corleen Barrett. Corleen is the daughter of Ina Buroker McInroe. The McInroes started farming the place in 1922 and the Barretts in 1959.



The Gallaher/Buroker Farm Walla Walla

Owners: Gladys Gallaher Buroker Paunzen
Location of Farm: 5 miles northeast of Walla Walla, Middle Waitsburg Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1869 - 1888	Oliver C. Gallaher	Grandfather
1888 - 1902	William H. Buroker	Uncle
1902 - 1979	Forrest L. Buroker	Cousin/Adopted Father
1979 - Present	Gladys Gallaher Buroker Paunzen	

Oliver C. Gallaher was born in Pennsylvania and crossed the plains to Oregon in 1845 when he was a young man. In 1862 he and his wife Mary E. Mealey came to Washington Territory and in 1863 he purchased 15 acres of land in the Dry Creek area. He filed a homestead claim on 160 acres on Dry Creek in 1869. Gallaher built a house, barn and sheds and later purchased additional land. The Gallahers' daughter Ida May married William Buroker in 1882. Buroker had come to Washington with his parents in 1864 when he was eight years old. Buroker purchased 284 acres from Oliver Gallaher in 1888, which included Gallaher's homestead land.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 35
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, cattle, and horses; 1988 - Wheat and barley
Additional information: When William Buroker died in 1902 his property was divided among his wife Ida and their four surviving children. This Centennial Farm land was passed on through their son Forrest. Today it is part of 385 acres owned by Gladys Paunzen and operated by her nephew Larry Young. Gladys is the daughter of George Gallaher, son of Oliver, and was adopted at age two by her cousin Forrest when her mother died.

Gallaher/ McInroe/Young Farm Walla Walla

Owners: Mary Gallaher McInroe Young
Location of Farm: 5 miles northeast of Walla Walla, Middle Waitsburg Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1869 - 1888	Oliver C. Gallaher	Grandfather
1888 - 1902	William H. Buroker	Uncle
1902 - 1984	Zenna Buroker McInroe	Cousin/Adopted Mother
1984 - Present	Mary M. Young	

Oliver C. Gallaher crossed the plains to Oregon in 1845 when he was a young man. He took up a donation land claim in the Willamette Valley and lived there until 1862 when he and his wife Mary E. Mealey came to Washington Territory. In November 1863 Gallaher purchased 15 acres of land in the Dry Creek area. He filed a homestead claim on 160 acres just to the north in 1869. The Gallahers' daughter Ida May married William Buroker in 1882. Buroker had come to Washington with his parents in 1864 when he was eight years old. Buroker purchased 284 acres from Oliver Gallaher in 1888 for \$7600. The purchase included Gallaher's homestead land.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 20
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, barley, cattle, and horses; 1988 - Wheat and barley
Additional information: This Centennial Farm land was passed on through William and Ida May Buroker's daughter Zenna. Today the land is part of 443 acres owned and operated by Mary Young and her husband Raymond. Mary is the daughter of George Gallaher, son of Oliver, and was adopted at age three by her first cousin Zenna when her mother died.



The James M. Cornwell Farm Walla Walla

Owners: Nancy Pryor, Mary Jane Pryor Baird, and Andrew Russell Pryor
Location of Farm: 9 miles east of Walla Walla off Highway 12

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1868 - 1899	James M. Cornwell	Great Grandfather
1899 - 1935	Oliver T. Cornwell	Grandfather
1935 - 1971	Ethel Cornwell Blankenship	Mother
1971 - Present	Nancy Blankenship Pryor and children	

In 1868 37-year-old James Cornwell purchased 120 acres near Dixie from a Mr. Kimball. Cornwell built a barn and a house and constructed other outbuildings. Born in Indiana, Cornwell lived in Beaverton, Oregon before coming to the Washington Territory. He and his wife, Mary Ann Stott, had seven children. In addition to farming, Cornwell served as a state legislator.

Acres in original parcel: 120 **Acres still retained:** 120
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat and livestock; 1988 - Wheat, green peas, barley, and other legume crops
Additional information: Other adjoining acres have been added to the farm over the years. Today the Centennial Farm land is operated by Pryor-Harris-Price farms. The original home, built in 1870, and original barn are still in use.

The Martin Farm Walla Walla

Owners: Thomas J. Martin, Edward F. Martin, Elizabeth Martin Smith, Sharon L. Martin, Douglas E. Martin
Location of Farm: 6 miles north of Walla Walla on Nelson Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1869 - 1897	Patrick Martin	Grandfather
1897 - 1921	Anastasia Sinnott Martin	Grandmother
1921 - 1957	Thomas E. Martin	Uncle
1957 - Present	Thomas J., Edward F., Sharon L. and Douglas Martin, Elizabeth Martin Smith	

In December 1869, 39-year-old Patrick Martin purchased 120 acres from Sewall and Clarissa Rees for \$13.03 per acre. He cleared the land and began to farm. Martin was born in Ireland and lived in California and Montana where he was engaged in mining before coming to the Washington Territory. He and his wife Anastasia Sinnott had five children.

Acres in original parcel: 120 **Acres still retained:** 120
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, cattle, horses, and hogs; 1988 - Wheat and barley
Additional information: Today two of the owners, Thomas J. and Edward F. Martin operate the 4,700-acre farm. Thomas and his wife, Bernadette live on the original homestead.



The Yeend Farm

Walla Walla

Owners: Margery Jean Wolfe Small

Location of Farm: 6 miles north of Walla Walla on Valley Grove Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1870 - 1890	William and Ellen Yeend	Great Grandparents
1890 - 1931	James and Lydia Yeend	Grandparents
1931 - 1958	Stanley and Olive Yeend Wolfe	Parents
1958 - 1979	Olive Yeend Wolfe	Mother
1979 - Present	Margery Jean Wolfe Small	

On December 6, 1870, 40-year-old William Yeend arrived at a log cabin on Dry Creek which later became the site of his family's permanent residence. He homesteaded the 80 acres it was on and purchased an adjoining 160 acres. Over the years he added to his holdings purchasing land from the railroad and private individuals and, by 1901, owned 800 acres. Yeend came to the United States in 1870 from his birthplace of Gloucestershire, England with his wife Ellen Surman and their growing family. Of their 16 children, eight died early in life.

Acres in original parcel: 80 **Acres still retained:** 31.8

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Orchard, garden, wheat, cattle, pigs, and chickens; 1988 - Wheat, peas, and barley

Additional information: The James Yeend house, built about 1890, is presently lived in by Darrell Yeend. Today the Centennial Farm land is farmed by Margery Jean Small's cousin, David Carey, who is also a great grandchild of William and Ellen Yeend.

The Waggoner Farm

Walla Walla

Owners: Heirs of Wm. E. Waggoner

Location of Farm: 9 miles northeast of Walla Walla on Middle Waitsburg Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1882 - 1934	Wm. E. Waggoner	Great Grandfather
1934 - 1963	Oscar O. and Arnetta Gerking Waggoner	Grandparents
1963 - Present	Heirs of Wm. E. Waggoner	

In 1882 William E. Waggoner, about 37 years old at the time, homesteaded 80 acres northeast of Walla Walla. He built a house and other buildings and began to farm the land. He purchased an additional 220 acres in 1892. Born in Sullivan, Illinois, Waggoner married Nancy Kennedy and they had four children.

Acres in original parcel: 80 **Acres still retained:** 80

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat; 1988 - Wheat

Additional information: Barley, alfalfa, green peas, and dry peas as well as a variety of livestock and poultry have all been grown on the Waggoner farm. Today, 25 heirs of William E. Waggoner own the farm. Dwight Thomas, one of the great grandchildren, is living on the home place. The 982-acre farm is leased out to Gary Thomas (another great grandchild) of Waitsburg and Alan Gradwahl of Walla Walla.



The Lane Farm

Walla Walla

Owners: Mrs. Dale E. Lane and Elsie Lane Spining
Location of Farm: 7 miles north of Walla Walla on Martin Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1889 - 1946	Cyrus B. Lane	Father-in-law
1946 - 1974	Dale E. Lane	Husband
1946 - Present	Elsie Lane Spining	Sister-in-law
1974 - Present	Mrs. Dale E. Lane	

In 1889 22-year-old Cyrus B. Lane purchased 160 acres from his uncle, George Washington Shaffer, for \$1,293.90. His uncle, a mini-ster, had received title to the parcel in 1880 under the pre-emption law. Lane built a house and outbuildings on the land. Lane had come to the Walla Walla area from Cameron County, Pennsylvania when he was 12 years old. He married Frances Kennedy, and the couple had seven children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat; 1988 - Wheat and barley
Additional information: In later years, in addition to farming, Lane had the "Woods and Lane" automobile agency. Today Mrs. Lane and her sister-in-law Mrs. Elsie Lane Spining of Davenport own 329 acres and lease 474 acres which are operated by Mrs. Lane.

The Cyrus Nelson Farm

Walla Walla

Owners: Gailord G. Nelson, Gailord G. Nelson, Jr., Dale F. Nelson, and Mary Ann Buri
Location of Farm: 6 miles north of Walla Walla on Highway 125

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1877 - 1905	Cyrus Nelson	Great Grandfather
1905 - 1944	Carrie Tabor and George Nelson	Great Aunt, Grandfather
1944 - Present	Gailord G. Nelson	Father
1975 - Present	Mary Ann Buri	Cousin
1975 - Present	Gailord Nelson, Jr., Dale Nelson	

Cyrus Nelson came west to the California gold mines in 1859, then in 1862 on to Oro Fino where he also worked in mining. He spent his winters in Walla Walla and decided to permanently locate there. In 1877, Nelson filed a pre-emption claim on 160 acres on Dry Creek. He proved up in 1878 and received patent December 15, 1879. Nelson later purchased 640 acres from John Sheets with gold from Oro Fino. Nelson was born in Ohio in 1839. He married Julia McInroe in Walla Walla in 1873. They had six children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, alfalfa, orchard, and livestock; 1988 - Wheat, barley, rapeseed, and alfalfa
Additional information: Several of the farm's present owners are also owners of the James E. Berryman Centennial Farm. Today the N.T.N. Ranches, a family corporation including Gailord Nelson, Sr., Gailord Nelson, Jr., and Dale Nelson, operate the 1,200-acre ranch.



The James Berryman Farm

Walla Walla

Owners: Mary Alice Walters, Joe Berryman, Gailord G. Nelson, Dale F. Nelson, Ruth Hartman, Mary Ann Buri and George Michael Nelson

Location of Farm: 11 miles north of Walla Walla on Highway 125

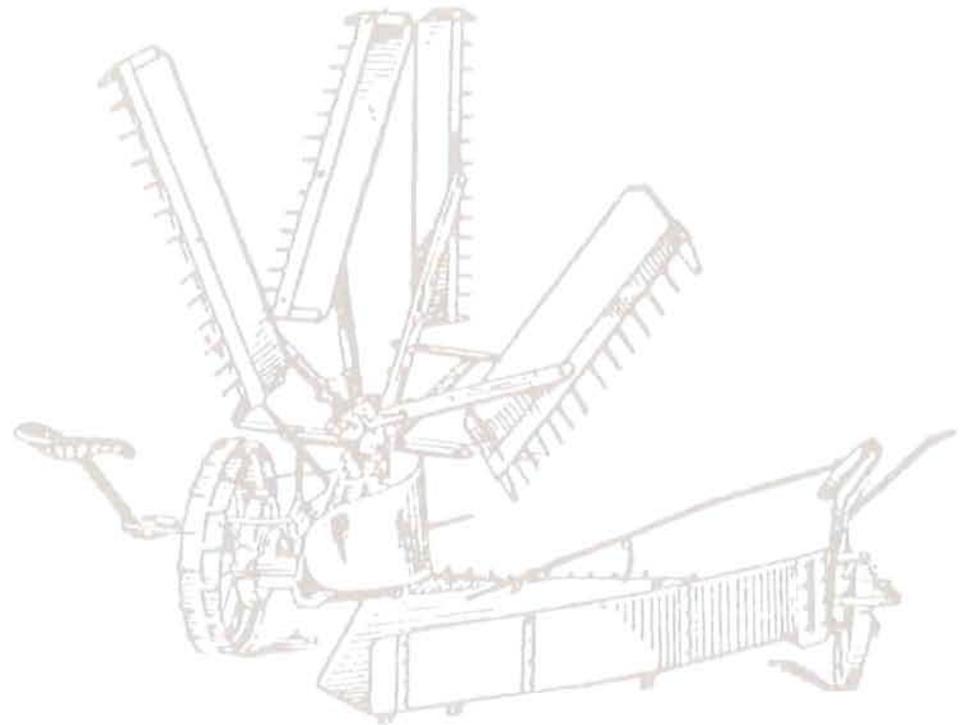
<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1878 - 1904	James E. Berryman	Grandfather
1904 - 1972	James E. Berryman children	Parents, Aunts, Uncles
1968 - Present	Joe Berryman and Gailord Nelson	
1969 - Present	Dale F. Nelson	
1972 - Present	Mary Alice Berryman Walters	
1980 - Present	Ruth Hartman	
1984 - Present	Mary Ann Buri	
1987 - Present	George Michael Nelson	

James E. Berryman joined the rush to California's gold fields in 1854 when he was 18 years old. He followed the mining business in California, then in Australia, and later in Idaho and Montana. Berryman brought his family to Walla Walla in 1869. In 1878 the 42-year-old Berryman turned to agriculture. He acquired 320 acres of land north of Walla Walla under the timber culture and homestead laws and purchased 320 acres of railroad land. He built a house, barn, dug a well and planted trees. He continued to add to his holdings and, by 1901, owned 1,600 acres. Berryman was born in England and married his wife Mary during a trip there in 1863. They had 12 children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, cattle, and horses; 1988 - Wheat,

cattle, rapeseed, and barley

Additional information: Today the farm is owned by James E. Berryman's grandchildren, Joe, Gailord and Mary Alice, granddaughter-in-law Ruth, great grandchildren Dale and Mary Ann and great-great grandson George Michael. NTN Ranches, a family corporation which includes Gailord G. Nelson, Gailord G. Nelson, Jr. and Dale F. Nelson, operates the 5,000-acre farm.





The Saturno/Breen Farm

Walla Walla

Owners: Eugene, Dorothy, Douglas and Karen Breen Saturno

Location of Farm: 3 miles west of Walla Walla on Larch Ave.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1880 - 1919	Pasquale Saturno	Great Grandfather
1919 - 1966	Carmen Saturno	Grandfather
1966 - Present	Eugene (Saturno) and Dorothy Breen	Parents
1966 - Present	Douglas Breen, Karen (Breen) Webber	

Pasquale Saturno arrived in Walla Walla in January 1876 and in 1880, when he was 25-years-old, he purchased 46 acres from Catherine Stahl. His first improvement was building a three-room house. He later built a barn, brick cellar, tank house, summer house, pump house, a large chicken house and, in 1890, a five-bedroom house. Saturno was born in Achia, Italy. He and his wife, Maria, had three children. Saturno was a winemaker as well as a farmer.

Acres in original parcel: 46 **Acres still retained:** 7.8

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Onions, grapes, vegetables, and orchard; 1988 - Fresh market vegetables (onions, radishes, lettuce, and broccoli)

Additional information: Pasquale Saturno was given the name of Frank Breen. His son Carmen was also known as Breen. All of the original buildings remain. The Saturno farm is registered as a historical site and today totals 13 acres.

Kenney Farms, Inc.

Walla Walla

Owners: Barbara Kenney, David Dunkelburg, T. Gail Banks, Barbara Mann, Bridget Blom, Christy Reilly

Location of Farm: 1/2 mile south of Walla Walla on Braden Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1866 - 1896	J.H. Lasater	Great Great Grandfather
1896 - 1949	Harry Lasater	Great Grandfather
1949 - 1971	Thelma Lasater Hahn	Grandmother
1971 - Present	Barbara Kenney	Mother
1977 - Present	David Dunkelburg, T. Gail Banks, Barbara Mann, Bridget Blom and Christy Reilly	

In 1866 J.H. Lasater, age 41, acquired 360 acres from Lt. John Mullan in exchange for five acres of land located at 3rd and Main Streets in Walla Walla. Mullan built Mullan Road which ran from Walla Walla to Fort Benton on the Missouri River. Born in Tennessee, Lasater had come to Washington from Oregon City. He married Emily Scudder Moore and they had six children.

Acres in original parcel: 360 **Acres still retained:** 120

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Alfalfa, hay, oats, wheat, corn, and cattle; 1988 - Green peas, barley, and wheat

Additional information: Fifth and sixth generations of J.H. Lasater reside on the ranch at this time. J.H. Lasater was a lawyer as well as a farmer and was a member of the Oregon and, later, Washington territorial legislatures. Kenney Farms was incorporated in 1977. Today the Centennial Farm land is part of a 1,770-acre operation and has been farmed by H.T. Rea and family since 1904.



Mission Farms

Walla Walla

Owners: Neil and Flora Shelden

Location of Farm: 7 miles west of Walla Walla, adjacent to Whitman Mission Historical Site

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1880 - 1888	Charles Swegle	Great Grandfather
1888 - 1919	Marion Willard (Bill) Swegle	Grandfather
1919 - 1977	May Swegle Shelden Dicus	Mother
1977 - Present	Neil Melvin and Flora Shelden	

In April 1880 Charles Swegle purchased 640 acres from Montraville and Josephine Fisk that was the original Whitman Mission Claim, settled by Marcus Whitman in 1836. Swegle paid the Fisks \$12,916.66 for the 640 acres. In 1885 he purchased the water rights for \$6,000. Swegle improved the land, removing trees and clearing the land for cultivation and irrigation. He was 59 years old when he moved to the Walla Walla area from Oregon's Willamette Valley where he had been wheat grower. Swegle and his wife, Lucinda Robinson, had five children.

Acres in original parcel: 640 **Acres still retained:** 37

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Grain, hay, and cattle; 1988 - Grain, hay, and cattle

Additional information: Today the Sheldens irrigate and farm 84 acres of the same land irrigated and farmed by Marcus Whitman. Whitman was a doctor and Methodist missionary who came with his wife to the Walla Walla Valley in 1836. The Whitmans were among those killed by Indians in 1847. The Swegles deeded seven acres, which included the Whitman

grave site, to the Oregon Pioneer and Historical Society to construct a monument. Whitman Monument was dedicated in 1897. In 1936 Congress created the Whitman Mission National Historic Site as a memorial to Marcus and Narcissa Whitman. Mission Farms is adjacent to the Whitman Mission National Historic Site. A portion of the present home was built in 1872.



The Reser Farm

Walla Walla

Owners: Yancey Reser

Location of Farm: 7 miles west of Walla Walla on Last Chance Road

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1862 - 1884	George Reser	Great Grandfather
1884 - 1935	Willis Reser	Grandfather
1935 - 1958	George Y. Reser	Uncle
1935 - 1982	Howard Reser	Father
1982 - Present	Yancey Reser	

In 1862 George Reser came to Washington Territory by wagon train from Iowa. He settled on 160 acres west of Walla Walla and received title to the land in 1874 under the Homestead Act. Reser built a house and fences and prepared the land for crops. He and his wife, Mary, had four children. Their son Willis purchased the interest of the other three children for \$5,000 when he assumed ownership in 1884.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 155

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Grains, pasture, alfalfa, cattle, and horses; 1988 - Small grains, alfalfa, asparagus, pasture, and cattle

Additional information: A portion of the original house remains in use although it has been remodeled substantially over the years. Today the farm totals 575 acres and is farmed by Yancey Reser and others.

The Hastings Farm

Walla Walla

Owners: Delbert Hastings and Claude Hastings

Location of Farm: 9 miles southwest of Walla Walla

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1887 - 1935	John J. Hastings	Grandfather
1935 - 1952	Vernon Hastings	Father
1952 - 1958	Dale Hastings	Brother
1952 - Present	Delbert and Claude Hastings	

As a young boy, Ohio-born John J. Hastings came west by wagon train with his family. His father homesteaded 160 acres in the Walla Walla Valley. John staked a homestead claim next to his father and worked some of the land before moving on the property in 1886. He and his wife, Cynthia Frizzell, had two sons and a daughter. In addition to farming, Hastings hired out for jobs with his team of horses. One of these jobs was on the building of the Washington penitentiary in the early 1880's.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Alfalfa, wheat, cattle, horses, and vegetables; 1988 - Alfalfa, grain, row crops, cattle, and sheep

Additional information: Early on, John Hastings learned to be a very good hunter and trapper, a skill that helped put food on the table and brought in cash to help support the family. Delbert and Claude Hastings each have a home on the farm. A nephew lives in the original home built in 1891. Claude's son, Vern Hastings, manages the 245-acre family farm.



The Bergevin Farm

Walla Walla

Owners: Claro Bergevin, Mrs. Margaret Bergevin

Location of Farm: 8 miles west of Walla Walla, north and south of Hwy 12

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1865 - 1874	Louis Bergevin	Great Uncle
1874 - 1899	Clement Bergevin	Great Uncle
1874 - 1911	Damase Bergevin	Grandfather
1911 - 1922	Mary Parmela Bergevin	Grandmother
1922 - 1932	Joseph Bergevin	Uncle
1922 - 1978	Clem Bergevin	Father
1932 - 1978	Damase Bergevin	Cousin
1978 - Present	Mrs. Damase (Margaret) Bergevin	Cousin's wife
1978 - Present	Claro E. Bergevin	

Brothers Louis and Joseph Bergevin travelled from Quebec, Canada around Cape Horn to California where they packed supplies to mines and forts. They moved to Frenchtown in the Walla Walla Valley in 1858 and continued their packing business into northern parts of the Washington Territory over the LoLo Trail. Their brothers Damase and Clement travelled overland and joined them in 1864. In 1865, 42-year-old Louis purchased 180.60 acres from Andrew and Anna LeFave for \$17 per acre. When Louis and Joseph moved to Oregon in the early 1870's, Clement took over this farm. In 1874 Louis and his wife Celena died and Clement took in their four children. Clement had acquired 700 acres before he died in 1899. His brother Damase then took over the land. Damase and Mary Parmela Allard had six children.

Acres in original parcel: 180.60 **Acres still retained:** 180.60

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hay, grains, horses, and cattle; 1988 - Wheat, barley, asparagus, onions, pasture, cattle, and horses

Additional information: Bergevin's land was the site of the L. Rocque cabin, built in 1823, and the last uprising of the Indian tribes, the Battle of Walla Walla in 1855. Today the owners' sons, Terry and Tom Bergevin, operate the 2,000-acre farm.





The Lowden/Dodd Farm

Walla Walla

Owners: Lawrence Lowden Dodd

Location of Farm: 1/4 mile west of Lowden on Lowden Rd.

Dates of Ownership	Name	Relationship to Current Owner
1869 - 1895	Francis M. Lowden	Great Grandfather
1895 - 1935	Lowden Company	Great Grandmother, Uncles
1935 - 1962	Mary Irene and J. Paul Dodd	Parents
1962 - 1983	Mary Irene Johnson Dodd Fisher	Mother
1983 - Present	Lawrence Lowden Dodd	

37-year-old Francis M. Lowden purchased his first land in Walla Walla County in 1869, paying Charles and Nancy White \$1,600 for 160 acres at the confluence of Dry Creek and the Walla Walla River. Lowden was in the packing business at the time, conveying freight throughout the region and using the Walla Walla Valley as his winter headquarters. Lowden "made a sackful packing to the mines" and then turned his energies to his farm. Over the years he purchased more land and expanded his farm. Lowden and his wife, Mary Elizabeth Noon, had two sons and a daughter.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 100

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Cereal grains, pasture, hay, and cattle; 1988 - Hay, wheat and barley

Additional information: An 1886 Walla Walla newspaper story reported Lowden's dairy was milking 110 of its 300 Durham cows and "making 300 pounds of gilt-edge butter and 900 pounds of first-class cheese each week." Today the Centennial Farm land is part of a 206-acre operation.

The Lowden Farm

Walla Walla

Owners: Frances M. Lowden Borgens

Location of Farm: 3 miles southwest of Lowden off Borgens Rd.

Dates of Ownership	Name	Relationship to Current Owner
1883 - 1895	Francis Martin Lowden	Grandfather
1895 - 1935	Lowden Company	Grandmother, Father, Uncle
1935 - 1968	Francis M. Jr. and Elsie B. Lowden	Parents
1968 - Present	Frances M. Lowden Borgens	

In April 1883, 51-year-old Francis Lowden paid Amasa P. Woodward \$4,000 for 595 acres, substantially increasing the size of his farm. Lowden had come to the Walla Walla area in the early 1860's, making it winter headquarters for his prosperous packing business. He first purchased land in the area in 1869. Lowden was born in Massachusetts and lived in Weaverville, California before coming to Washington. The Lowdens' three children were born in Washington.

Acres in original parcel: 595 **Acres still retained:** 595

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Alfalfa hay, pasture land, and cattle; 1988 - Wheat, barley, hay, alfalfa seed, and Black Angus cross cattle

Additional information: Lowden served as a county commissioner and was a member of the Territorial Prison Board. The present owner, Frances Lowden Borgens, lives in the house that was given to her parents as a wedding present in 1905. It is built on two acres purchased by her grandfather in 1869. Today Frances' son, Lowden G., operates the 620-acre farm.



The Cummins Farm

Walla Walla

Owners: Melville W. and Marian J. Cummins

Location of Farm: 1/2 mile west of Touchet on Cummins Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1881 - 1909	John M. Cummins	Grandfather
1909 - 1931	Alfred H. Cummins	Father
1931 - 1982	Alfred R. Cummins	Brother
1931 - Present	Melville W. Cummins	

Born in Indiana, John Cummins lived in Iowa, Utah, California and Oregon before settling in Washington Territory. He was 44 years old when he homesteaded 160 acres just west of Touchet in 1881. He built a house and barn and farmed the land. He and his wife, Mima Beatty, had nine children. Their son Alfred was born in Iowa in 1861.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 51

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Fruit, hay, and dairy cows; 1988 - Small grains and alfalfa for seed

Additional information: Today Melville Cummins is retired and leases out the 51-acre family farm. Alfred R. Cummins' widow owns 47 of the original 160 acres.

The Fulgham Farm

Walla Walla

Owners: Robert Fulgham and Richard Fulgham

Location of Farm: 5 miles south of Lowden

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1886 - 1918	Edwin and Harriet Weary	Great Grandparents
1918 - 1955	A.G. and Mina Weary	Grandparents
1955 - Present	Robert and Richard Fulgham	

In 1886, Edwin Weary purchased 120 acres just north of the Oregon border from Francis Laehr for \$950. He was 35 years old at the time and had come to Washington from his native England. Weary built a log cabin and fences and raised hay. He and his wife Harriet had one child.

Acres in original parcel: 120 **Acres still retained:** 120

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Sheep; 1988 - Grain and alfalfa seed

Additional information: The original barn, horse barn, shed and bunk house still stand. Today Robert and Richard Fulgham own 672 acres.



The Thomas Lyons Farm

Walla Walla

Owners: Matthew J. Lyons

Location of Farm: 9 miles northeast of Walla Walla on Highway 12

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1871 - 1914	Thomas Lyons	Grandfather
1914 - 1940	Matthew Lyons	Father
1940 - Present	Matthew J. Lyons	

Thomas Lyons was born in Galway, Ireland in 1834. He immigrated to the United States, settling on 80 acres in the Walla Walla area in 1871. He filed a pre-emption claim on the land and received patent in 1875. Lyons built a house and barn and began to farm the land. He and his wife Anne had nine children. In addition to farming, Lyons did some gold mining in Australia.

Acres in original parcel: 80 **Acres still retained:** 80

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, barley, cattle, and hogs; 1988 - Wheat, barley, and dry peas

Additional information: Today Mr. and Mrs. Matthew J. Lyons, Sr. and their son Matthew, Jr. farm 3,517 acres.

The William McCown Farm

Walla Walla

Owners: Marjorie McCown Lyons and Maxine McCown Hagwell

Location of Farm: 3 miles south of Waitsburg

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1878 - 1879	William McCown	Great Grandfather
1879 - 1944	Frank McCown	Grandfather
1944 - 1978	Malcolm McCown	Father
1978 - Present	Marjorie McCown Lyons and Maxine McCown Hagwell	

In November 1878 William McCown purchased 160 acres from William and Elizabeth Fudge for \$49 per acre. He added a large barn and fences. McCown was born in Kanawha County, West Virginia. He and his wife, Sarah Jane, moved to the Washington Territory from Oregon's Willamette Valley when he was 66 years old. McCown was also a blacksmith.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hogs, cattle, and horses; 1988 - Wheat, barley, hogs, and cattle

Additional information: The original barn is still in use. Today Marjorie and Matthew Lyons along with their son Matthew, Jr. operate the 1,100 plus-acre farm.



The Strahm/Mason Farm Walla Walla

Owners: Edward W. and Betty J. Mason
Location of Farm: 4.5 miles northeast of Dixie on Lewis Peak Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1874 - 1923	Peter J. Strahm	Grandfather
1923 - 1930	Lydia Strahm Bane, Charles E. Strahm	Aunt, Uncle
1930 - 1962	Jennie Strahm Mason	Mother
1962 - Present	Edward W. Mason	

Peter Strahm was 40 years old in 1876 when he received patent for 160 acres he pre-empted northeast of Dixie. Born in Winesburg, Ohio, Strahm came west to Salem, Oregon about 1870 and moved to Dixie two years later and on to his claim. He filed his pre-emption claim at the land office July 1874. He built a house, barn and fences as he improved the land. In addition to farming, Strahm was also a millwright and a carpenter. He and his wife Sarah F. Arthion had eight children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 32
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, barley, corn, hay, horses, and cows; 1988 - Wheat and peas
Additional information: Peter Strahm cut and hauled 40 foot logs from the Lewis Peak Mountains, hewed them by hand and built a 40' x 40' barn and granary. Edward Mason operates the 32-acre farm.

The Leid/Hansen Farm Walla Walla

Owners: James Ellis Hansen
Location of Farm: 11 miles southeast of Waitsburg

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1889 - 1932	Robert William Leid	Grandfather
1932 - 1965	Margaret Leid Hansen	Mother
1965 - Present	James Ellis Hansen	

In 1889, 37-year-old Robert William Leid purchased 160 acres for \$2,500 from William and Laura Semple who had homesteaded the land. Leid cleared land, put in a water system and added out-buildings. In addition to farming, he did custom harvesting. Born in Scotland, Leid married Genevera Dowl and they had three children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, oats, timothy hay, horses, and cattle; 1988 - Wheat, barley, dry peas, and oats
Additional information: The original house, remodeled in 1947, is used today. The house has hand-hewed sills with mortise and tenon joints. Today the Centennial Farm land is part of 420 acres operated by Jim Hansen.



Five Points Farm, Inc.

Walla Walla

Owners: Donald D. Meiners, Anna Ruth Meiners Gwinn, Dorothy Meiners Torretta

Location of Farm: East of Walla Walla on Spring Creek Rd.

Dates of Ownership	Name	Relationship to Current Owner
1884 - 1920	Henry Meiners	Grandfather
1920 - 1966	Evert J. Meiners	Father
1966 - Present	Donald D. Meiners, Anna Ruth Meiners Gwinn, and Dorothy Meiners Torretta	

Henry Meiners and Catharina Pape came to America from Germany in the 1860's. They met in Secor, Illinois and were married in February 1882. In 1884, they came to the Walla Walla Valley, bringing their infant son with them, the first of their six children. The 35-year-old Meiners purchased 120 acres from Noah Davidson for \$30 an acre. Their first home was a sod house. Early improvements included building a home, barn and outbuildings. Henry died in 1910 and the sons helped their mother with the farming. Evert, the fifth child, became the eventual owner.

Acres in original parcel: 120 **Acres still retained:** 120

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Grain, hay, horses, cows, pigs, chickens, geese, and guinea hens; 1988 - Wheat and green peas

Additional information: The home built by Henry and Catharina Meiners in 1902 is now the home of Don Meiners. The original farm has expanded to 1,090 acres and has been operated by Don Meiners since the 1950's. Over 1,600 acres of additional land is leased from others.

The Christian Miller Farm

Walla Walla

Owners: Dean C. Farrens, Greg P. Farrens, and JoAnn S. Farrens

Location of Farm: 10 miles east of Walla Walla on Mill Creek Rd.

Dates of Ownership	Name	Relationship to Current Owner
1888 - 1942	Christian and Grace Miller	Great Grandparents
1942 - 1979	Esther Mary Miller Farrens	Grandmother
1942 - 1984	Hazel Meiners Shields, May Meiners Butherus, Roy Meiners, Elsie Meiners Frazier and Delia Meiners Crumb	Cousins (Great Aunt Sarah's children)
1979 - Present	Dean C., Greg P. and JoAnn S. Farrens	

In 1888, 34-year-old Christian Miller and his 33-year-old wife, Grace, purchased 160 acres from William and Mary Lyle for \$17.50 per acre. They built a house, barn, fences and outbuildings and farmed the land. Prior to moving onto the farm, they lived a few miles west, at Russell Creek, south of Walla Walla. Christian, born in Denmark, and Grace, born in Kansas, had two daughters, Sarah (Sadie) and Esther.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, barley, alfalfa, cows, horses, chickens, and pigs; 1988 - Wheat, dry peas, and barley

Additional information: The original bunkhouse is still standing. The family has always been involved in the Mill Creek community. In 1984, the Farrens purchased their great aunt Sarah's children's share of the farm. Dean C. Farrens, one of the current owners, operates the 350-acre farm.



The Dement Farm

Walla Walla

Owners: William C. Dement, Frank G. and Shirley A. Dement Trust, Kevin W. Dement

Location of Farm: 30 miles north of Walla Walla in Clyde

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1879 - 1947	Frank S. Dement	Great Grandfather
1947 - 1969	Charles and Kathryn Dement	Uncle and Aunt
1947 - 1976	Frank B. Dement	Grandfather
1947 - 1988	Frank G. Dement	Father
1947 - Present	William C. Dement	2nd Cousin
1988 - Present	Frank G. and Shirley Dement Trust	Parents
1978 - Present	Kevin W. Dement	

Acres in original parcel: 5,000 **Acres still retained:** 2,400

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat; 1988 - Wheat

Additional information: Dement's decision to come to Walla Walla was made after a doctor told him that, with his respiratory problem, he should go to "the bunchgrass country" if he wanted to live. When the stock market crashed in 1929, Dement lost all his land except for the present 2,400 acres. Today the farm is operated by Baker Boyer Bank.

Frank S. Dement was born in Canemah, Oregon in 1853, his father, William, having come west with the great wagon train of 1843. William died when Frank was 14 years old and Frank then worked in the local woolen mill and then became an apprentice typesetter. He later served as Clackamas County treasurer and then became owner and editor of the Oregon City Enterprise. In 1877 Frank married Frances Miller and the couple moved to Walla Walla in 1879 where they became the parents of three children. Frank purchased and operated a grocery store in Walla Walla and also bought 5,000 acres in northern Walla Walla County. In 1880, Frank, his brother Fred, father-in-law James Miller and C.P. Church joined to purchase the Eureka Flour Mills which they operated for 35 years under the name of Dement Brothers Company.





The Plucker Farm

Walla Walla

Owners: Robert G. Plucker

Location of Farm: 12 miles north of Touchet on Touchet River Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1874 - 1917	Charles and Katherine Plucker	Grandfather
1917 - 1968	Fritz and Dolphia Plucker	Parents
1968 - Present	Robert and Marian Plucker	

Charles Plucker came from Germany to New York in 1854 at the age of 19 to escape the German wars. In 1856 he enlisted in the U.S. Army coming west as a soldier at Fort Simcoe and Fort Colville. After receiving an honorable discharge in 1862 he came to Walla Walla where he opened a paint and sign shop. In 1874 Plucker purchased 40 acres on the Touchet River from Dr. Dorsey Baker for \$7.50 per acre. (Baker was a physician who at the time was building the railroad between Walla Walla and Wallula.) Plucker cleared the land and built a house and barn. He homesteaded and purchased adjoining land and by 1889 owned 600 acres. Plucker married Katherine Hauer in 1868 and they had five children of whom three lived to adulthood, two sons and a daughter.

Acres in original parcel: 40 **Acres still retained:** 40

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, cattle, pigs, chickens, and milk cows; 1988 - Wheat and barley

Additional information: Boards from the first house line a wall in the basement family room of the present home. Today, the Centennial Farm land is part of 1,800 acres owned and operated by Charles Plucker's grandson Robert. The Pluckers rent an additional 800 acres owned by the estate of Charles and Katherine's son William.

The Struthers Farm

Walla Walla

Owners: George Struthers II

Location of Farm: 1/8 mile east of Eureka

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1883 - 1918	George Struthers, Sr.	Father
1918 - Present	George Struthers II	

In 1883 25-year-old George Struthers purchased 960 acres from the Northern Pacific Railroad for \$10 per acre. He built a house and barn on the property and began to farm the land. A native of Fairbaut, Minnesota, Struthers was a foreman for the C.B. Upton Ranch in Eureka, Washington before acquiring this land. He and his wife, Cynthia, had three children. In addition to farming, Struthers engaged in banking and finance.

Acres in original parcel: 960 **Acres still retained:** 960

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat and barley; 1988 - Wheat and barley

Additional information: Today George Struthers II's great nephew, George Struthers III, operates the 960-acre farm.



The McCulloch Farm

Walla Walla

Owners: Andrew (Jack) McCulloch

Location of Farm: 6 miles east of Clyde on Smith Springs Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1883 - 1935	Andrew J. McCulloch	Grandfather
1935 - 1979	C.L. McCulloch	Father
1979 - Present	Andrew (Jack) McCulloch	

Andrew Jackson McCulloch was born in Iowa in 1850 and married 16-year-old Rebecca Broomfield in 1879. The McCullochs came to Washington in 1883. On April 19, McCulloch filed claims on 320 acres north of Prescott receiving title under the homestead and timber culture laws. McCulloch built a house, barn, granary and shop and purchased additional land to grow wheat. The McCullochs had nine children. C.L. McCulloch took over active management of the farm in 1903 and inherited the land after his parents' death in 1934 and 1935.

Acres in original parcel: 320 **Acres still retained:** 320

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, barley, and cattle; 1988 - Wheat, barley, and cattle

Additional information: The original 320 acres has been added to three times, making a total of 1,600 acres today, which are operated by Andrew (Jack) McCulloch. The present home was built around 1895 and remodeled in 1949 and 1970. A receipt dated January 24, 1885 shows A.J. McCulloch paid \$6.64 in taxes for 1884.

Phillip Hoffmann, Sr. & Sons

Walla Walla

Owners: Phillip Hoffmann & Sons: Phillip Hoffmann Sr., Curtis Hoffmann, Allen Hoffmann

Location of Farm: 28 miles north of Walla Walla on Greenville Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1887 - 1943	John and Theresa Hoffmann	Parents /Grandparents
1943 - Present	Phillip Hoffmann & Sons	

German-born John Hoffmann began farming in the Eureka area in 1881. In 1885 Hoffmann entered into a contract which would give him 200 acres in exchange for 3,400 bushels of first quality wheat plus interest. Before that contract was completed he purchased 120 of the acres from W.S. and W.M. Ladd for \$900. Prior to farming, he had an overland team freight business in the Walla Walla area. Improvements included a 947-foot well drilled in 1894 and still in use and a post office, general store and dance hall built in 1903. Hoffmann and his wife, Theresa Kirchner, had 10 children, seven of whom lived to adulthood.

Acres in original parcel: 120 **Acres still retained:** 120

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat and horses; 1988 - Wheat and barley

Additional information: At the time of his death in 1937, John Hoffmann owned and farmed 6,500 acres at Eureka Flat, 3,000 acres near Lewiston, Idaho and 670 acres near Pullman. Today the Centennial Farm land is part of 2,800 acres owned by Phillip Hoffmann and his sons Curtis and Allen. The farm is operated by the 4th generation of Hoffmanns, Steve, Phillip L. and Greg, who are sons of Curtis and Allen.

The John P. Anderson Farm

Walla Walla

Owners: Corleen Pittman, Doris Jacky, Muriel Jessee, Bettina Reise, Orrin Anderson, Jr. and Bruce Anderson

Location of Farm: 3 miles southeast of Clyde

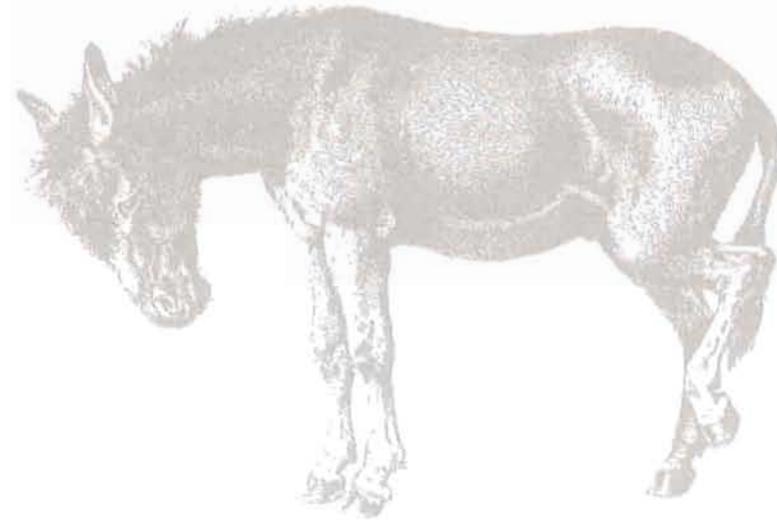
<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1883 - 1927	John P. and Anna Anderson	Great Grandparents
1927 - 1961	O. Melvin and Bessie Anderson	Grandparents
1961 - 1979	Bessie Anderson and Children	Grandmother
1979 - 1984	Orrin M. Anderson	Father
1979 - Present	Corleen Pittman, Doris Jacky and Muriel Jessee	Aunts
1984 - Present	Bettina Reise, Orrin Anderson, Jr. and Bruce Anderson	

John P. Anderson was born in Waluf Forsambling, Sweden in 1853 and immigrated to the United States in 1872. After three years in Illinois he came to the Walla Walla area and worked for others. In 1877, Anderson then settled on land near present day Clyde. He built a house, barn and sheds and dug a well. He filed a homestead application in 1883 and made final proof in 1887. In 1886 he purchased an adjoining quarter section from Charles and Lucinda Swegle for \$1. Anderson continued buying land, from the railroad and other individuals, and eventually acquired 3,000 acres. In 1889, Anderson went back to Chicago and married Anna Gamburg, also a native of Sweden, and brought her to the farm. The Andersons had nine children, two died in childhood.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat and mules; 1988 - Wheat and barley

Additional information: Water was always a high priority. The Andersons hauled water from Smith Springs and the Touchet River. The family still has three 50-gallon drums John Anderson used to buy water. Melvin Anderson operated this farm from 1923 to 1956. His son Orrin was the primary operator from 1956 to 1982. Today the 3,360-acre farm is owned by Orrin's three sisters and his three children. It has been leased to others since 1982. Two of the original sheds and some of the locust trees still stand.





The Tompkins Farm

Walla Walla

Owners: Ronald Tompkins, Beverly Tompkins, Pam Molvar and Cheri McDaniel

Location of Farm: 40 miles north of Walla Walla at Pleasant View

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1889 - 1939	Richard J. Tompkins	Grandfather
1939 - 1963	Veryl Tompkins	Father
1963 - 1986	Tompkins & Sons	
1986 - Present	Tolanco, Inc.	

On August 28, 1889, 27-year-old Richard Tompkins paid \$200 at the Walla Walla Land Office for 80 acres under the Pre-emption Act and signed the warranty deed giving him title to an adjacent 80 acres in consideration for \$1,400 paid to Sadie and C.T. Estes. Tompkins built a house, plowed the sod and seeded wheat. He continued to purchase additional land and by 1905 owned about 2,800 acres. Tompkins was born in Pike County, Missouri and had worked on the family farm before coming west. He worked as a ranch hand near Walla Walla for two years before he acquired his land. In 1898 he married Mattie Hayden. They had two children. Mattie died in 1908 and Tompkins married Daisy Wilson in 1911 and they had three children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat; 1988 - Wheat and barley

Additional information: Today the family corporation, Tolanco, Inc., operates the 2,440-acre farm. Tolanco, Inc. includes Richard Tompkins' grandson Ronald and his wife and daughters.

The Magallon Farm

Walla Walla

Owners: Anna Magallon, Adrienne Statler, Albert C. Statler

Location of Farm: 45 miles northwest of Walla Walla off Lower Monumental Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1882 - 1941	Adrien Magallon	Great Grandfather
1941 - 1970	Marie Magallon	Great Aunt
1941 - 1984	Albert Magallon	Grandfather
1941 - 1986	Lucie Magallon	Great Aunt
1970 - Present	Adrienne Statler	Mother
1984 - Present	Anna Magallon	Grandmother
1986 - Present	Albert C. Statler	

In 1882, 23-year-old Adrien Magallon moved from Los Angeles, California to a 118.9-acre homestead on the Snake River in northern Walla Walla County. He constructed a house, outbuildings and fences and began to raise sheep on his property. Magallon was born in Gap, France and married Eulalia Charrier. They were the parents of six children.

Acres in original parcel: 118.9 **Acres still retained:** 118.9

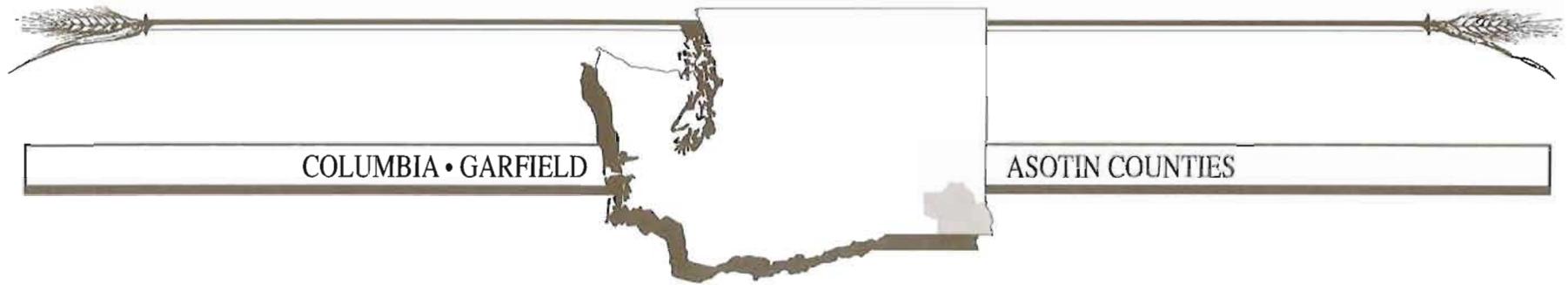
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Sheep; 1988 - Wheat and barley

Additional information: Today the Magallon Farm totals 5,777.3 acres.



Rich Farm, 1902

*O*n most farms, initial improvements included building a house, a barn and other outbuildings, fencing land, planting an orchard and garden, and cultivating the land.



Southeast Washington

As the choicest lands in the Walla Walla River Valley were taken up, settlement pushed east.

Columbia County was created out of Walla Walla County in 1875 and included all of present day Columbia, Garfield and Asotin counties.

In 1880, Washington had 6,529 farms and Columbia County had more farms, 722, than any other county in the territory. These farms averaged 226 acres in size. Columbia County had 7,103 residents that year and was second only to Walla Walla County in population.

The Centennial Farms in this area of the state were settled starting in 1869 and most began with land acquired from the U.S. government. Interestingly these

farms were not usually settled by newcomers to the territory or to the country. More often than not, the founders of these Centennial Farms had come to Washington five to 15 years earlier. Many were the children of earlier pioneers.

Agriculture has always been a mainstay of this region's economy. Over the past 100 years, the number of farms has decreased slightly to under 600 farms, but the average size of the farms has grown to over 1,500 acres. These farms produced more than 8 million bushels of wheat and 3.5 million bushels of barley in 1988.

Centennial Farms make up more than five percent of the farms in southeast Washington. All these farms produce wheat. Almost half also raise livestock.



The Abbey Farm

Columbia

Owners: Joe B. and Elizabeth Abbey

Location of Farm: 4 miles northwest of Waitsburg on Lower Whetstone Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1869 - 1897	Henry J. Abbey	Grandfather
1897 - 1917	Mary Ellen Bruce Abbey	Grandmother
1917 - 1944	Charles Bruce Abbey	Father
1944 - 1968	Elizabeth Shweid	Sister
1944 - 1972	Jennie Kinder Abbey	Mother
1944 - 1985	James Abbey	Brother
1944 - Present	Joseph Bruce Abbey	

In 1869, 34-year-old Henry J. Abbey filed a homestead claim on 160 acres near Waitsburg. He built a house and prepared the valley for farming. He received patent to the land in 1876. Abbey was born in New York and had moved to his homestead from Walla Walla. In addition to farming, Abbey hauled lumber from Wallula to Walla Walla. He and his wife, Mary Ellen Bruce, had eight children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, grass hay, hogs, chickens, cows, and horses; 1988 - Wheat and certified seed

Additional information: Today Joseph Abbey's son Bruce operates the 720-acre farm.

The Neace Farm

Columbia

Owners: Charles Neace Trust

Location of Farm: 5 miles north of Waitsburg on the road to Starbuck

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1872 - 1916	Lewis Neace	Grandfather
1916 - 1963	Charles Neace	Father
1963 - Present	Charles Neace Trust	

Lewis Neace first came to Washington Territory in 1859 and worked on the crew that built the Mullan Road. Neace decided to settle in Washington and was in the cattle business along the Tucannon and Pataha rivers from the early 1860's until 1870. In 1872, 37-year-old Neace purchased 80 acres north of Waitsburg. He cleared the creek bottom and built a house and farm buildings. He added to his ranch, parcel by parcel, by purchasing land from individuals and the railroad. Neace was born in Frankfurt, Germany and came to America when he was 12 years. He married Elizabeth Harrington in 1864. They had nine children. Neace also packed to miners, owned a flour mill outside of Dayton, and was involved in banking.

Acres in original parcel: 80 **Acres still retained:** 80

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, cattle, hay, and hogs; 1988 - Wheat, barley, grass seed, and cattle

Additional information: David McLoughlin, son of pioneer Dr. John McLoughlin, was apparently the first to have a home on this land. The trustees and present beneficiaries of the trust are Charles Neace's children Lewis Neace and Winnifred McCown. Winnifred and husband Joe operated the ranch from 1945 to 1985. Today Charlene Flanigan, great granddaughter of Lewis Neace, and husband Lenny farm the 2,500-acre ranch.



M.L. Neace Trust

Columbia

Owners: Merwin F. Neace, Lawrence T. Neace, Margaret Arrasmith, Maxine Wood

Location of Farm: 9.5 miles northeast of Dayton in the Covello area

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1886 - 1916	Lewis Neace	Great Grandfather
1916 - 1935	Lewis T. Neace	Grandfather
1935 - 1974	Merwin L. Neace	Father
1974 - Present	M.L. Neace Trust	

Lewis Neace first came to Washington Territory in 1859 when he was 25 years old. After a number of years in the cattle business he purchased land and made his home north of Waitsburg. In 1886 the 51-year-old Neace began acquiring land in the Covello area north-east of Dayton, purchasing 160 acres from J.H. Hosler for \$2,600. In 1887 he purchased an adjoining 163 acres from Denise and Richard Owen for \$2,800 and in 1888 an additional 162 acres from Robert and Mary Moton for \$3,700. Initially, Neace rented the Covello land out. Lewis T. Neace was the oldest son of Lewis and Elizabeth Neace's nine children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, barley, hogs, beef, and cattle; 1988 - Wheat and barley

Additional information: Today Merwin F. Neace and his son James operate the 890-acre farm.

The Harris Family Farm

Columbia

Owners: Donald G. Harris

Location of Farm: 4 miles north of Waitsburg

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1880 - 1905	Daniel H. Harris	Grandfather
1905 - 1934	Sarah Harris	Grandmother
1934 - 1943	William Harris	Father
1943 - 1966	Emma Harris	Mother
1966 - Present	Donald Harris	

In 1880, 20-year-old Daniel Harris purchased a 160-acre homestead from Adam Fudge and his wife for \$35 per acre. Harris was born on Long Island, New York and had lived at the fork of the Coppei Stream near Waitsburg before moving onto the farm. Harris married Sarah Prout and had three children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, corn, horses, and cows; 1988 - Wheat

Additional information: The present home is the original house built in 1881 which has been remodeled several times. The 820-acre farm is presently operated by Donald Harris' daughters and their husbands: Bill and Linda Stonecipher and Kevin and Carole Blair.



The Cantonwine/Shaffer Farm Columbia

Owners: Monte and Dorothy Shaffer
Location of Farm: 10 miles north of Waitsburg on Lost Spring Rd.

Dates of Ownership	Name	Relationship to Current Owner
1884 - 1899	George and Mary Cantonwine	Great Great Grandparents
1899 - 1950	Ada Amanda and Charles Shaffer	Grandparents
1950 - 1979	C. Mount and Aletha H. Shaffer	Parents
1979 - Present	Monte G. and Dorothy E. Shaffer	

George and Mary Cantonwine purchased 635.62 acres from the Northern Pacific Railroad in 1884. At the time, George was 63 years old and Mary was 61. George broke some of the ground from sod and established buildings. George and Mary Cantonwine were born in Pennsylvania and Ohio, respectively, and had four children. Their daughter, Amanda Cantonwine Scott, and her husband were killed in an Indian uprising near Baker, Oregon in 1869 leaving the Scott's daughter Ada to be raised by her grandparents.

Acres in original parcel: 635.62 **Acres still retained:** 635.62
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, cattle; 1988 - Wheat, barley
Additional information: In 1866 George Cantonwine built the first hotel in what is now Waitsburg. The 16 x 24 foot log building near the Touchet River had two rooms, a kitchen and a dining room, and a rough sign "Entertainment" hung outside. This hotel later formed part of the Hanaford House. Today, the Centennial Farm land is part of a 16,635-acre farm operated by S Lightning Farms, a partnership of Monte Shaffer and his son Christopher Edward Shaffer.

Top Wave Farms Columbia

Owners: Paul E. Hofer and Glen D. Hofer
Location of Farm: 10 miles north of Prescott on Smith Springs Rd.

Dates of Ownership	Name	Relationship to Current Owner
1881 - 1916	Frederick A. Hofer I	Grandfather
1916 - 1963	Paul S. Hofer I	Father
1963 - Present	Paul E. and Glen Dale Hofer	

Frederick Hofer I was born in Longetha, Switzerland in 1856. At the age of 16 he came to America to seek his fortune, first staying with his cousins in St. Louis. Hearing of land to be homesteaded, he headed west, promising Elizabeth Gilmore, who he had fallen in love with in St. Louis, that he would return for her. He eventually arrived in the Walla Walla Valley in 1880 and staked a claim on land along the Snake River. He filed a 160-acre timber culture claim in 1881, proving up in 1890, and made final proof on a 157.9 acre homestead in 1886. When he was financially able he sent for Elizabeth and they were married. The couple had five children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Grain, horses, cattle, chickens, and pigs; 1988 - Wheat, barley, and grass
Additional information: Through years of hard work, Frederick Hofer I accumulated nearly 3,000 acres which has been passed on through his sons Frederick and Paul and his daughter Waneita. The original homestead land is farmed by Terry and Jim Hofer, sons of Paul E. Hofer, one of the current owners. Today the farm totals 3,600 acres.



The McHargue Farm

Columbia

Owners: Robert D. McHargue

Location of Farm: 8 miles northwest of Dayton

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1883 - 1940	Robert H. McHargue	Grandfather
1940 - 1964	Wayne McHargue	Father
1964 - 1979	Kitty H. McHargue	Mother
1979 - Present	Robert D. McHargue	

29-year-old Robert McHargue purchased his first land in June 1883. He purchased 160 acres for almost \$12 per acre and an additional 160 acres in 1885 from two brothers, W.G. and R.A. Preston. McHargue's family had been early pioneers. His father, James McHargue, had crossed the plains to Oregon in 1847 and took up a donation land claim in Linn County where Robert was born in 1854. Before purchasing land in Columbia County, Robert spent nine years engaged in stock-raising with his father in Whitman County. He was married to Nannie E. Wright in 1882, and the couple had four daughters and two sons.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Grain, cattle, and livestock; 1988 - Grain, cattle, and hogs

Additional information: Robert McHargue was a member of the school board and also a county commissioner. Today the 520-acre farm is operated by Robert D. McHargue.

The Winnett Farm

Columbia

Owners: L. Wallace Winnett

Location of Farm: 5 miles southeast of Waitsburg off Hogeye Rd. on Whiskey Creek Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1874 - 1938	Lewis Winnett	Grandfather
1938 - 1959	Lewie Winnett	Father
1959 - Present	Wallace Winnett	

In 1874 Lewis Winnett, age 24, made final proof and paid \$400 on his 160-acre pre-emption. The land was just one mile southwest of where his father Thomas Winnett had settled. The Winnett family had come west from Mahaska County, Iowa in 1861 when Lewis, the youngest of five boys, was 11 years old. His older brothers also acquired land in the area. Lewis Winnett married Eliza Atchinson, and they had seven children--two girls and five boys.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Corn, feed for stock, horses, and cattle; 1988 - Soft white wheat, alfalfa, and sheep

Additional information: Today the Centennial Farm land is part of a 217-acre operation managed by Wallace Winnett.



The Price/Bowman Farm

Columbia

Owners: John A. Bowman

Location of Farm: 8 miles southeast of Dayton on Bundy Hollow Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1885 - 1908	John D. Price	Great Uncle
1908 - 1915	Harvey L. Price	Cousin
1915 - 1924	Martha "Nettie" Price	Aunt
1917 - 1952	Susie Price Bowman	Mother
1952 - 1961	Wesley Bowman	Father
1952 - Present	John A. Bowman	

This Centennial Farm land first came into the Price family in 1885 when 36-year-old John D. Price purchased 160 acres in Bundy Hollow from John and Laura Turner for \$6,000. Price filed a timber culture claim on an adjacent 40 acres in 1886, making final proof in 1898. Price and his wife Samantha passed the land to their son 32-year-old Harvey in 1908. John Price was a younger brother of Alexander Price who had crossed the plains to Oregon in 1864 and came to Columbia County in 1870. John's son Harvey sold this land to Alexander's daughter Martha (Nettie) in 1915.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 140

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, barley, and cattle; 1988 - Wheat and grass seed

Additional information: Today the Price/Bowman farm totals 620 acres and includes land acquired by Alexander Price in 1891. Price at one time owned 5,000 acres. The current owner, John Bowman, was adopted by his cousin Susan Bowman and her husband Wesley after his mother died. The farm has been leased to Alvin and Inez Richter for the past 20 years.

The Sterns Farm

Columbia

Owners: Donald J. Stearns

Location of Farm: 7 miles southeast of Dayton

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1882 - 1925	James Sterns	Grandfather
1925 - 1975	Everett Stearns	Father
1975 - Present	Donald J. Stearns	

James Sterns was 26 years old when he received Certificate #1306 for 162.67 acres he had pre-empted in Columbia County. He then homesteaded a neighboring 160-acre parcel and was issued patent, Homestead Certificate #1710, on October 23, 1889. Sterns was born in Ohio and lived in Oregon prior to moving onto this farm. In addition to farming, Sterns also did some logging and woodcutting. James and Lydia Ann Sterns had seven children.

Acres in original parcel: 162.67 **Acres still retained:** 162.67

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, oats, cows, and horses; 1988 - Wheat, oats, barley, and cows

Additional information: Today Donald J. Stearns owns and operates the 654-acre farm.



The Nowles Farm

Columbia

Owners: Norma L. Dodge Nowles

Location of Farm: South of Dayton on Jasper Mountain

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1872 - 1908	Lorenzo Spackman	Great Grandfather
1908 - 1939	Mary Spackman Ream	Grandmother
1939 - 1965	Beulah Badgley Sullivan	Aunt
1965 - Present	Norma Dodge Nowles	

Born in Canada, 27-year-old Lorenzo Spackman moved from Dayton, Washington, in 1872 to pre-empt 160 acres in the Jasper Mountain area. He built a house and barn and began to farm the land. He added 80 acres in 1882 under the homestead law and acquired an adjoining 160 acres from the federal government in 1888. Spackman and his wife, Docia Viola Pettyjohn, were the parents of three children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat; 1988 - Wheat

Additional information: Norma Nowles owns a half-interest in the present farm which now consists of 780 acres. The farm is currently operated by Randy James.

Rainwater Ranch

Columbia

Owners: Rainwater Ranch

Location of Farm: South of Dayton on Robinette Mountain Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1874 - 1907	Jacob Rainwater	Grandfather
1907 - 1938	Nellie Rainwater	Grandmother
1938 - 1950	Harry Rainwater	Uncle
1938 - 1972	Lloyd Rainwater	Father
1972 - Present	Rainwater Ranch	

Jacob Rainwater, a native of Tennessee, first crossed the plains with an ox team in 1864. He returned to Missouri in 1869 only to come west again in 1874. Rainwater followed his brother John to Columbia County and settled on land there. Although his homestead claim was challenged by the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, Rainwater prevailed and received patent in 1888. Rainwater and his first wife, Lucinda Williamson, were the parents of eight children. He married Nellie Pintler in 1884. They had ten children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Field crops, cattle, and horses; 1988 - Cattle, wheat and hay

Additional information: Jacob Rainwater was the first in the area to raise field peas and also experimented with tobacco and peanuts. Today Rainwater Ranch is owned by Lloyd Rainwater's four sons: Lloyd Jr., Ray, Dayle, and Dean Rainwater, and the estate of his daughter Frances Rainwater Spoonemore. Dayle Rainwater currently operates the homestead land which is now in pasture and part of the 8000-acre ranch.



Ingram Farms

Columbia

Owners: W. Johns Ingram, Richard H. Ingram and Richard H. Ingram, Jr.

Location of Farm: 2 miles east of Dayton on Patit Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1874 - 1917	James Henry Ingram	Great Grandfather
1917 - 1947	Walter B. Ingram	Grandfather
1947 - Present	W. Johns and Richard H. Ingram	Uncle, Father
1976 - Present	Richard H. Ingram, Jr.	

In December 1874, James Henry Ingram purchased 80 acres from John and Tabitha Martin. A native of Tennessee, Ingram married the Martin's daughter Tabitha and the couple had five children.

Acres in original parcel: 80 **Acres still retained:** 80

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Corn, wheat, and hogs; 1988 - Wheat, barley, and peas

Additional information: Two original small buildings are still standing.

The original house, built in 1875, was razed in 1959 following construction of the present home. Richard Ingram, Jr. is the fifth generation of Ingrams to farm this land. Today the farm totals 2,200 acres and is operated by Johns Ingram and his nephew Richard Ingram, Jr.

The Van Patten Farm

Columbia

Owners: John C. Van Patten

Location of Farm: 1 mile east of Dayton on Eckler Mountain Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1880 - 1911	Rev. John C. and Rachel McCoy Van Patten	Grandparents
1911 - 1940	Ezra L. and Ethel A. Van Patten	Parents
1940 - Present	John C. and late Annie R. Van Patten	

Rev. John C. Van Patten and his wife Rachel purchased two 160-acre homesteads in August 1880 for \$600. One parcel had been homesteaded by Franklin G. Frary, the other by Edwin R. Hukill. The Van Pattens had four sons and one daughter and had lived in Illinois before moving onto the farm. Van Patten was a minister in the Presbyterian Church. Most of the farming was done by his sons.

Acres in original parcel: 320 **Acres still retained:** 320

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, barley, corn, pasture, and horses; 1988 - Wheat, oats, and dry peas

Additional information: It is said that Ezra Van Patten paid Indians to shuck the corn grown on the ranch. The women did the work and the men sat around in a circle and collected one dollar each. The Van Pattens were one of the first to own a hillside combine, a 12-foot Rumley, purchased in 1921 for \$2,200. Van Patten's first car was a 1-cylinder Oldsmobile purchased in 1904. In 1918 they bought a 32-volt generator for use in the home and on the farm. The original home is still in use. Today the farm totals 470 acres and is operated Thorn, Inc., friends of John C. Van Patten.



The Blessinger Farm

Columbia

Owners: Fred C. Blessinger

Location of Farm: 6 miles east of Dayton on Johnson Hollow Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1881 - 1914	John Blessinger	Grandfather
1914 - 1936	Harriet E. Blessinger	Grandmother
1936 - 1977	Fred L. Blessinger	Father
1977 - Present	Fred C. Blessinger	

In January 1881 43-year-old John Blessinger filed a declaratory statement on 160 acres at the head of Johnson Hollow and two years later paid \$1.25 an acre for his pre-emption claim. Blessinger built a three-room house with a loft and porch, a barn, and hog sheds. Blessinger was born in Pennsylvania and lived on the Whetstone River before moving on to his pre-emption. He married Harriet C. Byrd. The couple had seven children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Small grains, cattle, and hogs; 1988 - Small grains

Additional information: The main highway to Lewiston went by the house in the early days. Fred Blessinger remembers his grandfather John W. as a "wizard" at curing pork which he sold to freighters, miners and Dayton stores. Today the farm totals 1,007 acres and is operated by Fred C. Blessinger's son, Bill.

Donohue Farms, Inc.

Columbia

Owners: Janis Donohue Nysoe, Hubert and Evelyn Donohue, Patrick and Lavonda Donohue, Dwyla C. Donohue, Sharon Donohue Smith

Location of Farm: 15 miles east of Dayton

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1872 - 1904	Ira E. Hopkins	Great Grandfather
1904 - 1924	Ernest Hopkins	Grandfather
1924 - 1984	Dewey and Marguerite Hopkins Donohue	Parents
1984 - Present	Janis Nysoe, Hubert and Evelyn Donohue, Dwyla Donohue, Patrick F. and Lavonda Donohue, Sharon Smith	

In 1872 45-year-old Ira E. Hopkins settled on 160 acres near the Tucannon River and received his homestead patent to the land in 1880. Early improvements included a house and barn. Hopkins was born in Cayuga County, New York and lived in Storey County, Iowa before settling on this land. He and his wife, Lovisa Barden, had eight children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Mules, horses, cattle, and hogs; 1988 - Wheat, barley, peas, hay, timber, apples, cattle, and horses

Additional information: In addition to farming, Hopkins had a cooper shop and produced such items as buckets, barrels, tubs and churns. Today Donohue Farms, Inc., a family corporation, consists of approximately 10,000 acres.



Rockhill Ranch

Columbia

Owners: Rockhill Ranch Estate

Location of Farm: 11 miles northeast of Dayton on Highway 126

Dates of Ownership	Name	Relationship to Current Owner
1871 - 1877	James Cunningham Taylor	Great Grandfather
1877 - 1892	Elizabeth Jane Taylor	Great Grandmother
1892 - 1938	Mabel L. Rockhill and Estate	Grandmother
1938 - 1944	Mabel Rockhill Estate	
1944 - 1963	John Rockhill	Uncle
1963 - 1971	Daisy Fleming	Mother
1971 - Present	Roberta L. Miller	

James Cunningham Taylor and his 56-year-old wife Elizabeth Jane homesteaded 160 acres in 1871. James died in 1877. It was another 12 years before Elizabeth was granted a patent for the homestead in 1889. The Taylors had lived in Iowa prior to moving onto the farm and had eight children. The first homestead improvements included building a log cabin, a log barn and outbuildings. Elizabeth sold the land to her daughter Mabel in 1892.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Grain, cattle, horses; 1988 - Grain

Additional information: At the age of 16, Mabel Taylor Rockhill planted a walnut tree which is still partially standing. The original root cellar still exists. Today the farm includes 320 acres and is operated by Jeff Turner. It is owned by the descendents of Daisy Fleming and her sister Mabel including Roberta L. Miller, Mabel Dunn, Ardys Fleming, Nadine Dysart, John Cecil, Jean Moretz, Blaine Ray and Lynn Ray.

Hinchliff & Sons, Inc.

Columbia

Owners: Hinchliff & Sons, Inc.

Location of Farm: 15 miles northeast of Dayton, off Highway 126

Dates of Ownership	Name	Relationship to Current Owner
1872 - 1917	Captain James Anderson	Great Grandfather
1917 - 1975	Thompson Hinchliff	Grandfather
1975 - 1976	Wilber Hinchliff	Father
1976 - Present	Wilber Hinchliff and Sons	

James Anderson was a 21-year-old Civil War veteran when he was captain of a wagon train that came west in 1866. In 1872 he settled in Columbia County. He filed a homestead claim in 1873 and a timber culture claim in 1881. The farm eventually consisted of 500 acres of farmland and 300 acres of pasture. Anderson built a new home and barns and farmed the land. Anderson was born in Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania and lived there until he came west. He married Martha Ann McVay. They were the parents of nine children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Horses and cows; 1988 - Wheat, barley, and a few cattle

Additional information: James Anderson farmed the land until his death when his daughter Myrtle and her husband Thompson Hinchliff took the farm over. Today the farm totals 2,200 acres and is operated by the great grandson of Captain James Anderson, John Hinchliff.



The Willis Thronson Farm Columbia

Owners: Jean Thompson Nelson, Linda Thompson Eslick, Donald E. Thompson, Michele Thompson, Carolyn Nelson Nettleton and Mike Nelson
Location of Farm: 12 miles east of Dayton on Highway 126

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1881 - 1898	Willis Thronson	Great-Great Uncle
1898 - 1900	Dora, Etta and Agnes Thronson, Julia Riggs	Great Aunts
1900 - 1937	Thronson Land & Livestock	Great Aunts and Uncles
1937 - 1955	Carlos Thronson	Uncle
1955 - 1977	Nelle Low Thronson	Aunt
1977 - Present	Jean and Mike Nelson, Linda Eslick, Don and Michele Thompson, Carolyn Nettleton	

In 1881, 56-year-old Willis Thronson filed a timber culture claim on 80 acres and a homestead application for the other 80 acres of a northeast quarter section in Columbia County. He built a house and barn and made final proof on the homestead acres in 1887 and on the timber culture in 1890. Thronson was a native of Norway and had lived in California prior to coming to Washington Territory. In addition to farming, he had been a miner and raised sheep. Willis and Anna Thronson had four children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat and cattle; 1988 - Wheat, barley, rapeseed, and cattle
Additional information: Today NTN Ranches operates the 4000-acre farm.

Turner Farms Columbia

Owners: Turner Bros. & Sons
Location of Farm: 10 miles northeast of Dayton at Turner

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1884 - 1934	B.M. Turner	3rd and 4th Cousin
1934 - 1959	Golda, Tom and Lloyd Turner	Aunt and Uncles
1934 - 1960	Arthur and Ada Turner	Parents/Grandparents
1960 - Present	James and Lawrence Turner et al	

In January 1884 B.M. Turner purchased approximately 400 acres from Berry and Annaliza Evans for \$42.85 per acre. Turner was born in Virginia and was 30 years old when he acquired the land. In addition to farming, Turner raised show horses. He was married twice, but had no children. His wives were Samira and Anna. The land was willed to the heirs.

Acres in original parcel: 400 **Acres still retained:** 140
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Corn, wheat, barley, and horses; 1988 - Wheat, barley, peas, and lentils
Additional information: Today Turner Bros. & Sons operate the 1,500-acre farm.



The Shawley Family Limited Partnership

Garfield

Owners: C. James Shawley and Maxine B. Shawley
Location of Farm: 5.5 miles south of Pomeroy on Highway 128

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1873 - 1886	William F. Shawley	Great Grandfather
1886 - 1945	James and Susan Shawley	Grandparents
1945 - Present	Charles and Maxine Shawley	Parents
1981 - Present	C. James and Lynn Shawley	

Kentucky-born William Shawley was a widower with five children after his wife Sophia Anderson and their youngest son Francis died in 1862. In 1865 he married Evelyn Reynolds and moved his family west over the Oregon Trail. The Shawleys added two daughters to their family before Evelyn died. Shawley was 48 years old when he moved to Washington Territory and filed a claim on 160 acres in 1873. He broke out the farm ground, built a house and barn and received patent to the land in 1878. Shawley's oldest son James bought his father's land in 1886.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat; 1988 - Wheat, barley, and bluegrass
Additional information: Today the farm totals 320 acres and is operated by C. James and Lynn Shawley who live in the original home. They also farm an additional 566 acres.

The Travis Farm

Garfield

Owners: Wilbur H. Travis
Location of Farm: 15 miles south of Pomeroy on Highway 128

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1876 - 1879	John B. Travis	Grandfather
1879 - 1922	Margerite Travis	Grandmother
1922 - 1938	John E. Travis	Father
1938 - Present	Wilbur H. Travis	

A veteran of the Civil War, Ohio-born John B. Travis was 53 years old when he was master of a wagon train that brought his family west from Missouri. They arrived in Walla Walla in time for the men to work in harvest. Travis and his wife Margerite Andrews and their three children then moved to the Peola area and he filed a claim on 160 acres. The land consisted of 30 acres of open land and 130 acres of pine timber. Travis located a steam-powered sawmill on the place in 1877. Travis was deputy constable for the area and, in 1879, while attending hearings before the trial for a murder he had witnessed, he contracted pneumonia and soon died. His widow proved up on the homestead with the help of their son John.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Grain; 1988 - Wheat, barley, and cattle
Additional information: The Travis' son John left the homestead in 1884 when his mother married Hans Anderson. John later farmed in southwest Oregon and inherited the homestead when his mother died. In 1979, Wilbur Travis sold some pine trees from the homestead as surplus timber and gave the proceeds to the Pomeroy Methodist Church in his grandfather's memory. Today the 2100-acre farm is operated by Max Scoggin.



The Scoggin Farm

Garfield

Owners: Everett and Janet Scoggin

Location of Farm: 12 miles south of Pomeroy on Linville Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1877 - 1913	Thomas Scoggin	Grandfather
1913 - 1955	Orton Scoggin	Father
1955 - Present	Everett Scoggin	

At the age of 35, Illinois-born Thomas Scoggin settled on 160 acres south of Pomeroy. Improvements made by Scoggin included a log cabin, hog house, barn and rail fences. The present barn was built in 1898 by Scoggin and his son Orton. Thomas and his wife, Sarah, had five children--three boys and two girls. Scoggin farmed in Illinois before homesteading in Washington in 1877.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 120

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Potatoes, wheat, hay, cattle, hogs, and chickens; 1988 - Wheat, barley, peas, cattle, hogs, and chickens

Additional information: Other members of the Scoggin family came west at the same time as Thomas. The women and children stayed in The Dalles while the men chose land to settle on in Garfield County. Orton Scoggin raised and sold potatoes and was known in Garfield County as the "Potato King." Everett and Janet's son Max Scoggin now operates the 240-acre farm.

L & M Ranch, Inc.

Garfield

Owners: Marie Geiger, Kathryn Geiger Morse, Dwyla Geiger Fruh, David Geiger, Richard Geiger

Location of Farm: 3 miles southwest of Pomeroy on Geiger Gulch Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1877 - 1908	Frank and Elizabeth Geiger	Great Grandparents
1908 - 1941	William and Clara Geiger	Grandparents
1941 - 1977	Lester and Marie Geiger	Parents
1977 - Present	L & M Ranch, Inc.	

In 1886, Frank Geiger, age 54, was granted a patent for 160 acres on Dutch Flat under the Pre-emption Act. Born in Werhenburg, Germany, Geiger lived in Minnesota prior to moving onto this land in 1877. He built a cabin and farmed the land and also worked for J. Pomeroy on Pomeroy's farm. He and his wife, Elizabeth Smal, had six children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 101.40

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat; 1988 - Wheat and barley

Additional information: When J. Pomeroy quit farming, he gave his grain cradle to Geiger. It was used and handed down through the Geiger family and has been donated to the Garfield County Museum. Today the farm totals 3,584 acres and is farmed by members of the family.



The Shelton Farm

Garfield

Owners: Kenneth Shelton, Phillip Shelton, Judy Morfield

Location of Farm: 5 miles northwest of Pomeroy

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1885 - 1911	John Oliver	Grandfather
1911 - 1946	Ida Mae Oliver	Grandmother
1946 - 1947	Floyed Oliver and Gladys Oliver Shelton	Uncle and Mother
1947 - 1976	H.C. and Gladys Shelton	Parents
1976 - Present	Kenneth and Phillip Shelton and Judy Morfield	

30-year-old John Oliver purchased 158 acres from a Mr. Kausche in 1885 for the sum of \$1,500 in gold coins. Born in Missouri, Oliver was living in the Pomeroy area, where his brothers farmed, prior to moving onto his land. Original improvements included construction of a house, barn and other small farm buildings. He and his wife, Ida Mae Lane, had five children.

Acres in original parcel: 158 **Acres still retained:** 158

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, barley, and oats; 1988 - Wheat and barley

Additional information: The only original structure remaining is an old rock cellar. Today the 158-acre farm is operated by Charles Kausche and his son Randy.

The Kimble Farm

Garfield

Owners: Virgil Kimble, Stella McFalls, Hazel Colyar, Rodney Kimble, Helen Kimble

Location of Farm: 6 miles south of Dodge Junction at Oliphant and Jackson Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1882 - 1922	John Garrett Kimble	Grandfather
1922 - 1962	Jacob Cooper Kimble	Father
1962 - Present	Edna and Jacob Kimble Heirs	

The grass was "belly high to a horse" when 47-year-old John Garrett Kimble came on the land where he and his family settled in 1882. A Civil War veteran and widower, Kimble first came to Washington in 1879, leaving his four children behind in Iowa with Minerva Grover. After two years homesteading near Dayton he returned to Iowa, married Minerva, and brought his family to settle in Garfield County. Kimble broke up the sod, dug a well, and built a house, a barn and a smokehouse. He later filed a timber claim. Born in Pennsylvania, Kimble was not only a farmer, but a blacksmith and carpenter as well. He and Minerva had six children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, barley, horses, and cattle; 1988 - Wheat, barley, cattle, and pigs

Additional information: The old barn, torn down in 1976, revealed hewed timbers held by wooden pegs. The 1,367-acre farm is currently operated by Virgil Kimble's son Larry.



The Hastings Farm

Garfield

Owners: Richard D. Hastings
Location of Farm: Central Ferry

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1886 - 1901	Ephriam D. Hastings	Great-Great Uncle
1901 - 1951	William M. Hastings	Grandfather
1951 - 1979	Fred and Eula Hastings	Uncle and Aunt
1979 - Present	Eula Hastings	Aunt
1979 - Present	Richard D. Hastings	

Ephriam D. Hastings came west with his family in 1862 when he was eight years old. His father Jacob homesteaded land in 1872 near the Snake River and, in 1886, 32-year-old Ephriam filed a pre-emption claim on 160 acres in the same area. His first improvements included putting up fencing for his livestock. Hastings was born in Davis County, Iowa and married Nancy Hudson. The couple had six children. Hastings was also a music teacher and storekeeper. He was married a second time in 1908 to Alice Rhuark.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Cattle and hogs; 1988 - Wheat, barley, and cattle

Additional information: The 2,970-acre farm is currently operated by Richard D. Hastings.

The Blachly Farm

Garfield

Owners: A.E. Blachly
Location of Farm: 20 miles northeast of Pomeroy on Mayview-Kirby Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1878 - 1937	Sealy Blachly	Grandfather
1937 - 1948	Chancy S. Blachly	Father
1948 - Present	A.E. Blachly	

Sealy Blachly was born in Indiana and came west with his family in 1869. In 1878, when he was 22 years old, Sealy and his brother, Sylvanus, came to Washington by horseback from Eugene, Oregon and laid claim to adjoining parcels. The two bachelors lived in the same cabin which straddled the property line while the five-year homestead period was in effect. Patent was granted by the U.S. government in 1884. Sealy built a house, barn, garage, shop, hog house and chicken house on adjoining land which he acquired in December 1883. He married Hulda Hannan in 1884 and they had three children. In addition to farming his land, Sealy did custom grain rolling.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat and barley; 1988 - Wheat, barley, brome grass seed, and cattle

Additional information: Sylvanus's property was out of the family for several years, but has been back in A.E. Blachly's name for 40 years. Today A.E. Blachly and his two sons, Lee and Guy, operate the 7,000-acre family farm.



The Wilson/Kimble Farm

Garfield

Owners: Stella Kimble, Erich Kimble, Doyle Kimble, Ilene Bushnell
Location of Farm: 16 miles north of Pomeroy on the Kirby-Mayview Rd.

Dates of Ownership	Name	Relationship to Current Owner
1879 - 1895	Harry Wilson	Great Grandfather
1895 - 1952	George Wilson	Grandfather
1952 - 1967	George Wilson Estate	
1967 - 1987	Jim and Stella Kimble	Parents
1987 - Present	Stella Kimble	Mother
1987 - Present	Erich and Doyle Kimble and Ilene Bushnell	

In 1879, Harry and Maria Drake Wilson and their 2-year-old son George moved from Dayton, Washington and settled on 160 acres in the Mayview area. On January 10, 1885, Harry Wilson was granted a homestead patent to the land. Wilson later gave an acre of land to build a school which was named Wilson School and young George attended this school named for his father. Both Harry and Maria Wilson were born in England. Harry, who farmed in England, immigrated to America in 1871 when he was 30 years old coming west to Washington right away. George Wilson began farming as a young man and added adjacent land to the farm.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Grains, livestock; 1988 - Wheat, barley, and cattle
Additional information: Today Stella Kimble and her children's 304 acres are farmed by Stella's nephews Rick, Dan and Brian Slaybaugh.

The Stallcop Farm

Garfield

Owners: Don E. Stallcop
Location of Farm: 9 miles east and 3 miles north of Pomeroy

Dates of Ownership	Name	Relationship to Current Owner
1878 - 1937	George Stallcop	Grandfather
1937 - 1949	Harley B. Stallcop	Father
1949 - Present	Don E. Stallcop	

In 1878, 27-year-old George Stallcop filed a pre-emption claim on 160 acres and a timber culture claim on 40 acres in what was then Columbia County. He also homesteaded an adjacent 160 acres, receiving his patent in 1883, and purchased additional land from Sidney Scott in April 1888. Stallcop's initial improvements included building a home and barn and plowing 40 acres. George Stallcop added the final acreage to the farm by purchasing 40 acres from Rebecca Stallcop Briles in 1890. Stallcop was born in Clinton County, Indiana and came west with his family in 1864. They settled in Walla Walla in 1870 and Stallcop began eight years of freighting to the mines with his brother. Other Stallcops homesteaded adjacent land. Stallcop was married to Sarah Edwards and they had three children--Guy, Harley and Lulu.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, barley, cattle, and hogs; 1988 - Wheat, barley, and grass seed
Additional information: Today the Centennial Farm land is part of 560 acres operated by Don Stallcop's son, Wynn.



The Fitzsimmons Farm

Garfield

Owners: C.W. Fitzsimmons Estate

Location of Farm: 10 miles east of Pomeroy on the Pomeroy - Lewiston Highway

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, horses, cattle, hogs, and chickens; 1988 - Wheat and barley

Additional information: Today Wesley Fitzsimmons and his son Wayne operate the 1,200-acre farm.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1879 - 1943	C.W. and Martha J. Fitzsimmons	Grandparents
1943 - (1976)	C. Bert, Stanley, Marcus M., Gertrude, Ernest and Hattie Fitzsimmons and Martha Fitzsimmons Bartlow	Parents
(1969)- Present	Fitzsimmons Heirs: Wesley, Marston, Marcus, Clark, Charles, and Richard Fitzsimmons; Janice Dorman, Ellsworth Bartlow, Lucille Meissner, Marguarite Green	

C.W. Fitzsimmons was 29 years old when he filed a claim on 160 acres in Garfield County in 1879. Born in Mahaska County, Iowa, Fitzsimmons came to Walla Walla in 1872 and worked as a general laborer there before moving onto his claim. Fitzsimmons acquired additional land by timber culture, pre-emption and purchase. He married Martha McGuire in 1875 and they had seven children. Fitzsimmons died in 1938. On Martha's death in 1945 the farm passed in equal shares to their children. It has since been passed on through the estate to C.W. and Martha Fitzsimmons' seven grandchildren and three of their great grandchildren.





The Crumpacker Family Farm

Garfield

Owners: John A. Crumpacker Heirs
Location of Farm: 7 miles northeast of Pomeroy

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1879 - 1907	David Crumpacker	Great Grandfather
1907 - 1948	John A. Crumpacker	Grandfather
1948 - 1972	Della Crumpacker Chard and Doris Crumpacker Becker	Aunts/Mother
1948 - 1977	David R. Crumpacker	Father/Uncle
1948 - Present	Alfreda Crumpacker Richardson	Aunt
1972 - Present	James and Ron Jr. Chard; Barbara J. Burt, John D. and Thomas T. Becker	(children of Della and Doris)
1977 - Present	Robert D. Crumpacker and Carol Crumpacker Wildman	(children of David R.)

David Crumpacker was eight years old when his recently widowed mother packed up the family and travelled the Oregon Trail to Washington Territory. After four years in Walla Walla the family moved to the Pataha region and set up a blacksmith shop and horse changing station to service the stagecoach line between Walla Walla and Lewiston. When he was 23 years old, Crumpacker filed a claim on 160 acres. He developed a spring and built a house and outbuildings on the land. He and his wife, Margaret Elizabeth Tewalt, had four children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat; 1988 - Wheat, barley, and

bluegrass
Additional information: Each of John Crumpacker's children inherited an undivided one-fourth interest in the ranch. Alfreda Richardson is the only living member of the third generation owners. Today the Centennial Farm land is part of 2,314 acres and is operated by John and Margaret Becker and Carol and Gordon Wildman.



The Thomas Ruark Farm

Garfield

Owners: David and Nancy Ruark

Location of Farm: 16 miles northeast of Pomeroy, north of Malone Hill Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1887 - 1905	Thomas and Mary Ruark	Great-Great Grandparents
1905 - 1906	Charles and Rosa Ruark	Great Uncle and Aunt
1906 - 1939	Ira and Elizabeth Ruark	Great Grandparents
1939 - 1975	Itha Ruark Davis Buchet	Great Aunt
1975 - 1984	Davis D Corporation	2nd and 3rd Cousins
1984 - Present	David and Nancy Ruark	

In May 1862, 29-year-old Thomas Ruark and his young family left Iowa with 20 other ox team outfits, and five months later arrived at Vancouver, Washington. He settled on a homestead in Clark County for eight years and then came to Walla Walla County where he engaged in the stock business for three years before deciding he preferred tilling the soil. In 1878 he settled in the Deadman area, purchasing a large tract of land. Ruark added this Centennial Farm land to his holdings in 1887 when he purchased 160 acres from George and Eliza Young for \$1,600. The Ruarks raised 11 children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 115.38

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, barley, hay, horses, cattle, hogs; 1988 - Wheat, barley, bluegrass seed, intermediate wheat grass seed, peas

Additional information: Thomas Ruark also raised horses for the U.S. Army. This farm was passed from Thomas's son Ira to his daughter Itha and then to her children before being purchased by David and Nancy Ruark. David is a direct descendent of Ira's son Alva. This land is part of 1,050 acres now farmed by David and Nancy Ruark.

The Thomas Ruark Farm

Garfield

Owners: David Ruark, Stephen Ruark and Alice Ann Ruark

Location of Farm: 16 miles northeast of Pomeroy lying north and west of Malone Hill Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1887 - 1905	Thomas and Mary Ruark	Great-Great Grandparents
1905 - 1937	Ira and Elizabeth Ruark	Great Grandparents
1937 - 1960	Alva and Fred Ruark	Grandfather and Uncle
1937 - 1979	James and Alice Ann Ruark	Parents
1979 - 1988	Cynthia Monoian	Sister
1988 - Present	Alice Ann Ruark	Mother
1979 - Present	Stephen and David Ruark	

Thomas Ruark homesteaded in Clark County in 1862. He moved his wife and growing family to Walla Walla in 1870 and, after farming in that area, settled on land he purchased in the Deadman area of the present Garfield County in 1878. This Centennial Farm land was added to Ruark's holdings in 1887 when Ruark purchased 160 acres from Samuel and Carrie Bowman and 160 acres from George and Eliza Young. Thomas and Mary Messinger Ruark had 11 children. By the early 1900's, Ruark owned 900 acres.

Acres in original parcel: 320 **Acres still retained:** 61.62

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, barley, hay, horses, cattle, chickens, and hogs; 1988 - Wheat, barley, bluegrass seed, intermediate wheat grass seed, and peas

Additional information: This Ruark Centennial Farm was passed from Thomas to his son Ira and then on through his son Alva's family. It is now part of a 1,050-acre operation farmed by David and Nancy Ruark.



The Malone Farm

Garfield

Owners: Veva Malone Butler Miiller
Location of Farm: 15 miles from Pomeroy on Malone Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1888 - 1923	Lenis Edgar "Edward" Malone	Father
1923 - 1938	Susan Malone	Mother
1938 - 1984	Children of Ed and Susan Malone	
1984 - Present	Veva Malone Miiller	

Lenis Edgar (Ed) Malone was born in Lucas County, Iowa on January 8, 1864. That May the Malone family started west in a train of 48 wagons. The family lived in Oregon for five years before moving to Washington in 1870, and eventually settled on 160 acres near Waitsburg. In 1882, Ed, his brother Hugh and his father John T. "Texas" Malone moved to Garfield County. Hugh settled on a homestead and 18-year-old Ed bought 160 acres just northeast of his brother's land for \$2,000. (This land is no longer in the family.) In 1888, he purchased an additional 160 acres from Mr. J.D. Burrows for \$900. He married Susan Pinkney Ground in 1891 and they had five children. Over the years Malone acquired over 900 acres.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 70
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Barley, wheat, hay, cattle, and horses;
 1988 - Barley, wheat, and bluegrass seed
Additional information: Ed Malone served as a county commissioner from 1916 to 1922. His youngest daughter Veva, born in 1898, still owns and manages the 294 acres. The land has been farmed since 1974 by David and Nancy Ruark who live in the house built on the farm in 1891. Veva's grandmother was a sister of David Ruark's great grandmother.

The Floch Farm

Asotin

Owners: Vaden and Heather Floch
Location of Farm: 5 miles east of Anatone on Weissenfels Ridge Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1879 - 1927	Benjamin Floch	Great Grandfather
1927 - 1963	Travis Floch	Grandfather
1963 - 1972	Forrest Floch	Father
1972 - Present	Vaden Floch	

Benjamin Floch was 23 years old when he came to Washington from Harrison County, Indiana. He established residence on the land on January 1, 1879 and filed his homestead application October 23, 1879. Floch's initial improvements included building a 16' x 24' house and a 25' x 40' barn, fencing land and cultivating 70 acres. Benjamin and Mary Harbin Floch had ten children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Livestock, horses, wheat, and a garden;
 1988 - Wheat, barley, cattle, and horses
Additional information: The original barn, constructed of hand hewn timbers with wood peg fasteners, and spring house building are still in use. Today the homestead is part of 2,850 acres and is farmed by Vaden Floch.



Ayers Ranch

Asotin

Owners: Lynn and Mary Ausman, Pamela Ausman

Location of Farm: 12 miles south of Asotin on Highway 129

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1878 - 1888	Sam and Catherine Ayers	Great-Great Grandparents
1888 - 1934	Benjamin Ayers	Great Grandfather
1934 - 1977	Maud Ayers Hobart	Grandmother
1977 - 1978	Mary Lou Hobart Ausman	Mother
1978 - Present	Lynn Ausman and Pamela Ausman	(brother and sister)

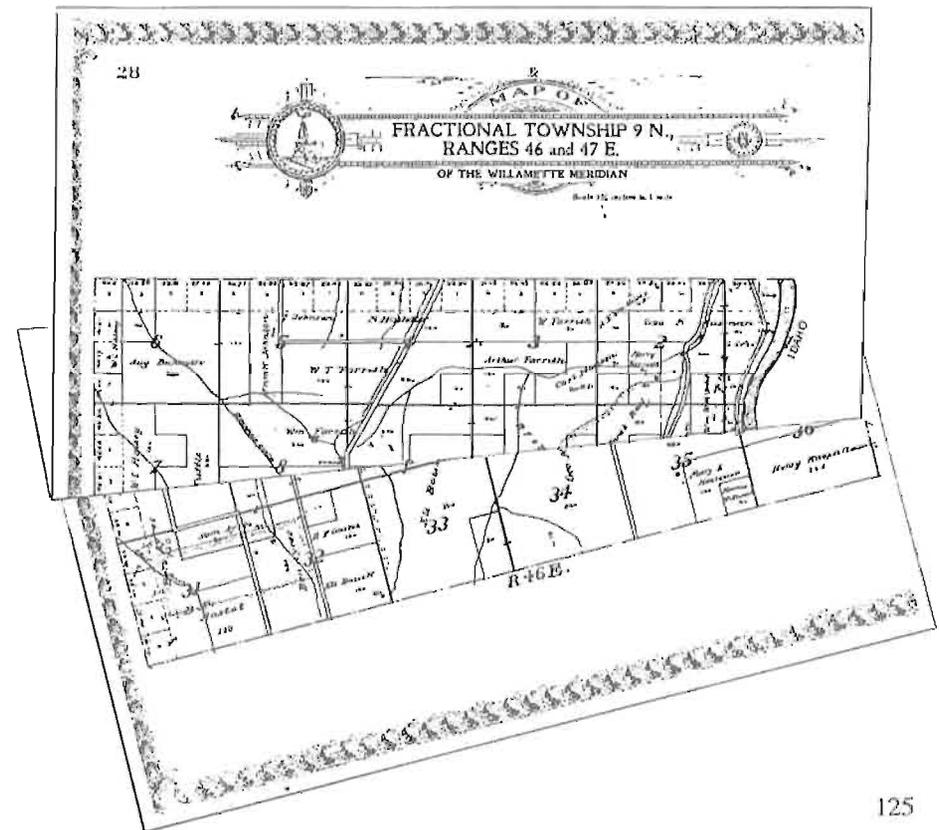
In 1877, 52-year-old Sam Ayers with his sons Ben and Sam Jr. came to Asotin County from Michigan. Sam established a homestead in 1878 in what is now known as Ayers Gulch. He built a livable house and had his wife Catherine and three daughters come out to join them. In 1880 Sam froze to death in a severe winter storm. His widow proved up on the homestead and sold it to son Ben in 1888 for \$1,000.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Barley, oats, wheat, cattle, horses, hogs, chickens; 1988 - Wheat, barley, rapeseed, peas, and cattle

Additional information: In addition to running the ranch, Ben Ayers built and operated a livery stable and hotel in Asotin. The Ayers Hotel became the Asotin County Courthouse after the original courthouse burned in 1936. Ben also raised fine horses, one market being the Portland Fire Department. The grain and hay he harvested was used on the ranch and at the Asotin livery stable. Today the original homestead buildings are the

ranch headquarters. The house has been enlarged and modernized but it retains the original outside style. The barn is also in excellent condition. Today the original ranch is part of a 9,000-acre dryland wheat and barley operation with facilities and pasture to handle 200 head of cattle. Lynn Ausman and his father Carl, son of early settler George Ausman, operate the ranch.





The Bolick Farm

Asotin

Owners: Jack D. Bolick and Family

Location of Farm: Anatone Flat, 12 miles south of Asotin on Highway 129

Dates of Ownership	Name	Relationship to Current Owner
1879 - 1950	Eli Bolick	Grandfather
1950 - 1967	Eli Dell Bolick, et al	Father
1967 - Present	Jack D. Bolick	

Eli Bolick, 24, came to southeastern Washington in 1878 and pre-empted 160 acres in 1879. Later that same year he homesteaded an adjoining 160 acres, building a house, barn and fences and breaking 100 acres. In his first years, Bolick worked for neighbors, during the harvest season and also cut wood. His first garden produced potatoes by the wagon load but, with no market, Bolick ended up exchanging six sacks of potatoes with a Lewiston merchant for a pair of gloves. Over the years, Bolick's holdings increased to over 2,000 acres. Bolick was born and raised in North Carolina and came to Washington by way of Missouri and Oregon. In 1886, he married Elvina Forgey, whose family had homesteaded in the area in 1882. The Bolicks had nine children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Cattle, horses, hogs, chickens, wheat, hay, potatoes, garden vegetables, and barley; 1988 - Wheat, barley, dry peas, and rapeseed

Additional information: Eli Bolick retired from operating "one of the largest and best ranches in the Anatone district" in 1914 turning the management over to his son Eli Dell Bolick. The homestead cabin has

been destroyed, but the original family home, built in 1886 but unoccupied for the past 15 years, is a favorite subject of local artists. Today Jack Bolick and his stepson, Kenneth Weiss, operate the farm's 1,760 acres of cropland and 708 acres of pasture.

I don't think that if we was to move here that we would be as well fixed for living as we are there. There is no fruit here, no berries, no bees, no timber and but little water. . . Eli has to carry his water 200 yards and up as steep a hill as you do. I can build a house at the spring but it will be on a hill side it without such a place as up at Wash field where the scaffold is it is a quarter of a mile from Eli's house I don't see any chance to build a house ~~if we don't see any chance to build a house~~ I have not got tools nor timber now.

Letter from Eli Bolick's father Abner to family in North Carolina, 1886. I don't think that if we was to move here that we would be as well fixed for living as we are there. There is no fruit here, no berries, no bees, no timber and but little water. . . Eli has to carry his water 200 yards and up as steep a hill as you do.



The Johnson Farm

Asotin

Owners: Howard and Mary Lou Johnson

Location of Farm: 18 miles southwest of Asotin in the Cloverland area

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1880 - 1941	Sam and Sarah Jane Johnson	Grandparents
1941 - 1947	Sam and Sarah Johnson Heirs	Father, aunts, uncles
1947 - 1950	Frank S. and Agnes N. Johnson	Parents
1950 - Present	Howard L. and Mary Lou Johnson	

In 1880 31-year-old Sam Johnson acquired 320 acres in the Cloverland area including homestead land and land purchased from Wilfred Pierson. Born in Arkansas, Johnson lived in Missouri prior to coming to the Washington Territory. He and his wife, Sarah Jane Keller, had 10 children.

Acres in original parcel: 320 **Acres still retained:** 320

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, hogs, and cattle; 1988 - Wheat, barley, oats, and cattle

Additional information: From 1941-1947 Frank Johnson purchased his brothers' and sisters' shares of land. The original ranch has been added to at various times over the years and now totals 3,020 acres. Howard and Mary Lou Johnson's son, Phil and his wife Terrie, have leased the ranch since 1986.

The Rimmelspacher Farm

Asotin

Owners: Ed and Della Rimmelspacher, John and Alvina Rimmelspacher

Location of Farm: 25 miles west of Clarkston on Highway 128

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1889 - 1922	Joseph Rimmelspacher	Grandfather
1922 - 1957	Charles and Lily Rimmelspacher	Parents
1957 - 1988	Lily Rimmelspacher	Mother
1988 - Present	Ed and John Rimmelspacher	

Born in Germany, Joseph Rimmelspacher lived at Pataha City, Washington before moving onto his 160-acre homestead in 1889 at the age of 32. He was married to Euphrasina Gorig, and the couple had five children. Rimmelspacher's early improvements included planting an orchard and developing a spring on the land.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Milk cow, horses, hogs, and chickens; 1988 - Wheat, barley, alfalfa hay, and cattle

Additional information: Joseph Rimmelspacher's son, Charles, was born November 17, 1888 and was brought to the ranch when he was six months old. Today the 1,700-acre farm is operated by Ed Rimmelspacher. Ed started leasing the land in 1948.

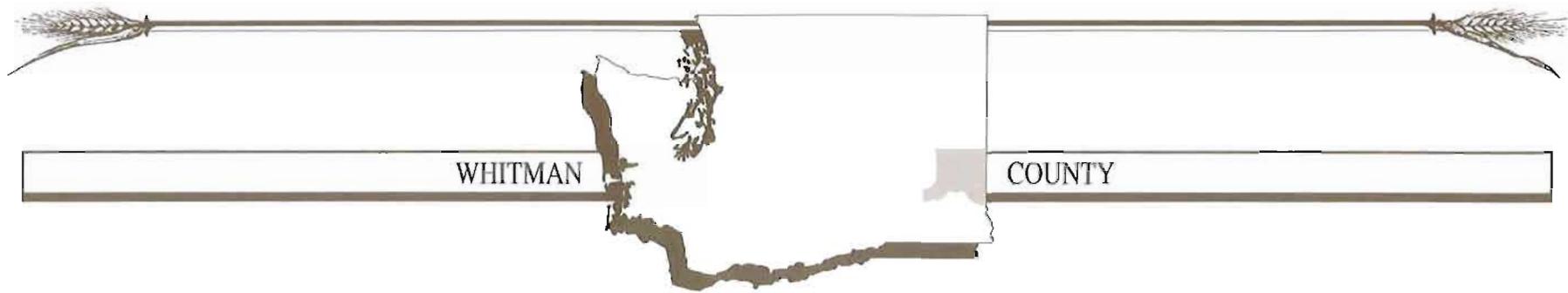


Twelve-horse-powered threshing machine. Hiram Cragg harvested

In 1890 Whitman County was the leading cattle county and second only to Walla Walla County in wheat production.



Collins Herd circa 1900



Whitman County

The earliest settlement in Whitman County was in the late 1860's along Union Flat Creek and the Palouse River. Experience told settlers the best lands for farming were flat and along river bottom lands. Soon farms were established on the banks of the rivers and creeks, and cattle, and then sheep, were grazing the bunch grass-covered hills.

It wasn't until the late 1870's that farmers discovered the fertility of the Palouse hillsides. Glowing accounts of this fertile prairie land brought more settlers to the county and by the early 1880's the choicest land had been claimed.

Four Centennial Farms were established around 1869 with more than half of the county's Centennial Farms established between 1877 and 1880. The U.S. government opened a district land office in Colfax in April 1878 and it operated for five years.

Whitman County Centennial Farms were settled by families who came primarily from the Midwest. Many came west first to California and Oregon and later settled in Washington Territory.

Almost all of the Centennial Farms established by 1882 acquired land under the homestead law. Half of these acquired additional land through timber culture claims or pre-emption or both. Those farms founded after 1882 usually purchased their first land from earlier homesteaders or the railroad.

By 1890, Whitman County was Washington's number one agricultural county producing over \$2 million in farm products. Whitman County had 2,351 farms and over 670,000 acres in farms. Whitman County was the top cattle county and, with Walla Walla County, led the state in wheat and barley production.

Twenty percent of Washington's Centennial Farms are in Whitman County. One-third of these farms raise livestock, primarily cattle. All grow wheat and barley. Most are also part of the nation's dry pea and lentil industry which is centered in the Palouse.

Whitman County today has over 1.4 million acres in 1,200 farms and is one of the top wheat producing counties in the country. Thanks to improved varieties and fertilization, the hillsides of the Palouse are even more productive today than they were 100 years ago.



The Harriet Adams Farm

Whitman

Owners: Mary Kaye and John Stelzer

Location of Farm: 5 miles west of Thornton on Mortimore Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1883 - 1895	Harriet Adams	Great Great Grandmother
1895 - 1955	Lelah Holtman	Grandmother
1955 - 1975	Myrtle Mortimer	Mother
1975 - Present	Mary Kaye Stelzer	

Harriet Adams, a 54-year-old widow, came to the Washington Territory by wagon train in 1880 with her two daughters and their families. The two families settled on separate claims along Thorn Creek with Harriet living with her youngest daughter. In 1883, Harriet settled on 160 acres of her own next to her daughter and family. She filed a homestead entry in 1886 and proved up in 1890. Harriet Adams was born in Ireland and came to the United States as a bonds girl. She married and had three children. Her son died in the Civil War. She lived with her youngest daughter and family, the Woodwards, in New York after her husband died. Harriet was a midwife for the community after settling in Washington.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 120

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat and garden vegetables; 1988 - Wheat and barley

Additional information: Warren Woodward had to haul lumber from near Farmington, a two-day trip, to build a house on his claim. With the scarcity of lumber, many settlers built sod or ditch fences to keep grazing livestock out. Today Mary Kaye Stelzer operates the 120 acres of Centennial Farm land.

Alameda Farm

Whitman

Owners: R. Jerry and Wilma E. Means

Location of Farm: Half way between St. John and Pine City

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1882 - 1919	Franklin T. and Martha E. Nickerson	Great Grandparents
1919 - 1974	Wilbur L. and Wilma M. Lockhart	Grandparents
1974 - Present	R. Jerry and Wilma E. Means	

In 1882 Franklin Nickerson, age 33, moved from Alameda County, California to Washington Territory where he homesteaded 160 acres. He built a house and barn and put up fencing. Nickerson was married to Martha Cockerton and had seven children. Nickerson was considered to be a good mechanic by his neighbors.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, hay, orchard, garden, cattle, horses, pigs, and chickens; 1988 - Wheat and barley

Additional information: Lumber from the original homestead house was used to build a granary, which is now used as a wood shop. Approximately five acres of trees, consisting of over 100 varieties, is planted on an uncultivated sod hill along the side of St. John - Pine City road. This is the project of Vernon and Florence Kratzer who farmed the land from 1929 to 1968. Florence was the granddaughter of the Nickerson homesteaders. Today the 345-acre farm is owned by the Nickerson's great granddaughter Wilma Means and her husband Jerry and operated by Patrick Gordon.



Belsby Farms Co.

Whitman

Owners: Belsby Farms Co.

Location of Farm: 20 miles southwest of Cheney off Rock Lake Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1888 - 1906	Anders Peterson	Cousin to Albert Owes
1906 - 1908	Andrew Lund	Cousin to Albert Owes
1908 - 1939	Albert C. Owes	Great Uncle
1939 - 1947	Shell and Osborne Belsby	Uncle and Father
1947 - 1976	Osborne and Osa Belsby	Parents
1976 - Present	Belsby Farms Co.	

In July 1888, 63-year-old Anders Peterson, a widower, acquired 158 acres from the Northern Pacific Railroad for \$3.75 per acre. He improved the land, building a house, barn and corrals. Peterson was born in Norway and lived in Brooklyn, New York before settling on this land. Peterson's cousin, Albert Owes, 17 years old at the time, arrived in the United States in 1889 and worked as a hired hand on this farm, becoming the owner in 1908. Osborne Belsby came from Norway to the United States in 1924 and started as a hired hand on his uncle Albert's ranch. By 1939 Owes owned 7,000 acres and cultivated 3,700 acres.

Acres in original parcel: 158.56 **Acres still retained:** 158.56

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Oats and hay; 1988 - Wheat, barley, oats, triticale, rapeseed, alfalfa, grass, beef cattle, horses, swine, and wildlife

Additional information: Albert Owes brought the first Belgian stud, Farceur's Magnet, into the Amber area in the 1920's. Neighbors for miles around brought their mares to be bred. In 1942, electricity became avail-

able on the ranch and Belsby began using machinery. At the time he owned 150 horses, including 70 work horses. Belsby acquired additional adjoining land. Today Belsby Farms Co. has over 10,000 acres and consists of Osborne and Osa Belsby's six children--Karen Foisy, Donel, Arne, Gary and Shell Belsby, and Nancy Grub.





The John Bishop Farm

Whitman

Owners: John B. Bishop, Frances Bishop Roberts, Regina Bishop Burnett, John D. and Judy Bishop

Location of Farm: 8 miles west of Garfield on Bishop Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1878 - 1910	John A. Bishop	Great Grandfather
1910 - 1949	John E. Bishop	Grandfather
1949 - Present	John B. Bishop, Frances Bishop Roberts, Regina Bishop Burnett	Father and Aunts
1976 - Present	John D. and Judy Bishop	

John A. Bishop came to Whitman County in 1878 and entered a timber culture claim on 160 acres in 1879 and a homestead claim on 160 acres in 1882. His brother Delmore settled on an adjacent 320 acres. Bishop planted trees, built a home and farmed the land. Bishop had lived in Ohio, Colorado and Oregon before settling on this land when he was 28 years old. He married Jane E. Lawrence and the couple had seven children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat and grain; 1988 - Wheat, barley, peas, and lentils

Additional information: The Bishops lived three years in their first house before they moved into the present dwelling in 1889. John A. Bishop played a major role in establishing and building the Bishop School, District #96. About 1938 the school building was moved to its current site today on the Bishop homestead. Today the 390-acre farm is leased out to Roger Pennell.

The Daniel Boone Farm

Whitman

Owners: Dan and Nancy Boone

Location of Farm: 11 miles south of Pullman on the Wawawai Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1879 - 1936	Daniel Wright Boone, Sr.	Grandfather
1936 - 1964	Daniel Wright Boone, Jr.	Father
1964 - Present	Daniel Wayne Boone	

Daniel Wright Boone made his first land claim when he filed a timber culture claim on 160 acres in 1879. He purchased an adjoining 160 acres for \$200 under the Pre-emption Act in 1880 and acquired a neighboring 80 acres under the Homestead Act. Boone improved the land by building a house, barns and fences, setting out an orchard, and farming the land. Boone was born in Indiana and lived in southern Illinois before settling in Washington Territory. He was also a blacksmith and broom maker. Boone and his wife, Amelia Fernanders Williams, had nine children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Horses, cows, and chickens; 1988 - Wheat, barley, peas, lentils, and cattle

Additional information: The original house has been incorporated into the existing house. Today Dan Boone owns and operates the 1,800-acre farm.



Old Blank Homestead

Whitman

Owners: Genevieve Olson Gelhaus and Louise Olson Savitz

Location of Farm: 4 miles northeast of Thornton

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1885 - 1926	Jakob (Jacob) Blank	Grandfather
1926 - 1940	Mary Blank Olson	Mother
1940 - 1976	Clarence Olson	Father
1976 - Present	Genevieve Olson Gelhaus and Louise Olson Savitz	

Jakob (Jacob) Blank came west from Sioux City, Iowa and filed a claim on 80 acres in 1885. He built a house, barn, chicken house and storage sheds and received title under the Homestead Act. He later purchased additional land eventually owning over 800 acres. The 1887 Washington Territory census listed Blank as a 33-year-old farmer. Blank was born in Germany and married to Louise Horlacher. The couple came west and joined other members of the Horlacher family who settled in the Thornton area. The Blanks had eight children.

Acres in original parcel: 80 **Acres still retained:** 80

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, hay, horses, cows, pigs, and chickens; 1988 - Wheat, barley, and oats

Additional information: Clarence and Mary Olson, who were living on and farming the old Blank homestead, purchased an adjoining quarter of land in the early 1920's with 13 acres of timber on it that had been planted as a timber culture in the 1880's by Mary's uncle, George Horlacher. The stand is one of the few remaining timber cultures in the Palouse. Today,

the homestead is part of Naff Ridge Ranch. Jacob Blank's great grandson, Mark Gelhaus and his wife Kathie, live on the homestead and farm the land with his parents, Don and Genevieve Gelhaus. Mark and Kathie's daughter Elizabeth Anne is the 5th generation to live on the old family homestead. Other parcels acquired by Jacob Blank are presently being farmed by grandson Robert Blank and great grandson Galen Blank.



The Brown Farm

Whitman

Owners: John H. and William Brown

Location of Farm: 7.5 miles southeast of Pullman on the Sand Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1876 - 1889	Calvin and Nancy Brown	Great Grandparents
1889 - 1936	Theodore Brown	Grandfather
1936 - 1981	Leonard Brown	Father
1981 - Present	John H. and William Brown	

In 1882 Calvin Brown proved up on the 160-acre homestead he had settled on in 1876. Brown had been 55 years old when he moved from his birthplace of Bond County, Illinois to the Washington Territory. He added to the house that was already on the land, built two barns and farmed the land. He and his wife Nancy had four children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, oats, flax, horses, cows, and sheep; 1988 - Wheat, barley, lentils, dry peas, and green peas

Additional information: Part of the original house still stands. Today John H. Brown's sons, Steve and Sam, operate the 1,100-acre family farm.

John Chandler Estate

Whitman

Owners: John Chandler Family

Location of Farm: 8 miles southwest of La Crosse and five miles south of Pampa Pond

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1882 - 1940	John Chandler	Father
1940 - Present	Ted W. Chandler and Elizabeth Chandler McEwen	

John Chandler emigrated from England to Washington Territory where he homesteaded 160 acres south of La Crosse in 1882. 28-years-old and single, Chandler had lived on a farm in England before coming to Washington. He built a house, put up fences and began to farm the land. Over the years his land holdings increased to 2,240 acres. He married Ada Fowler and the couple had five children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Cattle; 1988 - Wheat and barley

Additional information: Locust trees planted in 1882 are still standing. Today the 2,240-acre farm is part of an estate owned by John and Ada Chandler's children Ted and Elizabeth.



The O.M. Collins Farm

Whitman

Owners: O.M. Collins Estate members

Location of Farm: 5 miles south of Uniontown on Highway 195

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1884 - 1939	O.M. and Tennie Collins	Parents/Grandparents/ Great Grandparents
1939 - Present	O.M. Collins Estate	

Orville M. Collins lived in Iowa with his parents before coming to Washington Territory. In February 1884, 26-year-old Collins paid Richard Ruddy \$1,500 for 160 acres south of Uniontown. He added on to the existing house and also built large barns and sheds. Collins married Christine "Tennie" McKinley on June 7, 1883 and the couple had 10 children. In addition to farming, Collins was involved in other businesses including banking, a feed store and brickmaking.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, hay, and livestock; 1988 - Wheat, barley, and peas

Additional information: The front of the present house was built in 1870-71 by Richard Ruddy's father, Michael. The house also served as a stage stop, providing meals and lodging for those who needed them. The house and old granary building were placed on the National Historic Register in 1974. O.M. and Tennie Collins left their land to their six living children. Their grandson Robert and his wife Elsie farmed the land for 37 years. Today the Collins farm is owned by their daughter Pearl, two grandchildren, a granddaughter-in-law, and five great grandchildren. The farm totals 1,160 acres and is operated by Holben's Contour Farms, Inc. which is owned by O.M. Collins' grandson, Marion Holben and his family.

The Comegys Farm

Whitman

Owners: Margaret C. Downing, Jean C. Goldsworthy

Location of Farm: 8 miles southwest of Oakesdale

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1878 - 1923	George and Margaret B. Comegys	Grandparents
1923 - 1981	Claude and Marie A. Comegys	Parents
1981 - Present	Margaret Comegys Downing and Jean Comegys Goldsworthy	

George Comegys was 11 years old when he crossed the plains from Missouri with his family in 1849. He lived in Polk County, Oregon prior to coming to Washington Territory in 1878. He took out a 160-acre pre-emption, then a 160-acre homestead claim near Thornton and later purchased 260 acres from the railroad at \$2.60 per acre. He built a house and barn, dug a well, and planted an orchard and windbreak. In 1888 he purchased two 40-acre parcels from neighbors at \$12.50 and \$13.75 per acre. By 1896, Comegys owned 872 acres. He and his wife, Margaret Ball, had three sons. In addition to farming, Comegys was an attorney and banker.

Acres in original parcel: 320 **Acres still retained:** 320

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, oats, and horses; 1988 - Wheat, oats, peas, and barley

Additional information: George Comegys was Speaker of the 1880 Territorial Legislature and a delegate to the Constitutional Convention. His wife Margaret was born at the mouth of the John Day River in a covered wagon in 1848. Today half of the 550-acre farm is operated by Margaret Downing's daughter April and husband Tracy Eriksen and half is farmed by Jean Goldsworthy's son Bob and his wife Genie.



The Robert A. Crow Farm

Whitman

Owners: Robert A. and Edna Hall Crow

Location of Farm: 1 mile west of Oakesdale on Trestle Creek Rd.

Dates of Ownership	Name	Relationship to Current Owner
1880 - 1915	Arthur H. Crow	Grandfather
1915 - 1941	Sam E. Crow	Uncle
1941 - 1951	Joseph McCall Crow	Father
1951 - Present	Robert Arthur Crow	

Arthur Crow, his wife Nancy Kelley, and his family came by covered wagon to Roseburg, Oregon from Virginia in 1876. Four years later the Crows headed north to Washington with two two-horse teams pulling wagons loaded with their belongings, five children and six chickens. They settled on a 160-acre homestead and a 160-acre timber culture. Crow broke out the land, dug a well, and built a barn and a house. The second year on the farm, Crow secured several milk cows. The women of the family made butter which, along with eggs from their hens, they would haul to the army post at Coeur d' Alene to sell. Each trip to the post took eight days.

Acres in original parcel: 320 **Acres still retained:** 60

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat and oats; 1988 - Wheat, peas, lentils, and barley

Additional information: This is one of two Centennial Farms that trace their history back to Arthur Crow. This land is owned by Arthur Crow's grandson Robert. The other is owned by Robert's brother Charlie. Today Robert's son and grandson, Robert M. (Mac) and Brian Crow operate the 586-acre farm.

The Charlie P. Crow Farm

Whitman

Owners: Charlie P. and Agnes Crow, Joanne Crow-Sturm, Charlie David Crow

Location of Farm: 1 mile west of Oakesdale on Trestle Creek Rd.

Dates of Ownership	Name	Relationship to Current Owner
1880 - 1899	Arthur H. Crow	Great Grandfather
1899 - 1951	Joseph M. Crow	Grandfather
1951 - Present	Charlie P. and Agnes Hall Crow	Parents
1975 - Present	Joanne Crow-Sturm and Charlie David Crow	

In 1880 40-year-old Arthur Crow, his wife Nancy, and their young family left Roseburg, Oregon to settle on 320 acres near present day Oakesdale. Both Crow and his wife were born and raised in Virginia. They were married in 1867 and, in 1876, came to eastern Oregon. The summerfallow method of farming was not then known and they did not prosper. Hearing of the black soil of the Palouse, the Crows, with their five children, moved to Whitman County.

Acres in original parcel: 320 **Acres still retained:** 45

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, oats, hogs, sheep, cows, and chickens; 1988 - Wheat, peas, lentils, and barley

Additional information: After the railroad line was completed, the Crows and others would haul their oats to Cheney receiving \$20 per ton. The Crows fed most of their wheat to hogs and made bacon which they sold in Spokane for 20 to 25 cents in wholesale lots. The 45 acres are part of a 700-acre farm incorporated as Charlie P. Crow, Inc. The farm is operated by Charlie P. Crow's nephew Robert M. (Mac) Crow and his son Brian.

Charlie P. Crow, Inc.

Whitman

Owners: Charlie P. Crow, Inc.

Location of Farm: 4 miles south of Oakesdale on Thornton Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1882 - 1918	Robert P. Reed	Great Grandfather
1918 - 1961	Luella Reed Crow	Grandmother
1961 - Present	Charlie P. and Agnes H. Crow	Parents
1975 - Present	Joanne Crow-Sturm and Charlie David Crow	

It was a 17-day journey from Fayetteville, Arkansas to Washington Territory for 38-year-old Robert P. Reed and his family. They travelled by train to San Francisco; then, after a two-day wait, obtained passage on a boat to Portland. From there they travelled by train to Cheney where Reed planned to join three brothers and a sister already in the area. Reed settled on an 80-acre homestead south of Oakesdale in 1882. He built a house, barn, dug a well, planted a fruit orchard and broke out all the land. Reed had served in the Confederate army in the Civil War and married Sarah Eveline Shafer in 1870. The couple had one daughter, Luella.

Acres in original parcel: 80 **Acres still retained:** 80

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, oats, chickens, and one milk cow; 1988 - Wheat, peas, lentils, and barley

Additional information: Luella Reed married Joseph Crow, son of early settler Arthur Crow. Today Luella and Joseph's son Charlie also owns land settled by Arthur Crow in 1880. Both parcels are part of a 700-acre farm operated by Charlie's nephew Mac Crow and his son Brian.

The Crumbaker Farm

Whitman

Owners: Gerald and Annalee Morris

Location of Farm: North of Colfax on Crumbaker Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1877 - 1931	Samuel Williams Crumbaker	Step-Grandfather
1931 - 1942	Crumbaker Heirs	Step-Aunts and Step-Uncle
1942 - 1964	Paul Lawrence Crumbaker	Step-Father
1964 - Present	Gerald Morris	

Born in Coshocton County, Ohio, Samuel Williams Crumbaker was 23 years old when he filed a claim on 160 acres north of Colfax in 1877. He built a house, barn and outbuildings. He changed his pre-emption claim to a homestead in 1880 and made final proof in 1884. Crumbaker also hauled freight from Walla Walla, cut wood, and worked at anything to make money. He and his wife, Martha Elizabeth Lawrence, had 11 children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, oats, horses, cattle, pigs, and chickens; 1988 - Wheat, peas, and barley

Additional information: None of the original homestead buildings remain today, only the spring which provided water. Today the Centennial Farm land is part of a 520-acre operation farmed by Jimmy Imeson.



The DeLong Farm

Whitman

Owners: Joseph H. DeLong

Location of Farm: Southwest of St. John on Hells Canyon Rd.

Dates of Ownership	Name	Relationship to Current Owner
1869 - 1910	Joseph Henry DeLong	Great-Great Uncle
1910 - 1952	Henry Solomon and Hannah R. DeLong	Grandparents
1952 - 1979	Raymond J. DeLong	Father
1979 - Present	Joseph Henry DeLong	

Joseph Henry DeLong was one of the first settlers in Whitman County. He settled first on Union Flat in 1867 and in 1869 moved to the north to settle on the Palouse River. DeLong had to wait until the land was surveyed before he could file his pre-emption claim in 1874. DeLong also filed a homestead application on adjoining land in 1880 and made final proof in 1886. DeLong was born in Indiana and crossed the plains to Oregon in 1862. He was about 28 years old when he first came to Whitman County. DeLong never married. Ownership of the land passed to his nephew Henry in 1910.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 152

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Apples, cows, and corn; 1988 - Alfalfa, wheat, barley, cattle, and hogs

Additional information: When Joseph H. DeLong homesteaded this property he smoked the peace pipe with Chief Joseph. The family had this peace pipe for many years. Today Joe DeLong owns and operates 218 acres.

The Donahoe Farm

Whitman

Owners: Rose Chekal and Fabian Chekal

Location of Farm: 1.5 miles southwest of Rosalia

Dates of Ownership	Name	Relationship to Current Owner
1887 - 1932	Thomas F. Donahoe	Grandfather
1932 - 1936	James Donahoe	Uncle
1936 - 1975	Rose Donahoe	Aunt
1975 - Present	Rose Chekal and Fabian Chekal	

Thomas Donahoe came to Whitman County in 1871. He acquired 160 acres from the Northern Pacific Railroad in 1887 at a cost of \$4.50 per acre. Donahoe built a house and outbuildings, planted an orchard and farmed the land. Born in Quebec, Canada, Donahoe lived in San Francisco prior to coming to Washington Territory. He and his wife, Rose O'Boyle, had seven children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, oats, and livestock; 1988 - Wheat, barley, peas, lentils, grass, hay, and cattle

Additional information: In the early days, the Northern Pacific Railroad provided passenger and freight service from Donahoe Junction which was about one-fourth mile from the family home. Thomas Donahoe and his brother found a mastodon skeleton on the family farm. The Donahoe family was one of the last in the area to farm with horses. Some of the outbuildings, such as the barn, granary and workshop are still standing and in use. Today Rose and Fabian's cousins, Don and Eugene Van Dyke, operate the 640 acre farm.



The Draper Farm

Whitman

Owners: Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm R. Brown

Location of Farm: 10 miles east of Colfax

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1873 - 1883	George W. Draper	Great Grandfather
1883 - 1939	George A. Draper	Grandfather
1939 - 1959	Draper Heirs	Mother, Uncle and Aunt
1959 - 1985	Mr. and Mrs. Omer R. Brown	Parents
1985 - Present	Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm R. Brown	

George W. Draper was born in Derby, England and immigrated to the United States at an early age. After 21 years in Omar, New York, he settled in Iowa and later, at the urging of a neighbor, came west. He homesteaded 160 acres northeast of Colfax in 1873. A few years later he filed a timber claim on a piece of adjoining land. In addition to farming, Draper was a blacksmith and carpenter and helped build schools and a church. He was married to Mary Drake and the couple had six children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Various grasses, alfalfa, oats, wheat, garden, and red polled cattle; 1988 - Wheat, barley, lentils, peas, hay, and beef cattle

Additional information: The first house, a 16' x 24' one-room structure with an upstairs, still remains. Second owner George A. Draper bought his first red polled cattle and won many ribbons and awards for his stock at fairs. Today George W. Draper's great grandson, Malcolm, and his wife Trudy, own and operate the 1,732-acre farm.

The Drew Farm

Whitman

Owners: Belva Drew Seeting

Location of Farm: 5 miles southeast of Garfield

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1881 - 1904	John Drew	Father
1904 - 1914	Anna Drew	Mother
1914 - Present	Belva Drew Seeting	

In 1881 28-year-old John Drew filed a homestead claim on 72 acres near Garfield and commuted the claim the following year, paying the required \$1.25 per acre and receiving title in 1883. Drew lived in Sprague before moving on to the farm and had come to the area in 1876. He built a house, chicken house, hog house and barn. He also dug a well and broke up the ground to farm. Born in England, Drew was also a carpenter by trade. He and his wife Anna Hellinger had one child, Belva.

Acres in original parcel: 72 **Acres still retained:** 72

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, oats, and pigs; 1988 - Wheat, peas, lentils, barley, and cattle

Additional information: 90-year-old Belva Drew Seeting owns 420 acres today. Her nephew Dick Kriebel and his two sons farm the land for her.



The Feenan Farm

Whitman

Owners: Judy Lowe and Charles Lowe

Location of Farm: 7 miles north of Diamond on Frank Feenan Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1877 - 1898	Peter Feenan	Great Grandfather
1898 - 1965	Frank and Lillian Feenan	Great Uncle and Aunt
1965 - Present	Charles Lowe and Judy Lowe	

Peter Feenan came from Ireland and worked on the docks in San Francisco before coming to the Washington Territory. He homesteaded 160 acres in 1877 and, by 1880, had built a house, fenced 140 acres and had cultivated 65 acres. Feenan and his wife, Annie McSweeney, also from Ireland, were married in Portland in 1880. They had three children--Charles, Annie and Frank. Mrs. Feenan died at the ranch in 1888. Peter later married Margaret Morrell, a widow with three children, and they had one son, Edward. Peter was 49 years old when he died of cancer in 1898 in San Francisco where he had gone for treatment. His children each inherited land he had acquired through the public land acts and from the railroad.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, hay, cattle, and horses; 1988 - Wheat, barley, oats, hay, horses, cattle, and sheep

Additional information: In 1891 Peter Feenan gave land to build Feenan School #136 and served as its first director. Frank Feenan was only 14 when he inherited this land. He married Lillian Shaw in 1920 and they lived the rest of their lives on the farm. They had no children and, in 1965, sold the land to Charles and Judy Lowe, the children of their niece Charlotte Feenan Lowe. Charles and Judy operate the 1,422-acre farm today.

The Fleener Farm

Whitman

Owners: Sam R. Fleener

Location of Farm: 10 miles northeast of Pullman

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1874 - 1928	David B. Fleener	Grandfather
1928 - 1981	S. Ansel Fleener	Father
1981 - Present	Sam R. Fleener	

Born in Missouri in 1848, David Fleener travelled the Oregon Trail with his family when he was four years old. He grew up in the Willamette Valley and worked three years on a California ranch before coming to the Walla Walla area in 1872. In 1874 he chose a 160-acre homestead seven miles northeast of Pullman. Fleener built a house and barn, planted an orchard, began farming and, in 1884, had proved up his homestead claim. He married Jennie Turner in 1887, and they had one son, Samuel Ansel. Jennie died in 1891. In addition to farming, Fleener was a cowboy and teamster.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, barley, oats, and a few cattle and horses; 1988 - Wheat, barley, lentils, and peas

Additional information: According to a 1901 biographical sketch, Fleener "believes in raising all kinds of crops which can be produced at a profit...so has never confined his efforts to wheat culture alone." The oldest building still in use is a barn built in 1887 and remodeled in 1980. Today the Centennial Farm land is part of a 1,400-acre farm owned and operated by Sam Fleener.



Freels Heirs Farm

Whitman

Owners: Allison W. and Mary C. Freels Heirs

Location of Farm: 1 mile north of Steptoe on Tollett Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1886 - 1919	Allison W. Freels	Grandfather/Father
1919 - 1931	Mary C. Freels	Grandmother/Mother
1931 - Present	Allison W. and Mary C. Freels Heirs	

In 1886 38-year-old A.W. Freels came west and purchased 160 acres from J.L. and Mary E. Jeans for the sum of \$1,500. In 1887 he returned to his native state of Tennessee to bring his wife, Mary Catherine, and four children to the farm. Five more children were born in Washington. Early improvements included a house, barn, granary, shop and cellar. In the early 1900's Freels increased his holdings, buying adjoining parcels. He farmed with the help of his sons until his death. On Mary Freels' death in 1931 the farm was inherited by the eight surviving children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, oats, horses, cattle, and swine; 1988 - Wheat, barley, and peas

Additional information: The Freels also had a home in Garfield where the children went to high school. In 1989, the 542-acre farm is owned by the Freels Heirs: daughter Golda Peat who is 96 years old; grandchildren Muriel Peterson, Joe and Larry Jerue, Kaye Clark and Mary Lee Tollett; and great grandchildren Judy Bohnhof, Phil Mathison, Larry Mathison and Mark and Jan Tollett. The farm has been operated by Mark and Jan Tollett and family since 1970.

The Gates/Brownell Farm

Whitman

Owners: Mrs. Edna Brownell Skoglund, William P. Brownell, G. Lawrence Brownell, Harold M. Brownell

Location of Farm: 2 miles east of Parvin on Parvin-Palouse Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1878 - 1920	George W. Gates	Great Uncle
1920 - 1959	P.S. Brownell	Grandfather
1959 - 1988	G.W. Brownell	Father
1959 - Present	Edna Brownell Skoglund	Aunt
1988 - Present	William P., G. Lawrence and Harold M. Brownell	

32-year-old George Gates filed a timber culture claim on 160 acres in 1878. He changed his claim to a homestead claim in 1883 and built a house and barn and plowed up bunch grass to plant grain. He made final proof in 1888. That same year, he purchased an adjacent 80 acres from William and Lilli Parvin for \$5 per acre. Born in New York, Gates lived in California and Colfax before settling near Parvin. During the off-season he worked in a lumber mill in Walla Walla. George and Diana Brownell Gates had one daughter, Mary Gates Storie. Gates sold his farm to his nephew in 1920.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, oats, milk cows, horses, pigs, and chickens; 1988 - Wheat, barley, peas, and lentils

Additional information: In 1892 Gates deeded two acres to Whitman County School District #41 for \$1.00. The land was used for a grade school until the late '30's then returned to the Brownells. The 270-acre farm has been operated by Ensley Farms, Inc. for over 20 years.



The Goldsworthy Farm

Whitman

Owners: Robert F. Goldsworthy and Harry E. Goldsworthy

Location of Farm: 6 miles southeast of Rosalia

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1880 - 1931	John Goldsworthy	Grandfather
1931 - 1978	Harry E. and Pearl M. Goldsworthy	Parents
1978 - Present	Robert F. and Harry E. Goldsworthy	

In 1889, 38-year-old John Goldsworthy received title to the 160-acre homestead he had settled on in 1880. Early improvements to the farm included building a home and various farm buildings. Goldsworthy was born in Hazel Green, Wisconsin and lived in Orange County, California prior to moving to the Washington Territory. He married Eliza Kershaw Booth and they were the parents of four children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat; 1988 - Wheat and barley

Additional information: Today the 967-acre farm is operated by Robert F. Goldsworthy, Jr. who also farms Centennial Farm land originally settled by his mother's grandfather George Comegys.

The Gordon Farm

Whitman

Owners: Robert E. Gordon

Location of Farm: 10 miles southwest of La Crosse on Rock Springs Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1885 - 1937	R.W. Gordon	Father
1937 - 1975	Amanda Gordon	Mother
1955 - Present	Robert E. Gordon	

21-year-old R.W. Gordon homesteaded 160 acres in 1885. He made the usual improvements including building a house and other outbuildings and farming the land. Gordon was born in Des Moines County, Iowa and lived near Dayton before moving onto this homestead. Gordon remained a bachelor until 1908. He and his wife Amanda had one child, Robert. By the time of his death in 1937, Gordon owned over 2,700 acres of cropland and pasture.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Cattle, horses, and wheat; 1988 - Wheat and cattle

Additional information: Today Robert Gordon's adopted grandson A.J. Babb farms the 2,726-acre operation.



The Gragg Farm

Whitman

Owners: Ann Sherman Christian

Location of Farm: Northeast of Colfax on Dry Creek Rd.

Dates of Ownership	Name	Relationship to Current Owner
1878 - 1924	Hiram Gragg	Great-Great Grandfather
1924 - 1940	Callie Gragg Simpson	Great Grandmother
1940 - 1947	Walter D. Simpson	Grandfather
1947 - 1968	Jeannetta Simpson Sherman	Mother
1968 - Present	Ann Sherman Christian	

Born in Watuga County, North Carolina, Hiram Gragg came west to Roseburg, Oregon in 1877. In 1878, at the age of 33, he moved to Washington Territory to homestead 160 acres. He cultivated and planted the land and built several buildings. He later purchased an additional 700 acres and installed water and electric systems on the farm. Gragg was married to Mary E. Baird. Only one of their six children, Callie, lived past infancy.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 48

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, oats, timothy, alfalfa, shorthorn cattle, and horses; 1988 - Wheat, lentils, barley, and peas

Additional information: Indians coming up from Walla Walla country for the camas root of the Camas Prairie country always passed through part of the Hiram Gragg place. Their travel was so heavy with their ponies that they wore great ruts in the soil that remained visible for many years. Today the Gragg Farm includes 113 acres.

Grove Ranch

Whitman

Owners: Thelma Lambertson, Vera Ruud, Evelyn Magnuson, Roeberta Schoepflin, Roger Cox

Location of Farm: 5 miles north of Endicott on Grove Rd.

Dates of Ownership	Name	Relationship to Current Owner
1883 - 1921	Conrad Schierman	Great Grandfather
1921 - 1923	David Schierman	Great Uncle
1923 - 1974	J.L. Grove	Grandfather
1974 - 1988	Lucretia Link	Mother
1974 - Present	Thelma Lambertson, Evelyn Magnuson, Roeberta Schoepflin, Vera Ruud	Aunts
1988 - Present	Roger Cox	

In 1883 29-year-old Conrad Schierman purchased 20 acres from the Northern Pacific Railroad. He built a house, barn and other out-buildings on the property. Born in Russia, Schierman lived in Kansas prior to coming west. He married Katherine Holstein and the couple had nine children.

Acres in original parcel: 20 **Acres still retained:** 20

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, barley, potatoes, corn, and cattle; 1988 - Wheat and barley

Additional information: Today the 760-acre ranch is owned by four of J.L. Grove's daughters: Thelma Lambertson, Vera Ruud, Evelyn Magnuson and Roeberta Schoepflin, and a grandson, Roger Cox, who is the son of Lucretia Link. The ranch is operated by Lucretia's husband, Marvin Link.



Guske Family Limited Partnership

Whitman

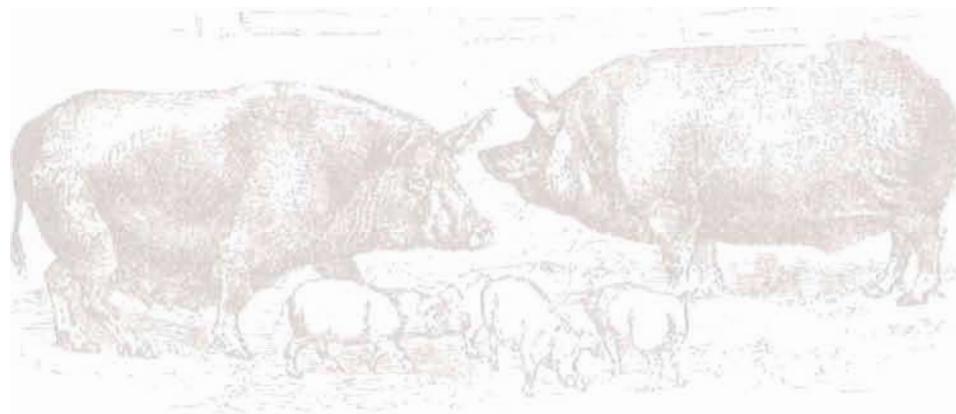
Owners: Guske Family Limited Partnership

Location of Farm: 6.5 miles northeast of La Crosse on Union Flat Creek

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1879 - 1928	Philip Fuchs	Great Great Uncle
1890 - 1921	Albert and Susanna G. Guske	Grandparents
1927 - 1986	Joseph A. Guske, Sr.	Father
1986 - Present	Guske Family Limited Partnership	

America as stowaways in 1883. They both came to Washington and found work with the railroad. Today the farm is owned by the Guske Family Limited Partnership which includes the eight sons and daughters of Joseph Guske and his two wives, Tillie and Veva. Lester, Joe Guske Sr.'s son, farms the 840-acre farm with his son Loren.

Philip Fuchs, his sister Elizabeth Gastrich, and her 10-year-old daughter Susanna arrived in Whitman County from Bochum, Germany in 1879. It had been a six-month journey that included crossing the Isthmus of Panama by train and getting shipwrecked on a sandbar in the Columbia River. They travelled the last leg of the trip by horse-drawn wagon from Walla Walla to Union Flat where Philip Fuchs filed a claim on 160 acres. Elizabeth died in 1886 leaving Susanna and her five-year-old sister in the care of Philip. Fuchs, who never married, built a cabin, cultivated a garden, and raised a few head of cattle and sheep. In 1890, Susanna married Albert Guske, a Prussian immigrant who had filed a claim on 160 acres adjoining Fuchs. Fuchs and Guske operated their land jointly after Guske married Susanna, and together acquired 1,680 acres. Albert and Susanna had nine children.



Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, barley, oats, garden, cattle, sheep, horses, and hogs; 1988 - Wheat, barley, alfalfa, cattle, and hogs

Additional information: Albert Guske and his brother Carl came to



The Harlan Farm

Whitman

Owners: Vernadelle Harlan Tribbett
Location of Farm: 1 miles east of Garfield

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1877 - 1909	George Harlan	Great Grandfather
1909 - 1936	Charles Harlan	Grandfather
1936 - 1978	Delmar Harlan	Father
1978 - Present	Vernadelle Harlan Tribbett	

George Harlan was born in Richmond County, Ohio in 1833 and lived in Labett, Kansas before coming to Washington Territory in 1868. He first homesteaded and ran cattle near Rock Lake. In 1877 he moved to land just east of Garfield. He built a house, barn and fences and paid \$200 for his pre-emption claim in 1880, receiving title on September 9, 1881. Harlan and his wife Charlotte Stacy were the parents of four children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 80
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, barley, and cattle; 1988 - Wheat, barley, and cattle
Additional information: Today Vernadelle's son, James Harlan Tribbett operates the 160-acre farm.

The Harter Farm

Whitman

Owners: Edward Harter, Jennie Marler, Janet Huber
Location of Farm: 8 miles southeast of Colfax on Shawnee Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1875 - 1943	Martin Harter	Grandfather
1943 - 1967	Barbara Harter Hoffman	Mother
1943 - Present	Ed Harter, Jennie Harter Marler	Uncle, Aunt
1967 - Present	Janet Hoffman Huber	

In 1875 23-year-old Martin Harter filed a claim on 160 acres. He proved up on his claim, paid the required \$400, and received his pre-emption patent in 1884. Harter also filed a timber culture claim on 80 acres and in 1887 purchased the adjacent 80 acres from Charles Seeliazee for \$600. He constructed buildings and fences and broke out the land. Harter was born in Osnabruck, Germany and lived in Arkansas and Walla Walla prior to settling on this land. He also worked in a tannery in Walla Walla during the winter while proving his claim. Harter and his wife Teresa Herr had six children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, oats, barley, fruit, garden, cows, horses, chickens, and pigs; 1988 - Wheat, lentils, peas, barley, and horses
Additional information: Harter also acquired another 160 acres in 1901. To qualify for acquiring the land under the revised Homestead Act for \$2.50 an acre, Harter and his family moved to the original house on that land for 14 months to fulfill the residency requirement. The house built by Harter in 1876-1880 was moved to a new site and is now used as a bunkhouse. Jennie Marler's son Martin has operated the 1,100-acre farm since Ed Harter retired after farming the land for 48 years.



Hatley Ranch

Whitman

Owners: Mac Hatley, Norman and Rose M. Hatley

Location of Farm: 8 miles southwest of Pullman

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1877 - 1921	Riley B. Hatley	Father
1921 - 1960	Riley B. Hatley Estate, Nora A. Hatley	Mother
1960 - 1968	Nora A. Hatley Estate	Brothers and sisters
1968 - Present	Mac Hatley and Norman and Rose M. Hatley	

Riley B. Hatley filed a pre-emption claim on 160 acres in Whitman County in 1877. He proved up and paid the required \$200 at the Colfax Land Office on April 19, 1878 and at the same time filed a homestead claim on an adjoining 160 acres, making final proof in 1883. In 1885 he purchased an additional 160 acres just to the north from Solomon Dill for \$1,600. Early improvements on the homestead included a house, barn, well and fences. Born in North Carolina, Hatley lived in Colorado before settling in the Washington Territory. He married Nora A. Perkins and the couple had eight children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, barley, oats, cattle, hogs, and horses; 1988 - Wheat, barley, and peas

Additional information: Today Norman Hatley's nephew Dennis Hatley operates the 800-acre farm which includes all 480 acres acquired before 1889.

The Hehl Farm

Whitman

Owners: Merlin Warnecke, Teresa Kraut, Sylvia Kraut

Location of Farm: 2 miles southeast of Uniontown on Warnecke Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1878 - 1909	John Hehl	Grandfather
1909 - 1932	Helen Hehl	Mother
1932 - 1969	John Warnecke	Father
1969 - Present	Merlin Warnecke, Sylvia Kraut and Teresa Kraut	

John Hehl was born in Helferskirchen, Germany in 1851. In 1876 he travelled from Iowa to the Washington Territory and settled on a 160-acre homestead in 1878. He built a cabin, barn, granary and fences. In letters he wrote to his sister in Iowa, Hehl reported selling 160 bushels of oats for 75 cents per hundredweight and harvesting 40 bushels of wheat per acre in 1879. In December 1881 he wrote of spending 14 days in the mountains cutting wood for fences and a house. The price of wheat was 50 to 55 cents per hundredweight, there was no market for barley, and fruit growing was not yet profitable. Hehl received title to his land in 1883. Hehl and Theresa Weiber were married on June 5, 1888 and had one daughter, Helen.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, oats, flax, barley, and fruit trees; 1988 - Wheat, barley, and green peas

Additional information: Helen Hehl married John Warnecke in 1914 and had four children. Helen and son Ermin died in 1932. The house, built in 1882, a granary and some apple trees planted by Hehl still remain. Today the 380-acre operation is farmed by Merlin Warnecke.



Hill Ranch

Whitman

Owners: Gordon L. and Donald L. Hill

Location of Farm: 9 miles northeast of Colfax on Clear Creek Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1877 - 1933	George Neville Hill	Great Grandfather
1933 - 1958	Clive Leon Hill	Grandfather
1958 - 1960	Herb L. Hill	Uncle
1960 - 1984	Richard L. Hill	Father
1984 - Present	Gordon L. and Don L. Hill	

George Neville Hill filed a claim on 160 acres east of Colfax when he was 22 years old. He proved up his homestead in July 1883. Improvements to his homestead included building a house and outbuildings, cultivating the land and planting a "very unique" orchard. Hill came to the Washington Territory from his birthplace in Lane County, Oregon. He married Almeda Mood in 1885 and they had four children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, hay, and cattle; 1988 - Wheat, peas, lentils, barley, and hogs

Additional information: George Hill was a horticulture hobbyist. He grafted varieties in his orchard so that apples, pears and peaches were produced by the same tree. He also trained his trees so that limbs interlocked overhead, completely enclosing the area they occupied. He then had tunnels, or passages, throughout the entire area, with a large amphitheatre-like area in the center. The original house and cellar remain. Today Gordon Hill operates the 697-acre farm.

The Hofer Farm

Whitman

Owners: Charles Hofer

Location of Farm: 5 miles south of Colfax on Highway 195

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1877 - 1932	Valentine Hofer	Grandfather
1932 - 1936	Frank Hofer	Uncle
1936 - 1970	Louis Hofer and Katie Hofer	Father and Aunt
	Hensle	
1970 - Present	Charles Hofer	

Valentine Hofer came west on horseback from Wichita, Kansas to Walla Walla and then up to Colfax. In 1877, the 34-year-old Hofer settled on a 173-acre homestead, paying \$2.50 per acre for the excess acres in his corner quarter section. Early improvements included a house and barn. He acquired an adjacent 40 acres in 1887. Born in Oensbach, Germany, Hofer and his wife Caroline had three children.

Acres in original parcel: 173 **Acres still retained:** 173

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Horses, cattle, and pigs; 1988 - Wheat, barley, and dry peas

Additional information: Valentine Hofer would go to the Viola Mountains to get firewood for the winter. Caroline would put out the kerosene lamp because she was afraid the Indians would stop. A few years later one of the Indians became a good friend and would stay overnight. The Centennial Farm land is part of 1,800 acres which has been farmed by Valentine Hofer's grandson Charles Hofer in partnership with his cousin Donald Hart for 40 years. Part of the Hofer farm land is owned by Charles Hofer, his sister Corriene Hofer Liotta, and his late sister Irene Hofer Morton.



The Holbrook Farm

Whitman

Owners: Chester and Juanita Holbrook

Location of Farm: 14 miles southwest of Colfax on Goose Creek Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1881 - 1919	Glosson H. Holbrook	Father
1919 - 1940	Cynthia C. Holbrook	Mother
1940 - Present	Chester Holbrook	

Glosson Holbrook was born in Burben County, Kansas in 1858. He lived at Brush Prairie in Clark County, Washington Territory prior to moving to Whitman County. Holbrook pre-empted 160 acres and then homesteaded an adjacent quarter section. The land was all sod, and he broke the sod to start farming. He also built a cabin. He married Cynthia Higdon, who was born in Kansas in 1859. The couple had 13 children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 150

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Cattle and wheat; 1988 - Wheat, barley, peas, and some grass

Additional information: Glosson Holbrook served as Whitman County deputy assessor. Today the Holbrooks lease the 260 acres of land to their daughter Peggy and her husband Russ Gay.

The Horlacher/McCoy Farm

Whitman

Owners: Clayton McCoy, Clifton B. Smith

Location of Farm: 4 miles south of Rosalia on Olson Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1882 - 1923	John George and Maria Horlacher	Great Grandparents
1923 - 1984	Horlacher Heirs	
1984 - Present	Clayton McCoy	Uncle
1988 - Present	Clifton B. Smith	

On May 1, 1882, John George Horlacher entered into a contract to pay the Northern Pacific Railroad \$416 for 160 acres. The railroad reserved rights to a 200-foot wide right-of-way on each side of the railroad line. The contract required Horlacher to "improve and cultivate in a good and husband-like manner not less than 20 acres of said land" within one year of date of purchase. With this purchase, Horlacher doubled the size of his developing farm. Horlacher had filed a timber culture claim on adjoining land in 1880. He used his pre-emption right to acquire another 160-acre parcel in 1885. Horlacher was 32 years old when he came from Wurttenburg, Germany to settle in Washington. He married Maria Jung in Iowa in 1885. They had seven children. Horlacher was also a beermaker.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 140

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, oats, grapes, hops, elderberries and bees; 1988 - Wheat and barley

Additional information: According to family, Horlacher sang and yodeled all the time and was happy in his new "Promised Land". Clifton B. Smith, great grandson of John George Horlacher, now farms the 140-acre farm and is in the process of purchasing it from his uncle Clayton McCoy.



Howard Farms, Inc.

Whitman

Owners: Howard Farms, Inc.: James P., Robert G., and George H. Howard; Managed by: Robert G. Howard

Location of Farm: 5 miles southeast of St. John on Highway 23

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1882 - 1937	George Pearl Howard	Grandfather
1937 - 1945	George Philip Howard	Father
1945 - 1986	Corrinne R. Howard	Mother
1986 - Present	Howard Farms, Inc.	

24-year-old George P. Howard and his wife, Emma Keller Harman, came to Whitman County in 1879 and settled on this Centennial Farm land in 1882. The first man to pitch his tent on this land was Henry Halsey, who came in 1873 to go into the stock business. In 1878 Mr. Halsey relinquished his squatter's rights and sold the log house and corral he had built to William Bradley for \$30.00. Bradley, a sheepman, lived there until July, 1882, when he sold the land and 2600 sheep to George Howard. Howard sold the sheep and went into the cattle business. He began growing wheat when the possibilities of the soil became known. The Howards raised a family of eight children on the ranch. In addition to farming, Howard was a grist mill operator, banker, implement business dealer, superintendent of the city water works, and a justice of the peace in Colfax. Howard was also one of the 20 delegates to the first state convention.

Acres in original parcel: 520 **Acres still retained:** 520

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Rambouillet sheep and Galloway cattle;

1988 - Wheat, barley, peas and some livestock

Additional information: This ranch was well supplied with natural springs and was a favorite stopping place for the Indians, as it was at that time on the main road to the Indian gathering place at Nespelem. The log house built in 1879 has been covered over and makes up part of the present home. Today the land is part of 1010 acres owned by three sons of Phil and Corrinne Howard.



The Huffman Farm

Whitman

Owners: Addie Mae (Brandon) Sienknecht

Location of Farm: West side of Tekoa on the west bank of Hangman Creek

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1878 - 1920	George T. Huffman	Grandfather
1920 - 1931	Sarah E. Huffman	Grandmother
1931 - 1984	John and Minnie Brandon	Parents
1984 - 1987	J.T. Brandon	Brother
1984 - Present	Addie Mae (Brandon) Sienknecht	

George T. Huffman reached his 21st birthday on November 9, 1878 and ten days later filed a pre-emption claim on 160 acres on Hangman Creek. The land was just opposite the land his brother David had filed a pre-emption claim on a few months earlier. George built a house and barn and other outbuildings. Both brothers changed their claims to homestead claims and both made final proof on July 6, 1885 at the Spokane Falls land office. George's patent was dated October 4, 1886. Huffman acquired additional land under the timber culture law. Huffman was born in Virginia and lived in Eugene, Oregon before moving onto this farm. He married Sarah Elizabeth Anderson and the couple had two children. In addition to farming, Huffman was a mail carrier.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 100

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Grain, hay, fruit, cattle, hogs, and horses; 1988 - Wheat, lentils, peas, and barley

Additional information: Over the years Huffman provided tracts of land to Tekoa for the expansion of the town. One room of the present house was built before 1883. Today Addie Mae Sienknecht owns 853 acres.

The Hughes Farm

Whitman

Owners: Ann Hughes Heck and Caroline Hughes Bostich

Location of Farm: 3 miles west of Thornton on St. John Cutoff

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1878 - 1906	William and Rosella Hughes	Great Grandparents
1906 - 1954	Hosey and Clara Hughes	Grandparents
1954 - 1986	Oral K. and Ethel Hughes	Parents
1986 - Present	Ann Hughes Heck and Caroline Hughes Bostich	

William Hughes came by team to Thornton from Clackamas County, Oregon in 1877. In February 1878 he filed a homestead claim on 80 acres. When the Homestead Act was amended in 1879, he added an adjoining 80 acres to his homestead claim. He built a house and out buildings with lumber hauled from the mountains and proved up his land in 1884. Hughes also proved up a 160-acre timber claim and purchased land from Andrew and Mary Chase. Hughes was born in Missouri and his wife Rosella was born in Oregon. They had four children. Sons Hosey and Charley Hughes filed homestead claims adjacent to their father's land.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 66

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat; 1988 - Wheat, barley, and peas

Additional information: The original home is still standing. Today the Centennial Farm land is part of a 350-acre farm operated by Kevin Shindler.



The Huntley Farm

Whitman

Owners: Elmer C. and Necia Huntley

Location of Farm: 4 miles southwest of Thornton on Huntley Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1887 - 1946	Elmer E. and Nettie Huntley	Grandparents
1946 - Present	Elmer C. and Necia Huntley	

In July 1880, Phebe Wormell Huntley, a widow, with her daughter Clara Julia and sons John and Elmer E., arrived at Thornton having travelled by covered wagon from Tomales, California. Mrs. Huntley filed homestead and timber culture claims and John filed a homestead claim. 17-year-old Elmer was too young to claim any land, but farmed with his mother and brother. In 1887, Elmer, now 24, purchased his first 80 acres in an adjoining section from the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company for \$336. Mrs. Huntley and John later sold their homesteads but Elmer continued to own and farm his land and added to his holdings. Elmer married Nettie Baker, a neighbor who had come to the area with her parents, the Joseph Marion Bakers, in 1872. The couple had eight children. Elmer E. Huntley died in 1938. After Nettie died in 1946 grandson Elmer C. and his wife Necia purchased the farm from the estate.

Acres in original parcel: 80 **Acres still retained:** 80

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, barley, cattle, and horses; 1988 - Wheat, barley, peas, lentils, and Whiteface cattle

Additional information: Today the Huntleys own 887 acres which are operated by Roger and Wayne Henning. In 1893, Elmer E. Huntley owned

one of the first two combine harvesters in the state. It was a Holt ground power machine which, because of its weight and lack of engine power, proved too clumsy for 37 head of horses to pull in the rugged hills of the Palouse country and was soon abandoned. Current owner Elmer C. Huntley helped organize the Washington Wheat Association and served as a state legislator, chairman of the State Highway Commission and a state Utilities and Transportation Commissioner. His father, Ernest C. Huntley, was raised on the Huntley farm and was elected to several local and state positions.





The Jeremiah Kelly Farm

Whitman

Owners: Marguerite Kelly Miller, Francis Wayne Kelly, James Micheal Kelly, Marilyn Kelly Thompson, Donald and Sherrill Kelly Nelson
Location of Farm: 5 miles east of Lamont on Dewey Rd.

guerite, his four grandchildren and granddaughter Sherrill's husband Don. James Kelly farmed the land from 1910 until 1945 when his sons Francis and Ronald took over the operation. Each generation of farmers has added land to the original homestead. Don and Sherrill Nelson have operated the 823-acre farm since 1971.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1888 - 1926	Jeremiah Kelly	Great Grandfather
1926 - 1931	Anna Maria Kelly	Great Grandmother
1931 - 1977	James Kelly	Grandfather
1977 - 1981	James Kelly Heirs	
1981 - Present	Marguerite Miller	Aunt
1981 - Present	Wayne and James Kelly, Marilyn Thompson, Donald and Sherrill Nelson	

Jeremiah Kelly was 46 years old in 1888 when he acquired 160 acres from the U.S. government. He later purchased land from others and from the Northern Pacific Railroad. Kelly was born in Ireland and lived in Kansas City, Missouri before coming west to Washington. In addition to farming, Kelly ran a meat wagon for a short time in the early years. He married Anna Maria Majock Heron of Hannibal, Missouri in 1874 and they had six children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 100
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, cows, horses, chickens, and pigs;
1988 - Wheat and barley
Additional information: After Anna Maria Kelly's death, the farm was inherited by their children. James Kelly received 100 acres of the original homestead. Today the farm is owned by James Kelly's daughter Mar-



James Bailey, Inc. (Kelly Farm)

Whitman

Owners: James and Karolyn Bailey

Location of Farm: 7.25 miles northeast of Lamont on Dewey Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1888 - 1926	Jeremiah Kelly	Great Grandfather
1926 - 1931	Anna Maria Kelly	Great Grandmother
1931 - 1974	Emmett Kelly	Grandfather
1974 - 1988	Charlotte (Kelly) Bageant	Mother
1988 - Present	James and Karolyn (Bageant) Bailey	

Born in Limerick County, Ireland, Jeremiah (Jerry) Kelly lived in Kansas City, Missouri, before heading west to Washington. He came first to Huntsville in Columbia County, then to Asotin County and finally to Lamont where he filed a claim on 160 acres in 1888 when he was 46-years-old. He broke out the sod grass ground and planted a timber culture. Kelly and Anna Maria Herron were married in 1874 and had six children. In addition to farming, he operated a meat wagon for a short period of time.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 60

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, cows, and pigs; 1988 - Wheat and barley

Additional information: Emmett Kelly inherited 60 acres of the original homestead after his mother died in 1931. Today that land is part of James Bailey, Inc. Karolyn Bailey, great granddaughter of Jerry Kelly, and her husband Jim operate 3,200 acres.

The Folsom Farm

Whitman

Owners: Irene B. Jones

Location of Farm: 6 miles south of Sprague

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1881 - 1897	John Edward Folsom	Great Grandfather
1897 - 1928	John Andrew Folsom	Grandfather
1928 - 1958	Wilhelmina M. Folsom	Grandmother
1958 - 1974	Jack Folsom	Uncle
1958 - 1987	Flossie Folsom Brislawn	Mother
1987 - Present	Irene Brislawn Jones	

John E. Folsom, born in Maine in 1824, went to sea at a young age and spent 15 years travelling the world and whaling in all the oceans. His seafaring days ended at San Francisco after his ship's crew deserted to join the gold rush. Folsom met up with his brother Moses and the two eventually started a millwright and blacksmithing business in Oregon City, Oregon. In 1855 Folsom married Margaret Ann Warnock and they had nine sons. In 1881 the family moved to Sprague where Folsom and his three oldest sons homesteaded and bought land from the railroad. The other sons bought adjacent land as they came of age. Later all the sons except John A. sold their holdings and went into other occupations.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, barley, hay, horses, and cattle; 1988 - Barley and wheat

Additional information: Paul Douglas Dingwell, Jr. has published the "Folsom Genealogy, Volume III." Today the 614-acre farm is operated by Don and Sherrill Kelly Nelson. Sherrill is a distant cousin to Irene Jones.



The Adam Kile Farm

Whitman

Owners: Lester J. Kile

Location of Farm: 4 miles west of Thornton

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1881 - 1889	Adam Kile	Great Grandfather
1889 - 1944	James N. Kile	Grandfather
1944 - 1961	Lester A. Kile	Father
1961 - Present	Lester J. Kile	

47-year-old Adam Kile came to Washington with his wife and children in 1881. He entered homestead and timber culture claims on land along Thorn Creek. His 21-year-old son John also filed land claims in the area. Kile constructed buildings and planted 15 acres of trees and made final proof on his homestead land in 1887, receiving patent dated April 20, 1889. Kile was married to Marinda J. Kile. The couple had five children - Charles, John, Mary, James and Minnie.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Grain and livestock; 1988 - Wheat, barley, and peas

Additional information: Today the Centennial Farm land is part of 1650 acres owned and operated by Lester Kile.

The John Thomas Kile Farm

Whitman

Owners: Mr. and Mrs. Ronald John Kile

Location of Farm: 4.5 miles northwest of Thornton on Kile Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1881 - 1906	John Thomas Kile	Great Grandfather
1906 - 1948	Albert Lennis Kile	Grandfather
1948 - 1978	Ronald W. Kile	Father
1978 - Present	Ronald John Kile	

In 1881, at the age of 21, John Thomas Kile homesteaded 166 acres. He cleared the land to farm and built a home there. John T. Kile was born in Illinois and came to Washington from that state. Also in 1881, Nancy Gully, age 12, walked all the way to Washington from Lake Port, California. Nancy and John were married in 1885 and had five children. In 1882 Kile's father, Adam, filed a timber culture claim on another parcel of land. This land was later owned by John T. Kile and continues to remain in the family.

Acres in original parcel: 166 **Acres still retained:** 166

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, oats, horses, few cattle, and milk cow; 1988 - Soft white wheat, barley, and peas

Additional information: Today the John Thomas Kile Centennial Farm is part of 1,050 acres operated by Ronald J. Kile. Ron Kile's younger brother Randy farms the land Adam Kile acquired as a timber culture. Their mother Blanche Siegel Kile also owns land that's been in her family over 100 years.



The Laird/Hamilton Farm

Whitman

Owners: Edward Hamilton

Location of Farm: 10 miles east of Endicott on Hamilton Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1887 - 1928	John H. Laird	Grandfather
1928 - 1976	Mernie T. Hamilton	Mother
1976 - Present	Edward F. Hamilton	

In 1887 John Laird purchased an 80-acre parcel for \$20 per acre from William and Elizabeth Hatton who had originally acquired the land from the railroad in 1885. Laird built a house and barn and farmed his land. Born in Pennsylvania in 1854, Laird came west with his parents, first to Virginia City, and eventually to Whitman County in 1874. His father homesteaded land near Endicott where Laird lived until he purchased his own land. Laird and his wife Tressa had two children. Their son Walter never married. The Centennial Farm land was passed to their daughter Mernie.

Acres in original parcel: 80 **Acres still retained:** 80

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat and cattle; 1988 - Wheat and barley

Additional information: The original barn still remains. Today Edward Hamilton's son, Clarence, operates the 387-acre farm.

The Lemon Farm

Whitman

Owners: Mrs. Ahira Lemon, James C. Lemon, Lolita (Lemon) McColley

Location of Farm: Along Dry Creek Rd. between Colfax and Garfield

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1880 - 1893	William Albert Lemon	Great Grandfather
1893 - 1958	James Thomas Lemon	Grandfather
1958 - 1980	Ahira Manring Lemon	Father
1980 - Present	Mrs. Ahira Lemon	Mother
1980 - Present	Lolita Lemon McColley, James C. Lemon	

In 1880 William Albert Lemon homesteaded 160 acres northwest of Garfield. He improved his claim, building a house and farming the land. Lemon was born in Virginia and came west first to Oregon. He and his wife had three children, two sons and a daughter who died in childhood. In addition to farming, Lemon was a carpenter and built many of the first homes in Colfax and Garfield. The Lemon farm expanded with the purchase of land from the Northern Pacific Railroad in 1895.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 91

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, apples, sheep, cows, and pigs; 1988 - Wheat and barley

Additional information: The front of the present home was built in 1880. Today the Lemon farm totals 252 acres and is operated by Roger Roper.



The Logan Farm

Whitman

Owners: Jean and W. Stuart Henderson, Judith Whitehead, Julia Jacobsen

Location of Farm: 5 miles east of Oakesdale on Warner Rd.

Dates of Ownership	Name	Relationship to Current Owner
1877 - (?)	James F. Logan	Great Great Grandfather
1881 - 1940	James T. Logan	Great Grandfather
1940 - 1979	Eugene Logan	Grandfather
1940 - Present	Jean Logan and W. Stuart Henderson	Parents
1977 - Present	Judith K. Whitehead and Julia A. Jacobsen	

James F. Logan came to Oregon Territory in the Ezra Meeker party and lived in Salem, Oregon prior to coming to Whitman County in 1875. He filed a pre-emption claim on 160 acres in 1877. He commuted his claim to a homestead claim in 1880 and made final proof in 1883. Logan's 25-year-old son James T. filed a pre-emption claim on an adjoining 80 acres in 1881 and paid \$200 for the "double minimum" lands in 1883. The Logans acquired additional land and by 1897 the farm grew to its present 720 acres.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat; 1988 - Wheat, lentils, and barley

Additional information: James T. Logan and his wife Parthena moved to Farmington so their two children could get to school. Logan also had mining investments. Logan hired John Sturgill to farm his land in 1890. Sturgill's son-in-law Fred Harp took over the operation in 1917. Since then the land has been continuously farmed by the Harp and St. John families.

The Love Farm

Whitman

Owners: Wendell L. Love and Marilyn L. Cunningham

Location of Farm: 2 miles southwest of Garfield

Dates of Ownership	Name	Relationship to Current Owner
1881 - 1894	Lewis C. Love	Grandfather
1894 - 1935	Mary A. Love	Grandmother
1935 - 1966	Ray E. Love	Father
1966 - Present	W.L. Love and M.L. Cunningham	

33-year-old Lewis C. Love arrived in Whitman County in September 1881 following a journey of more than three months by wagon from St. Louis, Missouri. He settled on a 160-acre claim and received title to the homestead in 1890. Improvements to the homestead included a house and numerous farm buildings. Love was born in Gallia County, Ohio and had been a teacher in Ohio. He and his wife Mary Anna had seven sons.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Grain, orchard, cattle, hogs, and sheep; 1988 - Wheat, peas, lentils, and barley

Additional information: The oldest remaining item on the farm is the water cistern built in 1907. An early biographical sketch of Lewis C. Love notes that Love was an early pioneer in the experimentation of fruit growing in Whitman County. Upon his arrival in 1881, Love invested all his remaining cash, \$1.70, in fruit trees and began experimenting to determine which fruit varieties could be successfully grown in the area. Today the 160-acre farm is leased to long time neighbors, Neal Bros., Inc.



The Lyle Farm

Whitman

Owners: Robert L. Lyle

Location of Farm: 8 miles west of Pullman on Wilber Gulch Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1879 - 1936	Robert G. Lyle	Grandfather
1936 - 1950	Floyd A. Lyle	Father
1950 - Present	Robert L. Lyle	

Robert G. Lyle was born in Missouri and came from Dixie to Union Flat with his parents in 1873 when he was 12 years old. In 1879 he began making improvements to land on Union Flat Creek. He settled on the land in 1882 and filed a pre-emption claim on it in 1883. The land, however, was within the railroad grant. Lyle relinquished his claim under the pre-emption law and purchased the 160 acres from the railroad in April 1887 for \$2.60 per acre. By this time Lyle had built a house and barn, fenced the entire tract and cultivated 115 acres. He purchased an adjoining 80 acres from the railroad at the same time for \$5.50 an acre. Lyle married Olive Jeffries in 1890 and they had one son, Floyd. After Olive's death, Lyle married Laura Yoe and they had two children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, cattle, sheep, hogs, and horses; 1988 - Cattle, wheat, barley, and peas

Additional information: Robert G. Lyle lived on his homestead until his death in 1936. His son Floyd was born on the homestead and lived most of his 90 years on the farm. Today, Robert L. Lyle, also born on the homestead, owns 584 acres. His son, James, lives on the site of the original homestead with his wife and six sons.

The McGuire Farm

Whitman

Owners: Pleasant Valley Properties, Inc.: Lee R. McGuire

Location of Farm: 3 miles west of Cashup

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1883 - 1938	Geo H. McGuire	Grandfather
1938 - 1972	Geo H. McGuire Estate	
1972 - 1974	Lee R. McGuire	
1974 - Present	Pleasant Valley Properties, Inc.	

George H. McGuire was born in Oregon City, Oregon in 1853 and later lived at The Dalles. In 1883, at the age of 30, he purchased 320 acres north of Colfax from the Oregon Improvement Company for \$7 per acre. He built a house and barn and improved the spring for a water supply. In addition to farming, McGuire raised work horses. McGuire and his wife Joanna had seven children.

Acres in original parcel: 320 **Acres still retained:** 320

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat; 1988 - Wheat, barley, peas, and lentils

Additional information: The original barn is still used for a shop and storage. George McGuire's grandson, Lee and his wife Linda Kay, started purchasing the land in 1972. In 1974 they formed a corporation, Pleasant Valley Properties, Inc., which operates the 2,050-acre farm today.



McNeilly Ranch, Inc.

Whitman

Owners: Douglas A. and Jeane M. McNeilly, and Richard A. McNeilly

Location of Farm: 10 miles southwest of Colfax on Union Flat

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1870 - 1907	William McNeilly	Great Grandfather
1907 - 1947	Arthur D. McNeilly	Grandfather
1947 - Present	Douglas A. McNeilly	Father
1987 - Present	Jeane M. McNeilly	Mother
1987 - Present	Richard A. McNeilly	

At the age of 13, William McNeilly came from Ireland to Pennsylvania, then to California via Cape Horn and on to Washington Territory. William McNeilly came to Union Flat in 1867 at the age of 31. He pastured his pack string here and settled on the land before it was surveyed. McNeilly cleared land, built fences, a barn and a log cabin, and grew hay to feed his livestock. He filed a pre-emption on 160 acres in 1872, claiming settlement in 1870. He was issued a patent for that land in 1876. He later homesteaded 160 acres of adjacent land, receiving patent in 1884. In 1887 he purchased an additional 80 acres from James Berger for \$400. McNeilly married Martha Hoss Gager on January 1, 1876 and the couple had nine children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hay, cattle, and horses; 1988 - Wheat, barley, hay and cattle

Additional information: Today the McNeilly Ranch is a family-owned corporation and is operated by Douglas and Jeane McNeilly's son Richard.

The Valentine Mayer Farm

Whitman

Owners: Thomas and Shirley Faerber, et al

Location of Farm: 6 miles south of Uniontown along Idaho state line

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1887 - 1925	Valentine Mayer	Great Grandfather
1925 - 1956	Michael Mayer	Great Uncle
1956 - Present	Thomas Faerber	

In 1887, 43-year-old Valentine Mayer purchased 174.36 acres from John Burke for \$1,275 to become the fourth owner of land originally homesteaded by Daniel White. Burke had purchased the land for \$600 just two years earlier. Mayer added buildings and fencing and farmed the land. Born in Germany, Mayer lived in Eagle Grove, Illinois prior to acquiring this land that overlooks Clarkston. He and his German-born wife Kathrine Luy were married in Chicago and came to Washington by way of California. The couple had seven children.

Acres in original parcel: 174.36 **Acres still retained:** 174.36

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, barley, horses, and cows; 1988 - Wheat, barley, and peas

Additional information: The original house, barn and granary still stand. Today Thomas Faerber and his son Michael operate the 700-acre farm.



The Miller/Powers Farm

Whitman

Owners: Thelma Kay Miller, Violet M. Powers

Location of Farm: 14 miles southwest of Colfax on Wilcox Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1875 - 1913	Guilford Miller	Great Uncle
1913 - 1958	William Lorenzo Miller	Father
1958 - 1971	Olive Pearl King Miller	Mother
1972 - Present	Thelma Kay Miller and Violet M. Powers	

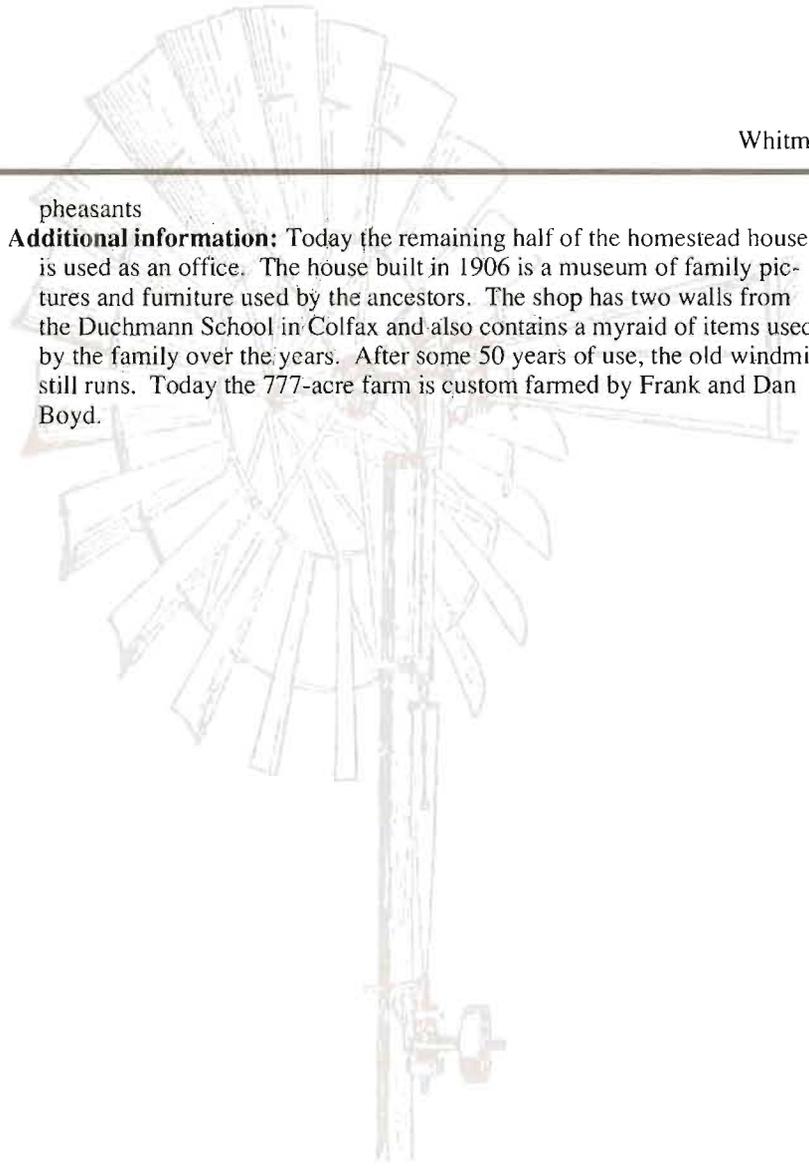
In 1875, Mary S. Miller, a widow, left the family farm in Sullivan County, Pennsylvania and came west with four of her children, including 16-year-old Guilford. She filed a homestead claim on 160 acres in a section that the railroad later claimed after the rail route was located. The railroad sought to have the Miller homestead entry cancelled, but in a landmark case, Miller's entry was ruled valid. Patent to the land, in Guilford's name, wasn't received until 1896 after lieu land was given to the railroad. Mary's son Henry homesteaded in the adjoining section. Son Augustus and his family came to the area in 1884. Improvements to the Miller homestead included a small log cabin, barns, chicken house, granary and woodshed. Guilford married Francis Adams Burgess and the couple had three children. In 1913 Guilford sold the homestead to his nephew William, who was a son of Augustus.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 93

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, alfalfa, garden vegetables, hogs, work horses, and a few sheep; 1988 - Wheat, barley, some fruit, deer, and

pheasants

Additional information: Today the remaining half of the homestead house is used as an office. The house built in 1906 is a museum of family pictures and furniture used by the ancestors. The shop has two walls from the Duchmann School in Colfax and also contains a myriad of items used by the family over the years. After some 50 years of use, the old windmill still runs. Today the 777-acre farm is custom farmed by Frank and Dan Boyd.





The Moys Farm

Whitman

Owners: George and Dorotha Gault, Sydney Jenkins, Leslie LeMaster, and Georgie Leinweber

Location of Farm: 15 miles south of Colfax

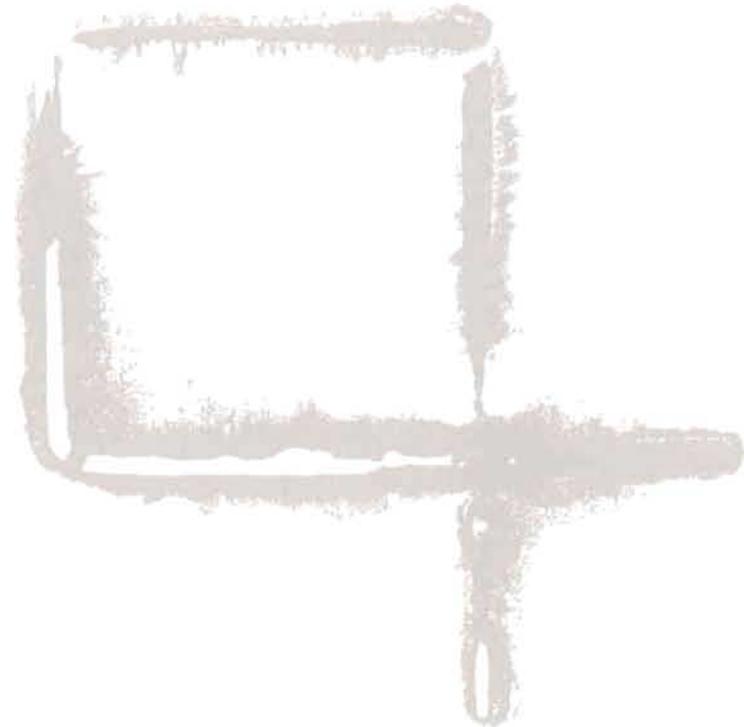
<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1877 - 1888	John and Elizabeth Moys	Great-Great Grandparents
1878 - 1916	Charles and Emma Moys	Great Grandparents
1916 - 1956	Walter and Edith Moys	Grandparents
1956 - 1977	Edith Moys and Dorotha Moys Gault	Grandmother and Mother
1977 - Present	George and Dorotha Moys Gault	Parents
1977 - Present	Sydney Jenkins, Leslie LeMaster, and Georgie Leinweber	

In 1877 67-year-old John Moys homesteaded 160 acres. The following year, his 30-year-old son Charles homesteaded an adjacent 160 acres. A small shack was built for the first winter's quarters. In the next two years Charles built a barn and a house and planted an orchard. Charles was one of five children born to John Moys and his wife Elizabeth. The Moys family had emigrated from their native England and had lived in Chicago and homesteaded in Kansas prior to coming west. In addition to farming, John Moys was a bricklayer. Charles acquired ownership of his father's homestead in 1888.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Grain and fruit; 1988 - Grain, peas, and barley

Additional information: An 1879 receipt shows John Moys paid \$3 in taxes on property valued at \$120. By 1889, Charles Moys' tax bill was \$49.87 based on the value of 400 acres of land, improvements and personal property. The original barn and a barn built in 1893 are still in use. George and Dorotha Gault live in the home built by Charles Moys in 1879. Today Box Four Ranch, Inc. is owned by George and Dorotha Gault and their three daughters. The 640-acre ranch is operated by daughter Georgie's husband Randy Leinweber. The ranch is named for the registered livestock brand of Charles Moys.





The Nathan Myers Centennial Farm

Whitman

Owners: Virginia Vollmer McMackin

Location of Farm: 12 miles southwest of Pullman on Klemgard Rd.

Additional information: The family has a 25-page narrative authorized by Esther Myers Umhalt, as told to her by Harriet Alice Stout Myers, her mother. Today the farm consists of 900 acres of pasture bluff and 900 acres of cropland which is operated by Virginia's daughter and grandson, Mary Bett Townsend and Jon Townsend.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1878 - 1932	Nathan and Harriet Alice Myers	Grandparents
1932 - 1945	Charles and Nina Myers Vollmer	Parents
1945 - 1959	James L. and Virginia Vollmer McMackin	
1959 - Present	Virginia Vollmer McMackin	

22-year-old Nathan Myers settled on a 160-acre claim with his wife, young daughter and his widowed father in 1878. He acquired the land under the Pre-emption Act, paying the required \$200 in 1884. He later acquired 80 acres under the Homestead Act and, in 1889, purchased an adjoining 160 acres from Adam M. Chapman for the sum of \$1,600 in gold coin. His first improvement was a one-room shack built in 1878. Later that year he built a log cabin and in 1892 built a house. He also built several outbuildings and fences. Myers was born in Sullivan County, Missouri and grew up in Kansas where his father homesteaded. He married Harriet Alice Stout in 1875. After two years in Nebraska they came to Washington with his father and younger sister. The Myers had seven children, two died at an early age. Myers had varied skills and in later years was associated with lending money for farming.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Cereal crops and miscellaneous farm livestock; 1988 - Wheat, barley, oats, peas, hay, cattle, and horses



Mraz Farms

Whitman

Owners: James and Gerald Mraz

Location of Farm: 3 miles northwest of Colton on Wawawai Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1877 - 1931	Wilson and Anna Mraz	Great Grandparents
1931 - 1960	Francis and Amalia Mraz	Grandparents
1960 - 1984	Norman and Virginia Mraz	Parents
1984 - 1989	Virginia Mraz	Mother
1989 - Present	James and Gerald Mraz	

Wilson Mraz, his wife Anna, and their nine children arrived in Whitman County on Easter Sunday 1877 and Mraz, then 56 years old, homesteaded 160 acres. The Nez Perce War threatened so the Mraz family went to Dayton. By the time they returned to their claim it was too late to build a house. They moved to Wawawai and lived in a dugout that first winter. Mraz also filed a 160-acre timber culture claim and acquired an additional 80 acres in 1884. Mraz emigrated from Bohemia to New York. He worked as a sash and doormaker in San Francisco during the Gold Rush. The family lived in Salem, Oregon prior to moving to Washington. When Wilson died in 1890, his wife and son Francis took over operation of the farm.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, horses, cattle, and hogs; 1988 - Wheat, barley, and dry peas

Additional information: James Mraz lives in the home which was built in 1889. A barn, built around 1880 from logs cut on Moscow Mountain and dragged by oxen to the farm, is still in use. Virginia Mraz' sons James and Gerald have operated the 655-acre farm since 1984.

The O'Neil Farm

Whitman

Owners: Jack W. Neil, Marjorie E. Linehan

Location of Farm: 4 miles west of Colfax

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1884 - 1935	John O'Neil	Grandfather
1935 - 1953	Mamie Neil	Mother
1953 - 1987	Harold Neil	Brother
1953 - Present	Marjorie Linehan and Jack W. Neil	

In 1884, 51-year-old John O'Neil paid George Reed \$975 in gold coin for 152 acres. He built a house, barn and granary and farmed the land. He later purchased 325 acres from neighbors. O'Neil was born in County Cork, Ireland and lived in Vancouver, Washington prior to settling in Whitman County. He was married to Ellan O'Connor, and they had two children. In addition to farming, O'Neil had worked for the railroad.

Acres in original parcel: 152 **Acres still retained:** 152

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat; 1988 - Wheat, barley, peas, and lentils

Additional information: Today the farm consists of 957 acres.



The Prince Farm

Whitman

Owners: Burdett Prince

Location of Farm: 4.5 miles southwest of Thornton

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1880 - 1883	Nathaniel Prince	Grandfather
1883 - 1893	Henry, Celesta, and Mary Prince	Father, Aunts
1893 - 1935	Celesta Prince Sprout, Roy Sprout	Aunt, Cousin
1935 - Present	Burdett Prince	

Born in North Yarmouth, Maine, Nathaniel Prince came from Marshall, California to settle in the Washington Territory. In 1880, 60-year-old Prince homesteaded 160 acres adjacent to land his younger brother Reuben had purchased in 1878. Nathaniel died in 1883 and his three orphan children proved up on the land and were granted the patent in 1888. Henry was 21, Mary was 19 and Celesta was 15 at the time. Nathaniel's wife Mary had died in 1881 in California. Prior to settling in Washington Prince had been an officer on a sailing ship, a gold miner and a dairyman.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 97

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Grain, horses, cows, hogs, and sheep; 1988 - Wheat and barley

Additional information: Today Hubert and Eugene Prince farm 3,800 acres which includes the land originally owned by Nathaniel Prince's brother Reuben. Eugene Prince is currently serving his fifth term in the Washington State House of Representatives.

The Richardson Ranch

Whitman

Owners: William Lyle Richardson

Location of Farm: 9 miles north of Colfax on Green Hollow Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1880 - 1924	William Marion and Phebe S. Richardson	Great Grandparents
1924 - 1979	Arthur Marion Richardson	Grandfather
1979 - Present	William Lyle Richardson	

William Marion Richardson was 30 years old in 1880 when he and his wife, Phebe Stockton, came from California to Whitman County where they homesteaded 160 acres in the Manning-Rye community. Born in Indiana, Richardson was foreman on "Panama Ranch", a dairy near San Francisco, before moving onto the farm. He built a home and outbuildings and established a timber culture. The Richardsons had eight children. In addition to farming, William surveyed roads.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, oats, alfalfa, hogs, cattle, horses, and chickens; 1988 - Wheat, barley, and peas

Additional information: Will Richardson and his brothers, Tom and John, all homesteaded in Green Hollow and were the first to own a horse-powered threshing machine north of the Snake River. Will Richardson was credited with bringing the first alfalfa seed into the area. Today the farm consists of 688.4 acres.



The John Jacob and Caroline Schlee Homestead

Whitman

Owners: Gerald and Carol (Schlee) Druffel

Location of Farm: 1 mile southwest of Uniontown on Schlee Rd.

Dates of Ownership	Name	Relationship to Current Owner
1876 - 1916	John Jacob Schlee	Grandfather
1916 - 1947	John F. and Goldie Schlee	Parents
1947 - Present	Gerald and Carol Druffel	

In 1876, at the age of 26, German immigrant John Jacob Schlee homesteaded 160 acres near present day Uniontown. He put up buildings and fences, planted an orchard, installed a water system and began to raise livestock and till the land. He later purchased additional land. Schlee and his wife, Caroline Louise Scharnhorst, had three sons, Christian, Adam and John, and three daughters, Dora, Carrie and Clara.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, rye, hay, cattle, hogs, and horses; 1988 - Wheat, barley, peas, and a few cattle

Additional information: One large barn built in the 1880's is still standing. Today Gerald and Carol Druffel's son Leroy operates their 2,000-acre farm.

The Schweiter Farm

Whitman

Owners: Walter E. Schweiter, Lillian M. (Schweiter) Ruark

Location of Farm: 14 miles southwest of La Crosse on Rock Springs Rd.

Dates of Ownership	Name	Relationship to Current Owner
1886 - 1932	Jacob Schweiter	Great Uncle
1932 - 1943	John S. Schweiter	Father
1943 - 1954	Anna S. Schweiter	Mother
1954 - Present	Walter E. Schweiter and Lillian M. (Schweiter) Ruark	

In 1886, Jacob Schweiter, a 34-year-old bachelor, entered into a five-year contract to pay \$1600 to the Northern Pacific Railroad for 640 acres of land he had previously settled on. Schweiter built a home and barns. He broke some land to grow hay and feed but mostly grazed the land. A Swiss immigrant, Schweiter came to the United States at the age of 18 or 20. He went first to Kansas, then Wyoming, California and Oregon before coming to the Washington Territory. Jacob passed his land to his nephew John in 1932.

Acres in original parcel: 640 **Acres still retained:** 640

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hay, cattle, and horses; 1988 - Wheat, barley, and some livestock

Additional information: Walter and Bernice Schweiter and family farmed the land from 1952 to 1980. The family home is maintained on the farm. The land, which now totals 990 acres, is leased to the Bill McKay family.



The Sever Farm

Whitman

Owners: F.W. Sever and Bill Larsen

Location of Farm: 17 miles south of Colfax

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1882 - 1902	Francis Wesley Sever	Great Grandfather
1902 - 1929	William Mason Sever	Grandfather
1929 - Present	Francis W. Sever	Uncle
1979 - Present	William M. Larsen	

In 1882, Francis Wesley Sever, age 49, filed a pre-emption claim on 160 acres just north of the Snake River near Almota and paid the required \$200 the following year. In 1898 Sever purchased additional land from the Northern Pacific Railroad for \$2.00 per acre. This was a negotiated price. Sever had originally claimed the land under public land law. He relinquished his claim and received deed to the land at the reduced price. He added another 160 acres through a timber culture that was recorded in 1902. Sever was born in Ohio and lived in Indiana prior to moving onto the farm. He was married to Emily Canutt, and the couple had eight children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, cows, and horses; 1988 - Wheat and barley

Additional information: Today Bill Larsen operates the 1,000-acre farm.

The Shoemaker Farm

Whitman

Owners: Mr. and Mrs. Stephen B. Shoemaker

Location of Farm: 3 miles south of Garfield on Garfield-Palouse Highway

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1879 - 1917	Stephen B. Shoemaker	Grandfather
1917 - 1934	Mary A. Shoemaker	Grandmother
1934 - 1967	Stephen W. Shoemaker	Father
1967 - 1975	John Shoemaker	Brother
1967 - Present	Stephen B. Shoemaker	

Stephen B. Shoemaker was 37 years old when he settled on his 160-acre homestead claim in 1879. He built a two-story house, large barn and outbuildings on the property. Born in Louisa County, Iowa, Shoemaker lived in Elko County, Nevada before homesteading in Washington Territory. He and his wife, Mary Ayoke, had six children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 149

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat and cattle; 1988 - Wheat, peas, barley, and lentils

Additional information: Today the Centennial Farm land is part of a 220-acre operation.

The Shields Farm

Whitman

Owners: John S. Shields, Helen A. Rowland, Alice I. Wolter
Location of Farm: 1.5 miles southwest of Lamont on Lamont Rd. 4070

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1883 - 1923	John Weller Shields	Grandfather
1923 - 1932	Eliza A. Shields	Grandmother
1932 - 1971	William Walker Shields	Father
1971 - Present	John S. Shields, Helen A. Rowland and Alice I. Wolter	

John W. Shields and his wife Eliza and their two children arrived in Walla Walla on February 21, 1880. In June 1883, the 34-year-old Shields homesteaded 160.10 acres near Lamont. He broke out the sod grass ground, planted fruit trees and made final proof on his homestead on May 19, 1890, paying the required \$12 filing fee and \$4.77 for recording 2120 words of testimony. Shields later purchased land from the Northern Pacific Railroad for \$2.99 per acre. Born in Morrow, Ohio, Shields lived in Lawndale, Illinois, before coming west. He and Eliza A. Walker had six children.

Acres in original parcel: 160.10 **Acres still retained:** 118
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, cows, chickens, and pigs; 1988 - Wheat, barley, beef cattle, and pigs

Additional information: The 118 acres of the original homestead passed on to William Walker Shields is now owned by three of his children. Today the Shields Farm consists of 1335 acres of farmed land and 1100 acres of pasture, all owned by several descendants of John W. Shields. It has been operated in succession by Shields' son William, grandson Claude W. Shields and, at present, by great grandson William J. Shields..

James Bailey, Inc. (Shields Farm)

Whitman

Owners: Mr. and Mrs. James S. Bailey
Location of Farm: 3 miles from Lamont on Potts Rd. 4040

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1883 - 1923	John Weller Shields	Great Grandfather
1923 - 1932	Eliza A. Shields	Great Grandmother
1932 - 1954	E.A. Shields	Grandfather
1954 - 1970	Earnest and Georgia (Shields) Bailey	Parents
1970 - Present	James S. Bailey	

John W. Shields and his wife Eliza and their two young sons came west from Illinois. They came first to Albany, Oregon and then to Pomeroy before moving to the farm at Lamont. Shields homesteaded 160.10 acres in 1883 and later purchased land from the railroad. He broke out the sod grass ground and planted fruit trees. He and Eliza A. Walker were married in 1874. They had six children, the last four born in Washington.

Acres in original parcel: 160.10 **Acres still retained:** 42
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, horses, cows, and chickens; 1988 - Wheat and barley

Additional information: Each generation of farmers has added land to the farm. The original homestead has passed down through the families of John W. Shields' two oldest sons. The 42 acres passed on to E.A.Shields is owned and farmed by James Bailey. It is part of 3200 acres farmed by James Bailey, Inc. which includes Centennial Farm land homesteaded by Jeremiah Kelly.



The Siegel Farm

Whitman

Owners: Hugh A. Siegel

Location of Farm: 5 miles north of Pine City on Siegel Rd.

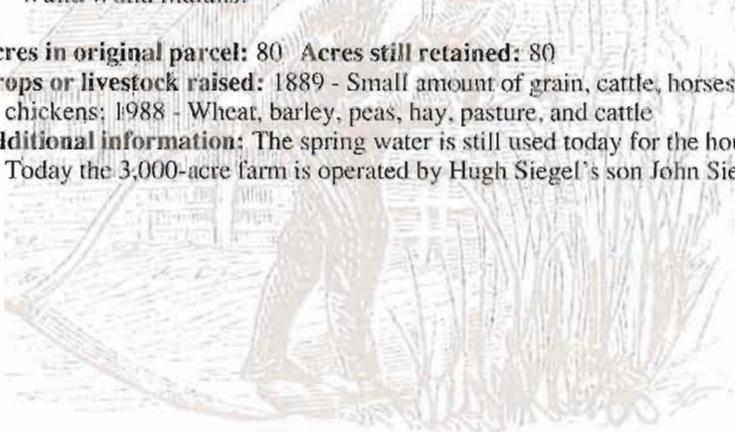
Dates of Ownership	Name	Relationship to Current Owner
1877 - 1895	Alexander Siegel	Grandfather
1895 - 1983	John Siegel	Father
1983 - Present	Hugh A. Siegel	

Born in Germany, Alexander Siegel came west to Washington from Wisconsin around 1870. He settled on 80 acres east of Rock Creek around 1877 when he was 35 years old. Early on he constructed farm buildings, planted an orchard and timber stand, and cultivated a small area. Siegel and his wife, Sara Ann, had six children. In addition to farming, he traded with the Colville and Walla Walla Indians.

Acres in original parcel: 80 **Acres still retained:** 80

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Small amount of grain, cattle, horses, and chickens; 1988 - Wheat, barley, peas, hay, pasture, and cattle

Additional information: The spring water is still used today for the house. Today the 3,000-acre farm is operated by Hugh Siegel's son John Siegel.



The James Madison Small Farm

Whitman

Owners: Leonard Carl and Janet Lindley Small

Location of Farm: 5 miles west of Pullman

Dates of Ownership	Name	Relationship to Current Owner
1877 - 1909	James Madison Small	Grandfather
1909 - 1933	Sarah Elizabeth (Page) Small	Grandmother
1933 - 1964	James M. and Ruth H. (McCarthy) Small and Estate	Parents
1964 - Present	Leonard Carl and Janet Lindley Small	

25-year-old James Madison Small settled on 320 acres in the Palouse in 1877 and built a house that fall. By 1878 he had 20 acres under cultivation. He gradually added another house, two granaries, chicken house, cellar, woodshed, smokehouse, well and pump. He planted an orchard and established a timber culture. Because Small had settled on an odd-numbered section of land that the railroad later claimed as lieu land, Small had to wait until 1898 to receive title to the land, under the homestead and timber culture acts. Small was born in Indiana in 1852 and brought to Oregon in 1854, living in Silverton before settling in Washington Territory. He married Sarah Elizabeth Page in 1874.

Acres in original parcel: 320 **Acres still retained:** 320

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, oats, horses, cows, and chickens; 1988 - Wheat, peas, and barley

Additional information: A new home is presently being built on the farm. James and Sarah Small's grandson Leonard Small owns and operates the 320-acre farm.



Squires Farms

Whitman

Owners: Squires Farms

Location of Farm: 5.5 miles southwest Rosalia on Squires Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1883 - 1945	James H. Squires	Grandfather
1945 - 1987	James R. Squires, Sr.	Father
1987 - Present	James R. Squires, Jr., Marilyn M. Whitman, Dorothy I. Holloway and Shirley J. St. John	

Born in Missouri in 1859, James H. Squires came west and filed a pre-emption claim on 156.36 acres in 1883. He filed a homestead application for the land in 1886 and made final proof in 1891. Squires cleared the land, planted an orchard, put up buildings and dug a well. He married Mary Francis Widner in 1889. Nine of their eleven children lived to adulthood.

Acres in original parcel: 156.36 **Acres still retained:** 156.36

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, oats, horses, cattle, chickens, and peas; 1988 - Wheat, barley, peas, and lentils

Additional information: The original home was remodeled in 1903, 1948 and 1967 and is still in use. Today the 184-acre farm is operated by one of the owners, J.R. "Deck" Squires, Jr.

The Stratton Farm

Whitman

Owners: Herbert G. Stratton

Location of Farm: 3 miles southeast of Pullman on the old Moscow Highway

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1877 - 1919	John C. and Flora A. Stratton	Grandparents
1919 - 1948	George M. Stratton	Uncle
1948 - Present	Herbert G. Stratton	

In 1877 35-year-old John C. Stratton and his family moved west to Washington Territory where he homesteaded 160 acres. The Strattons came by wagon train from the Dakota Territory where their crops had been eaten by grasshoppers. Stratton built a log cabin and outbuildings on the land and began to farm. Born in Michigan, Stratton was married to Flora A. Sharp. The couple had 13 children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 80

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Flax and wheat; 1988 - Wheat, peas, and barley

Additional information: The Strattons grew flax in the early days which was hauled to Walla Walla, the nearest shipping point. At the time, flax brought in more money per load than wheat. Orin Stratton, son of John C. and Flora, was in the first graduating class of the Washington Agricultural College and School of Science, now WSU. Today Herb Stratton and his son John F. operate the 990-acre farm.



The Swannack Farm

Whitman

Owners: Myrna L. Swannack

Location of Farm: 3 miles south of Lamont

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1888 - 1921	William Swannack	Father-in-law
1921 - 1973	William C. Swannack	Husband
1973 - Present	Myrna L. Swannack	

21-year-old William Swannack left his native England for Australia in 1860 and worked in Victoria's gold mines. The mines were wet and cold and Swannack developed rheumatism so he traveled around looking for a farm. He settled near Perth where he met and married Hannah Nicholson, an English woman. Swannack, with his wife and seven children, immigrated to the United States in 1885, living with his brother Daniel in San Francisco for a year. In 1886 they moved to Lamont and in 1888 the 49-year-old Swannack filed on a 160-acre homestead. He built a house, dug a well and broke out the land. William and Hannah had 13 children. Five children were born in Washington.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Cattle; 1988 - Wheat, barley, and cattle

Additional information: Swannack eventually acquired enough land to start his eight sons in farming. The present farm consists of over 7,000 acres of pasture and cropland and is operated by William C. Swannack, Jr.

The Swift Farm

Whitman

Owners: Alvin C. Swift, Marjory Ray, Esther Anderson

Location of Farm: 3 miles northwest of Diamond

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1869 - 1897	Levinus M. Swift	Great Grandfather
1897 - 1930	Charles B. Swift	Grandfather
1930 - 1957	Ella S. Swift	Grandmother
1957 - Present	Alvin C. Swift	Father
1975 - Present	Marjory Ray and Esther Anderson	

Levinus Swift first came to Washington as a surveyor for the railroad and located land with a good spring on it to settle on around 1869. Swift moved his family here from his birthplace of Cornwall Bridge, Connecticut in the spring of 1872. He improved the land, building a house, barn, and water system and planting orchards and nursery stock. The land was part of the railroad land grant and Swift received title to 160 acres in 1882, paying \$2.50 an acre for the land. He purchased additional land in the same section from the Oregon Railway and Navigation Company in 1887. Swift and his wife Cornelia had five sons.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Fruits, nuts, berries, horses, cattle, and chickens; 1988 - Wheat, barley, and peas

Additional information: Two of the five large black walnut trees that Levinus Swift planted in the mid-1870's to commemorate the birth of his five sons are still standing. Swift advertised his fruit, nuts and nursery stock in the first "Palouse Gazette" published September 29, 1877. Today Alvin C. Swift's nephew, Earl Colyar, operates the 590-acre farm.

The Turnbow/St. John Farm Whitman

Owners: Mary E. St. John

Location of Farm: 4 miles west of Palouse on Palouse-Colfax Highway

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1880 - 1943	George I. Turnbow	Father
1943 - Present	Mary E. St. John	

George Turnbow moved from Farmington, Kentucky to Washington Territory in 1880 when he was 19 years old. He selected land east of Colfax. He put up fencing and a cabin in 1881. His first crop was 8 acres of oats in 1883. According to a family diary, Turnbow paid the railroad \$160 for right of possession of the 160 acres in 1887. Turnbow and his wife, Sarah McClure, had seven children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, oats, cows, pigs, horses, and chickens; 1988 - Wheat, barley, peas, hay, and sheep

Additional information: The present owner of the farm, Mary St. John, is 92 years old and lives in Moscow, Idaho. The land has been farmed by her son Donald since 1956. Donald and his family live in the "new" house built in 1898. Today the farm consists of 254 acres.

The Van Tine Farm Whitman

Owners: Neil B. Van Tine and Mildred E. Sarver

Location of Farm: 7 miles east of Colfax towards Palouse on Van Tine Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1883 - 1903	Jacob Van Tine	Great Grandfather
1903 - 1953	Alonzo (A.L.) Van Tine	Grandfather
1953 - 1982	Allen L. Van Tine	Father
1982 - Present	Neil B. Van Tine and Mildred E. Sarver	

Jacob Van Tine brought his family west in a wagon train from southern Iowa in 1883. 59 at the time, Van Tine purchased 120 acres from James and Nancy Cooper for \$750. In 1886 he paid \$1,200 to Dr. F. Hunt and Emily E. Hunt for an additional 120 acres. Van Tine cleared his land for farming, planted orchards and put up fences for cattle. A native of Somerset County, New Jersey, he and his wife Catherine had six children.

Acres in original parcel: 120 **Acres still retained:** 120

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, hay, and cattle; 1988 - Wheat, barley, peas, hogs, and timber

Additional information: Today, Neil Van Tine, in partnership with his son Donald, farm 1,179 acres. Donald is the 5th generation of Van Tines to farm the land.



The Weber Farm

Whitman

Owners: Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Weber, Lorraine E. Payne
Location of Farm: 9 miles southeast of Colfax on Shawnee Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1875 - 1905	Frederick and Mary Weber	Grandparents
1905 - 1916	Mary Weber Sieler	Grandmother
1916 - 1936	Frederick Weber	Father
1936 - 1957	Marie Freeman	Aunt
1957 - Present	Charles F. and Yvonne Weber and Lorraine E. Payne	

Frederick Weber was born in Germany in 1843. He came to Whitman County and filed a pre-emption claim on 160 acres southeast of Colfax in 1875. Weber filed an 80-acre timber culture claim in 1877, changed his pre-emption to a homestead claim in 1879 and received the patents for the 240 acres in 1884 and 1887. In addition to farming he worked as a blacksmith for the railroad while the local line was being built. Weber and his wife Mary had four sons and a daughter. Weber died of typhoid fever in 1888 before his youngest son Frederick was born. Mary Weber later married August Sieler and they had four daughters.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, barley, oats, cattle, and horses; 1988 - Wheat, barley, hay, and cattle
Additional information: Today Charles Weber operates the 925-acre Weber farm.

The Westacott Farm

Whitman

Owners: James Westacott, William Westacott, Mary Westacott Morgan
Location of Farm: 4.5 miles southwest of Garfield

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1877 - 1920	William W. Westacott	Grandfather
1920 - 1941	Roscoe B. Westacott	Uncle
1920 - 1951	George W. Westacott	Father
1920 - 1985	Florence J. Westacott	Aunt
1941 - Present	James R. Westacott	Cousin (son of Roscoe)
1951 - Present	William H. Westacott and Mary E. Westacott Morgan	

William W. Westacott was born in England in 1846 and, at age 11, ran away from home to become a drummer boy in India. He came to the United States in 1860 and joined in the Civil War in 1862, being discharged in 1865. He prospected for gold in Virginia City, Nevada and became a citizen in 1875. Westacott arrived at Garfield in 1876. He filed a homestead entry on 160 acres in 1877 and, as a Civil War veteran with three years in the army, made final proof on the land two years later. He bought an additional 160 acres from the Northern Pacific Railroad in 1888 for \$640. Westacott married Mary E. Gill in 1880 at Palouse City. The Westacotts had four children--Sherman, George, Roscoe, and Florence.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hay, oats, wheat, fruit, pigs, cattle, and horses; 1988 - Wheat, barley, peas, and lentils
Additional information: Today the 320-acre farm is operated by James Westacott and his two sons Ronald and Thomas.



The Whealen Farm

Whitman

Owners: Richard T. Whealen, Catherine Whealen, Loretta Kissler, Doris Caldwell

Location of Farm: 12.5 miles southwest of Colfax on Lower Union Flat Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1869 - 1904	Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Whealen	Grandparents
1904 - 1942	John, Nicholas and James Whealen	Uncles
1904 - 1960	Mr. and Mrs. Richard Whealen	Parents
1960 - Present	Richard Whealen, Catherine Whealen, Loretta Kissler and Doris Caldwell	

Born in Ireland in 1812, Nicholas Whealen immigrated to Illinois at the age of 30. He travelled to the mines of California, returning to Illinois and then to Pennsylvania where he met his bride, Catherine O'Neil. The day after their wedding they left for California. After 11 years of mining Whealen decided to change occupations and travelled to Waitsburg where he worked in a lumber mill. In October 1869, he settled on 160 acres in Whitman County, with his wife and five children joining him a few months later. He improved the spring and built a house, barn, granary, cellar, woodshed and fences. In the 1880's Whealen and his sons acquired more than 1,000 acres of additional land through the homestead, pre-emption and timber culture acts and also purchased former railroad land from the Oregon Improvement Company.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, barley, oats, cattle, hogs, and chickens; 1988 - Wheat, barley, and cattle

Additional information: Today the farm consists of 2,159 acres and is farmed by J. Robert and MaryAnn (Kissler) Wigen and Michael J. and JoAnne (Kissler) Kimzey. MaryAnn and JoAnne are great granddaughters of Nicholas and Catherine Whealen.





The Enoch White Farm

Whitman

Owners: Robert L. White

Location of Farm: 7.5 miles south of St. John on Mulkey Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1882 - 1896	Enoch W. White	Grandfather
1896 - 1911	Mary Frances Kelly White	Grandmother
1911 - 1956	Dave L. White	Father
1956 - Present	Robert L. White	

In 1882, 56-year-old Enoch W. White, his wife Mary and six children came to Whitman County from California. In September White and his family settled on a 160-acre homestead. He built a house, barn, granary, bunkhouse, blacksmith shop, and shed, and planted 60 acres of apple trees. Born in Coventry, Kentucky, White operated a chicken ranch, "Chickahominy," in Dixon, California before moving to the Washington Territory. He also was a Wells Fargo teamster. His wife Mary Frances Kelly was born in Philadelphia and came to California by way of the Isthmus of Panama in 1863 when she was 20 years old. Enoch White died in 1896 leaving Mary with seven children, three still minors, and a heavy debt on their 800 acres. Mary paid off the debt and by her death in 1911 had added 1,050 acres to the farm.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, apples, horses, cows, chickens, and turkeys; 1988 - Wheat, barley, peas, and lentils

Additional information: Today the 1,400-acre farm is operated by Bob White Farms, Inc., a family corporation. Bob White's sons farm the land.

The Wittman Farm

Whitman

Owners: William and Juanita Kinzer

Location of Farm: 2.5 miles south of Uniontown on Highway 195

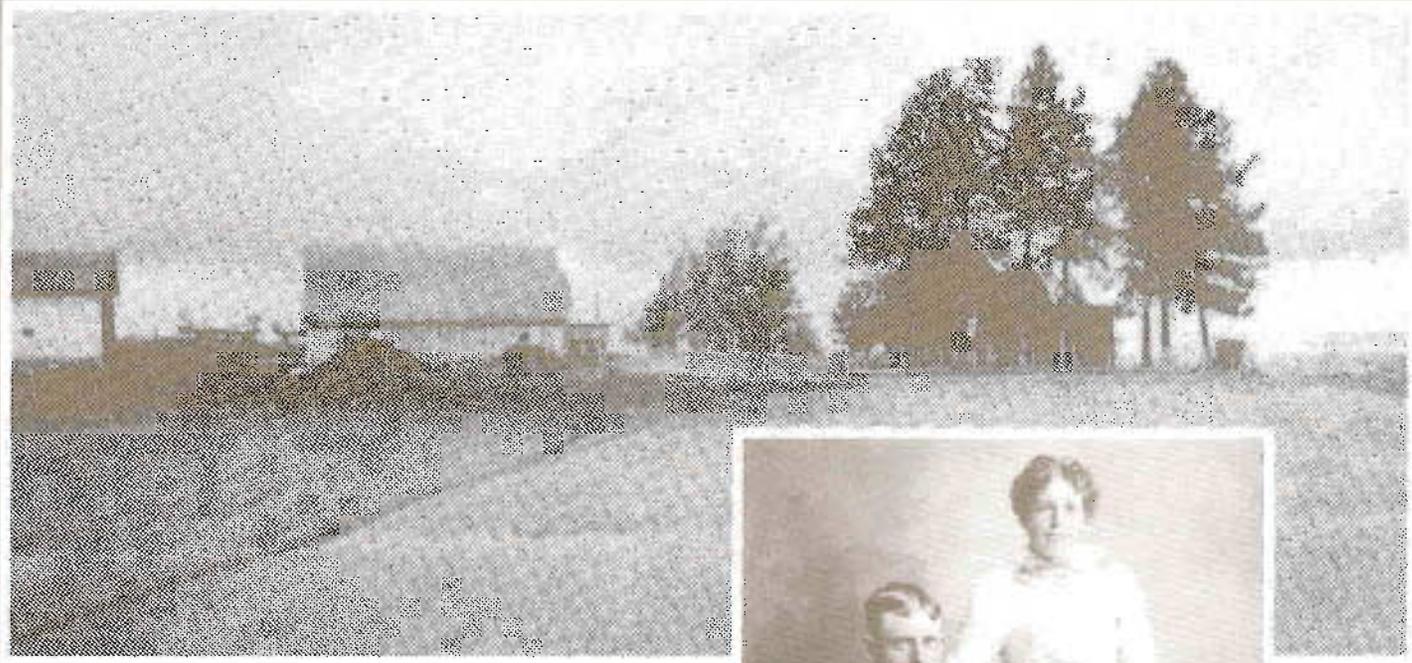
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1888 - 1937	John P. Wittman	Great Grandfather
1937 - 1939	Joe Wittman	Grandfather
1939 - 1986	Mary Wittman	Grandmother
1986 - Present	William and Juanita Kinzer	

John P. Wittman was born in Cincinnati in 1847 and lived in Gervose, Oregon where he operated a country store and post office. In 1888, Wittman came to the Washington Territory and purchased 257 acres south of Uniontown from Melissa and Thales Stewart for the sum of \$3,000. He and his wife, Catherine Schmidt, had 12 children.

Acres in original parcel: 257 **Acres still retained:** 250

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, barley, hay, cattle, horses, pigs, and chickens; 1988 - Wheat, barley, dry peas, green peas, lentils, and hay

Additional information: Joe Wittman married Mary Tuschoff in 1909 and they moved into the house John Wittman built in 1908. Besides farming, they operated a dairy, building a large red barn that is still in use. Today the farm is owned by John Wittman's great grandson William Kinzer who has farmed the land since 1961.

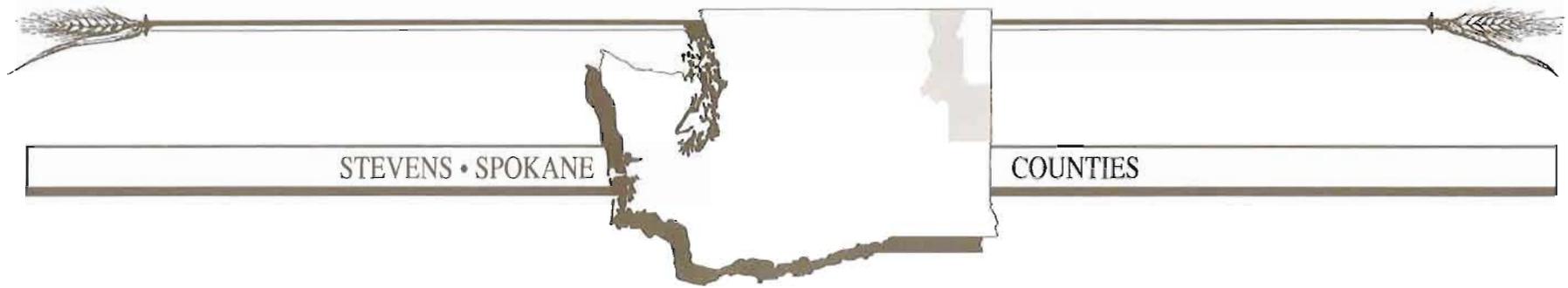


Dashill Homestead circa 1920

*M*ost Centennial Farms were established as 160-acre homesteads by young men and married couples in their 20's and early 30's.



George and Agnie Dashill 1899



Northeast Washington

*T*he oldest Centennial Farm in northeast Washington was established in the Colville River Valley in 1873. Settlement of the region, however, did not get fully underway until a few years later.

Families came further north as the choicest lands in Whitman County were taken up and the railroad line was constructed. More than half of the Centennial Farms in this region were established between 1880 and 1884 in southeast Spokane County.

Most of these farms were established by people who had immigrated to the United States. Almost half of these Centennial Farm founders were born in Germany and came to Washington often after spending some time in the Midwest or California. More than two-thirds acquired their land under the homestead law.

By 1890 Spokane County was second only to Whitman County in number of farms with 2,132. Stevens County reported 488 farms. Spokane County was a leader in the production of eggs, milk, potatoes, market garden products, hay and oats. It was a booming agricultural county, and county farms helped supply Spokane Falls, a booming city.

Today Spokane County still has almost 2,000 farms and Stevens has more than 1,000. Most of these farms are small, part-time operations.

Most of Northeast Washington's Centennial Farms are less than 600 acres in size with a number of larger farms of 1,000 to 2,000 acres found in southeast Spokane County. All but one of the Centennial Farms grow wheat and almost half grow bluegrass seed.



The Waitt Farm

Stevens

Owners: Robert W. Waitt

Location of Farm: 2 miles northwest of Valley on Farm to Market Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1873 - 1898	George Waitt	Grandfather
1898 - 1965	Charles Waitt	Father
1965 - Present	Robert W. Waitt	

In 1873 George Waitt purchased the rights to 160 acres from a squatter for the sum of \$300. He applied for the land under the Homestead Act and received patent to it in 1888. He built a log cabin, a log barn and other outbuildings and farmed the land. Born in Boston, Waitt had worked in the California gold fields and later had been a mule packer for the U.S. Army, serving at Fort Walla Walla and Fort Colville before settling near Valley. He and his wife, Josephine Peltier, had five children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 120

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hay, grain, horses, and cattle; 1988 - Hay and grain

Additional information: Part of a log cabin built by George Waitt is still standing. Today the Waitt farm includes 160 acres which are currently leased out.

The Hidden Meadows

Stevens

Owners: Otto Weitensteiner

Location of Farm: 6 miles south of Valley on Jumpoff Joe Lake Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1889 - 1948	John Weitensteiner	Father
1948 - Present	Otto Weitensteiner	

John Weitensteiner was about 23 years old when he settled on his 80-acre homestead in 1889. He first built a log cabin and started clearing the land. He later purchased additional land from the railroad and, by 1912, owned 320 acres. Born in Germany, he lived in Minnesota two years prior to coming to Washington. He and his wife, Bertha Meyers, had five children who were all born in the original house.

Acres in original parcel: 80 **Acres still retained:** 80

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - (Land under first improvement); 1988 - Hay and cattle

Additional information: John Weitensteiner built the first road suitable for wagons from the farm to Jumpoff Joe Lake for a cost of \$300. The road was approximately one mile long. Part of the original log cabin built in 1890 has been incorporated in the present home which was built in 1916-1917. In 1956 Otto Weitensteiner added 125 acres of land. Today he owns and operates the 445-acre family farm.



The Carter Farm

Stevens

Owners: Harvey and Barbara Scott

Location of Farm: 4 miles east of Highway 25 on Pleasant Valley Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1889 - 1914	William Carter	Grandfather
1914 - 1966	Ella Carter Loven	Mother
1966 - Present	Barbara Carter Loven Scott	

Born in Canada, William Carter became a naturalized citizen in the 1880's. While trapping in the Northwest, he found the spot he wanted to make his home and, in 1889 at the age of 40, homesteaded 160 acres. His wife, Mary Schreiner, and four children joined him from Wisconsin. Two more children were born in Washington. Carter first cleared land and built a log cabin. He then built a better house, a barn and outbuildings. Carter was a blacksmith and had worked for the Hudson's Bay Company and later for the railroad before settling in Washington.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 100

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hay, beans, and cattle; 1988 - Hay and pasture land

Additional information: One log building with water running through it, originally used for cooling milk, fruits and vegetables, is still in use. Ella's daughter Barbara and her husband Harvey took over management of the farm in 1966 and added additional land. Since the 1980's the farm has also been used as a bed and breakfast business. Today the farm totals 300 acres.

The Hecht Farm

Spokane

Owners: Vernon Hecht, Hughena Hecht House, Lois Hecht Claassen

Location of Farm: 2 miles southeast of Rockford on Harvard Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1877 - 1947	Charles F. and Elizabeth Hecht	Grandparents
1911 - 1960	Sarah Hecht	Aunt
1911 - 1966	Emma Hecht	Aunt
1911 - 1977	Charles H. and L. Bessie Hecht	Parents
1911 - 1984	Edward W. Hecht	Uncle
1984 - Present	Vernon Hecht, Hughena House, Lois Claassen	

In the fall of 1877, 29-year-old Charles Frederick Hecht homesteaded 160 acres and became the third person to settle in the Rock Creek Valley. In 1884 he purchased an additional 160 acres from the Northern Pacific Railroad for \$4 per acre. Early improvements included a house and barn along with clearing the land. Born in Germany, Hecht had been a clerk in Waverly, Iowa prior to coming to the Washington Territory. He and Elizabeth Desgranges were married in 1879 and had six children. Hecht died in 1893.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, hogs, and cattle; 1988 - Wheat, lentils, barley, and peas

Additional information: Hecht's Grove was a favorite camping ground of Indians and newcomers in the early days and, later, a place for Sunday school picnics and camp meetings. Today the 320-acre farm is operated by the owners' cousin, Lavonne Christianson, and her husband, Don.



The Jack Felgenhauer Farm Spokane

Owners: Jack Felgenhauer

Location of Farm: 3.5 miles northwest of Fairfield

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1878 - 1910	Rufus K. Kegley	Great Grandfather
1910 - 1919	John B. Kegley	Great Uncle
1919 - 1964	Alice and Fred Felgenhauer	Parents
1964 - Present	Jack Felgenhauer	

Rufus Kegley was 45 years old when he and his family travelled by covered wagon from Iowa to Oregon's Willamette Valley in 1873. Five years later they moved to the Washington Territory where Kegley homesteaded 160 acres near Fairfield. Kegley cleared the land and built a log cabin for his wife Cordelia and four children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, cattle, and horses; 1988 - Wheat, barley, lentils, peas, and Kentucky bluegrass seed

Additional information: In 1889, Kegley purchased an adjoining 160 acres which is owned today by Elden Felgenhauer Farms. Rufus Kegley was elected to the Washington State legislature in 1895. Today Jack Felgenhauer owns 1,400 acres and leases an additional 400 acres for his farming operation.

Elden Felgenhauer Farms Spokane

Owners: Elden Felgenhauer Farms

Location of Farm: 3.5 miles northwest of Fairfield

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1889 - 1892	Rufus K. and Cordelia A. Kegley	Great Grandparents
1892 - 1903	Edward B. Kegley	Great Uncle
1892 - 1919	John B. Kegley	Great Uncle
1919 - 1963	Fred and Alice Felgenhauer	Parents
1963 - 1977	Elden Felgenhauer	
1977 - Present	Elden Felgenhauer Farms	

Rufus Kegley was 61 years old in April 1889 when he increased the size of his farm by purchasing 160 acres from Willard and Fanny Hamilton for \$1,500. He cleared the land of trees, stumps and brush. Kegley was born in Pennsylvania and moved to Iowa as a young man. He married Cordelia Bennett in 1860. The Kegleys lived in Oregon five years before homesteading near Fairfield in 1878. The Kegleys had four children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, oats, potatoes, cows, and horses; 1988 - Bluegrass seed, wheat, barley, peas, and lentils

Additional information: Rufus Kegley was active in politics and served in the state legislature and on the local school board. He was also very active in fraternal and farm organizations. Today the Centennial Farm land is part of a 2,143-acre farm operated by Elden Felgenhauer's son, Karl.



Olson Farms, Ltd.

Spokane

Owners: Olson Farms, Ltd.

Location of Farm: 4 miles south of Fairfield on Adams, Chapman and Marsh Roads

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1877 - 1907	Friedrick Kienbaum	Great Grandfather
1907 - 1933	Gustaf Kienbaum	Great Uncle
1933 - 1971	Johannas and Laura Kienbaum	Grandparents
1971 - 1976	Luella Olson, Dorothy Ward, Evelyn Ruff and Florence Jonko	Mother and Aunts
1976 - Present	Raymond Olson, David and Barbara Olson, Laura Olson France	

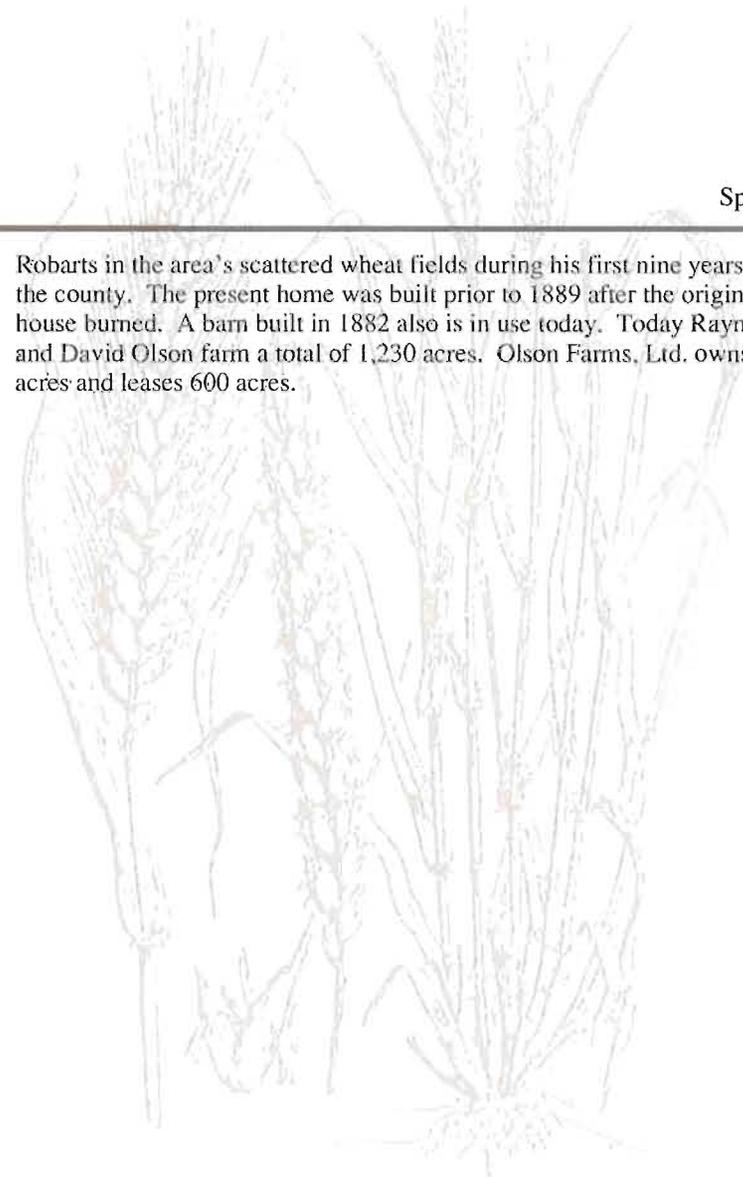
Frederick Kienbaum immigrated to this country from Prussia in 1866. He lived in Illinois and Nebraska prior to pre-empting 153.51 acres south of Fairfield in 1877, receiving title in 1882. He acquired an additional 150.50 acres as a timber culture and purchased 312 acres of railroad land for \$1,406.96 on a 5-year, 7 percent interest contract completed in 1889. By 1904, Kienbaum owned over 1,400 acres. Early improvements included two barns, house, granary and planting of trees. Kienbaum and his wife Regine Wilhelmine Wendlandt had 11 children.

Acres in original parcel: 153.51 **Acres still retained:** 153.51

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Corn, oats, wheat, horses, and cattle; 1988 - Grass seed, wheat, barley, oats, lentils, and peas

Additional information: Kienbaum operated a threshing machine with John

Robarts in the area's scattered wheat fields during his first nine years in the county. The present home was built prior to 1889 after the original house burned. A barn built in 1882 also is in use today. Today Raymond and David Olson farm a total of 1,230 acres. Olson Farms, Ltd. owns 630 acres and leases 600 acres.





The Smallwood/Keno Farm Spokane

Owners: Albert Keno, George and Pauline Keno
Location of Farm: 6 miles southeast of Fairfield on Harvard Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1879 - 1942	George and Mary Smallwood	Grandparents
1942 - 1986	Roger and Nettie Keno	Parents
1986 - Present	Albert Keno, George and Pauline Keno	

George Smallwood was born in Lincoln, Nebraska in 1858 and moved with his family to California. In 1879 George and his father, William, came to eastern Washington where they took up homesteads. George first built a log cabin, a barn and outbuildings. Before he married Mary Otis in 1886, Smallwood built a small house which was later added onto as his family grew. The Smallwoods had ten children; only six lived to adulthood.

Acres in original parcel: 151 **Acres still retained:** 151
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, hay, oats, horses, and milk cows; 1988 - Wheat, barley, peas, lentils, bluegrass seed, hay, and cattle
Additional information: A barn built before 1900 is still in use following major repairs made about ten years ago. Prairie chickens were plentiful in the area when George Smallwood first settled his homestead. This game bird, along with boiled wheat, was an important part of his diet. Roger Keno married Nettie Smallwood in 1920 and farmed with his father-in-law until 1925 when George retired. Roger continued to farm the land until 1958 when his sons George and Albert took over operations. Today the Centennial Farm land is part of a 1,040-acre farm.

The Judkins Farm Spokane

Owners: Joseph DeHaven Fulton
Location of Farm: 6.5 miles southeast of Fairfield on Wheeler Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1880 - 1926	Joseph and Carrie Judkins	Grandparents
1926 - 1966	Clarissa Judkins Fulton	Mother
1966 - Present	Joseph D. Fulton	

In 1880, 23-year-old Joseph Judkins traded his saddle horse to Frederick Frazier for the right to 160 acres in Spokane County that had a small house and log barn on it. Judkins walked back to Walla Walla to get his covered wagon and his 21-year-old wife Carrie DeHaven Judkins. Judkins filed a homestead claim for the 160 acres. He built a house, a barn and other small buildings to improve the farm and received patent in 1888. In addition to farming, Judkins did butchering and had a meat route. He also did veterinary work. The Judkins had two children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, oats, beef, pigs, chickens, horses, and hay; 1988 - Wheat, peas, lentils, grass seed, and barley
Additional information: Today Joseph D. Fulton owns 1,100 acres which are farmed by his neighbor David Ostheller.



The Adams/Holt Farm

Spokane

Owners: Gerald Dan Holt

Location of Farm: 1 mile south of Fairfield

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1881 - 1925	Herman H. Adams	Great Grandfather
1925 - 1985	Dan M. Holt	Father
1985 - Present	Gerald D. Holt	

Prussian-born Herman Adams was 46 years old when he and his wife, Anna Moore Adams, came to Washington Territory in June 1881 with their family of six children. They had previously lived in Eldora, Iowa and Cresswell, Oregon. Adams settled on 320 acres of prime prairie land and made improvements consisting of a house, barn, outbuildings, fences, orchard, pond, well, granary and pump-house. He received title to the land under the homestead and timber culture laws.

Acres in original parcel: 320 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, oats, pigs, horses, and cows; 1988 - Wheat, dry peas, lentils, alfalfa, and cattle

Additional information: In a 40-year period, Herman Adams and his family acquired ten quarter sections of land in the area and built a general store in Fairfield which was operated by his wife and a son. Of this land, only one parcel has been sold outside the family. Today half of the original 320 acres is owned and operated as part of a 670-acre farm by Gerald Holt. The other half is owned by Charles Adams, a cousin. The original barn still stands.

The Bliesner Farm

Spokane

Owners: Pauline Bliesner Gallion

Location of Farm: 2 miles south of Fairfield on Highway 38

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1887 - 1927	Christ and Regina Bliesner	Great Grandparents
1927 - 1928	Otto and Cassie Bliesner	Great Uncle and Aunt
1928 - 1934	Charles F. and Anna Bliesner	Grandparents
1934 - 1980	Charles A. and Ruby Bliesner	Parents
1980 - Present	Pauline Bliesner Gallion	

47-year-old Christ Bliesner, his wife Regina Anna Zehm and six sons emigrated from Germany to Baltimore in 1884. From there they went to Wisconsin. After reading the glowing accounts of rich farming country by Ferdinand Pagel, a relative who settled near Latah, they took Pagel's advice and came to Washington, arriving at the Spangle depot. The Bliesners bought 160 acres of school land for \$10 per acre. A carpenter by trade, Bliesner built a house, barn, woodshed and other outbuildings. He also did carpentry for neighbors. The Bliesners' seven sons eventually bought land in the area.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, potatoes, and cattle; 1988 - Winter and spring wheat, peas, and cattle

Additional information: Bliesner's sons worked for neighbors at first.

Christ, Jr. and Fred worked at a sawmill at Joe Henry's Dam, August herded pigs for Fred Kienbaum to pay for their first team, Charles worked for Rose Faber to buy their first cow. In 1976 Gus Bliesner wrote a book about the Bliesner family. Today Tom Pottratz operates the 160-acre farm.



The Ostheller Farm

Spokane

Owners: Ethel R. Ostheller Spielman and James W. Ostheller

Location of Farm: 2 miles east of Fairfield on Truax Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1889 - 1921	Carl and Christine Ostheller	Great Grandparents
1921 - 1969	Robert and Anna Ostheller	Grandparents
1969 - 1984	Robert Ostheller Estate	Father and Aunts
1984 - Present	Ethel R. Ostheller Spielman	Aunt
1985 - Present	James W. Ostheller	

Carl and Christine Baumer Ostheller and their six children came by boat to the United States from Germany in May 1887. They first settled in Michigan, working in the coal mines. In 1888 they moved to Wardner, Idaho and again tried mining but, due to Carl's ill health, moved to Fairfield. The trip to Fairfield was first made by 13-year-old Robert in March 1889. He stayed with August Roecks and in July they hitched horses to a heavy duty wagon and picked up the Ostheller family at Rockford Landing on Coeur d'Alene Lake to bring them to the Fairfield area. Carl Ostheller purchased 160 acres from the Northern Pacific Railroad for \$760. He put up buildings and used a walking plow to break up the prairie.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, two horses, and a cow; 1988 - Wheat, barley, bluegrass, and lentils

Additional information: Carl Ostheller died in 1895 leaving the farm's operation to his wife and son Robert. When Robert retired, Robert, Jr. took over the farm. Today James Ostheller operates the 320-acre farm.

The Leitz Farm

Spokane

Owners: Emil, Ervin, Myron and Franklin Leitz, Louise VanderWilde

Location of Farm: 2 miles south of Waverly on Darknell Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1889 - 1933	Johann (John) Leitz	Grandfather
1933 - 1946	Katharina (Kathrine) Leitz	Grandmother
1946 - 1979	Erich and Irene Leitz	Parents
1979 - Present	Emil, Ervin, Myron and Franklin Leitz, Louise VanderWilde	

20-year-old Johann Leitz came to Pennsylvania from Germany in 1880. Working as a carpenter, he travelled west building depots for the railroad. Leitz found himself in Colfax when depot construction ceased for the winter and he was laid off. He then started building houses for area farmers. He wanted to settle in the Fairfield area because it was good farm land and was settled primarily by German immigrants but the land was already homesteaded. He purchased 40 acres at Spring Valley and, later, purchased homestead rights on 160 acres at Waverly reportedly for \$800. After building a home, John wrote his "first love" in Germany asking her to come to Washington. She declined, but her sister came instead. Katharina Scholtz and John Leitz married in 1889 and had seven children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, oats, horses, cattle, pigs, and chickens; 1988 - Lentils, peas, wheat, barley, oats, and garbanzos

Additional information: Leitz was instrumental in building Fairfield's Zion Lutheran Church. Today Ervin Leitz operates the 940-acre farm.



The Babb Farm

Spokane

Owners: John M. and Elizabeth A. Babb

Location of Farm: 13.5 miles southeast of Cheney on Nealey Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1878 - 1916	Albert and Mary Elizabeth Babb	Grandparents
1916 - 1955	John Babb, Sr.	Father
1955 - 1962	Eunice Irene Babb	Mother
1962 - Present	John M. and Elizabeth A. Babb	

Albert Barton Babb was one of the first settlers in the Rock Creek District near Chapman Lake. In 1878, at age 34, he filed a 160-acre homestead claim. Early improvements included a box house with a kitchen addition. He also built a barn, planted 100 fruit trees, broke 60 acres of land, and fenced 120 acres of land. Babb married Mary Elizabeth Nealey near Danville, Iowa in 1867. They travelled to San Francisco by boat and then to Oregon where they lived for seven years before coming to Washington Territory in 1876. The Babbs had nine children; four were born on the homestead. Youngest son John purchased the homestead in 1916.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, oats, hay, vegetables, fruit, draft horses; 1988 - Wheat, barley, oats, peas, lentils, alfalfa, triticale, beef cattle

Additional information: In spring, Nez Perce Indians often camped on the meadow near the Babb home on their way from Idaho to dig camas and other roots in Washington and the younger Babb children would play with the Nez Perce children. Albert Babb owned and operated one of the first sawmills in the area. In May 1879 he began producing lumber from a port-

able sawmill near Spangle, later moving it to Rock Creek. In 1884 he replaced the original box house he had built with a frame house, one of the first in the area. The house featured a dance hall on the second floor and was a favorite neighborhood gathering place. Babb also raised prize-winning Clydesdale draft horses. The 2,700-acre farm has been operated by David Babb since 1973 when his father John retired after thirty years of farming.



The Painter Farm

Spokane

Owners: Mrs. James Painter, Clarence Painter

Location of Farm: 17 miles south of Cheney on Cheney-Plaza Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1882 - 1908	Benjamin B. Painter	Grandfather
1908 - 1930	Parlan W. Painter	Father
1948 - 1986	James Painter	Brother/Husband
1930 - Present	Clarence Painter	
1986 - Present	Mrs. James Painter	

In November 1882, 48-year-old Benjamin Painter and his wife, Melvina Walker Borrette, purchased the 160-acre homestead of David and Emma Bonney for \$12.50 per acre. The land, with water and trees, fit Ben's dreams and, with winter coming on, there was a dwelling for the family. He planted an orchard, started raising cattle, and built a log barn and a two-story house. Wheat was planted when part of the orchard froze during the harsh winters. In fall, the wheat was hauled by four-horse teams to the nearest granary which was at Cheney. Taking the harvest to market took a month. Prior to settling near Cheney, the Painters had lived in Elko, Nevada and Susanville, California where they had a store. They and several other families headed to Washington when they heard about the fertile Palouse country. Ben and Melvina had eight children. Five sons lived to adulthood.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, cows, and horses; 1988 - Wheat, cows, barley, peas, lentils, and hay

Additional information: The original two-room house was recently renovated and is used as a small shop. Parlan took over the farm after his father's death in 1908, the same year he married a neighbor girl, Mary Agnes Roach. Their sons Clarence and James later farmed the land. Today the over 2,000-acre farm is operated by Charles and Steve Pittman, brothers who are married to James and Jeanne Painter's daughters Julie and Janice.





The Suksdorf Farm

Spokane

Owners: Waldemar Suksdorf

Location of Farm: 2 miles southeast of Spangle on Spangle-Waverly Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1881 - 1888	Henry Suksdorf	Great Uncle
1888 - 1914	Detlev Suksdorf	Grandfather
1914 - 1958	Helmuth Suksdorf	Father
1958 - Present	Waldemar Suksdorf	

The Suksdorf family first came to Iowa from Germany. In 1874, they travelled to White Salmon in the Washington Territory where they bought a farm on the bank of the Columbia River. In 1881 son Henry, age 41, began purchasing land near Spangle. The land was farmed by Henry and his six brothers who had formed the Suksdorf Bros. partnership. In addition to farming, they engaged in land speculation and development. Henry's brother Detlev took ownership of the land in 1888. Henry's memoirs mention hoping to sell the land for \$25 to \$30 an acre that year.

Acres in original parcel: Unknown **Acres still retained:** 530

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Oats, wheat, barley, red clover, milk cows, pigs, poultry, and horses; 1988 - Wheat, peas, barley, oats, and registered black angus

Additional information: Detlev Suksdorf planted a timber culture covering 7 1/2 acres and containing 30 different kinds of trees, the largest of which were cottonwoods and poplars. Some poplars were cut for fence posts, but the grove, with 100-year-old trees, remains. Today Waldemar Suksdorf's son Gayle farms his father's 530 acres.

The Keevy Farm

Spokane

Owners: Thomas R. and Merry B. Keevy

Location of Farm: 5.5 miles east of Spangle on Cahill Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1880 - 1901	Elizabeth A. Keevy	Grandmother
1901 - 1953	Martin and Anna R. Keevy	Parents
1953 - Present	Thomas R. and Merry B. Keevy	

In 1880, Elizabeth Keevy, a 47-year-old divorcee, travelled by train from Minnesota to San Francisco with her younger children including Martin, the youngest, then age 7. The Keevys then went by boat to Almoda and by stagecoach to Spangle and joined Elizabeth's sons Charles and Monroe who had come to Washington in the late 1870's. On July 8, 1880, Elizabeth filed a homestead claim on 74 acres adjacent to land son Charles had claimed in 1879. The Keevys built a house and barn, cleared much timber, and the older children farmed the land. Other members of the Keevy family homesteaded other land in the area.

Acres in original parcel: 74 **Acres still retained:** 74

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Cows, horses, and an apple orchard; 1988 - Wheat, peas, barley, hay, lentils, and bluegrass seed

Additional information: Keevy Road near Spangle is named for the Keevy family. Today Tom Keevy farms 1,400 acres. The Keevys own 700 acres including land later homesteaded by Elizabeth's sons Winfield and Daniel.



The Cameron Farm

Spokane

Owners: Robert F. and Donna M. DeFord

Location of Farm: 9 miles northwest of Fairfield on Cameron Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1883 - 1928	Robert B. Cameron	Grandfather
1928 - 1945	Katie G. Cameron and Estate	Grandmother
1945 - 1971	Rollin E. and Clara A. DeFord	Parents
1971 - Present	Robert F. and Donna M. DeFord	

Robert Cameron was born in Warbeck, Iowa in 1858. In 1883, at the age of 25, Cameron moved from South Dakota and filed a pre-emption claim on 160 acres in Spokane County. He built a log cabin and barn, cleared the land and later built a house. He changed his claim to a homestead claim in 1886 and made final proof in 1890. Cameron and his wife, Catherine Gertrude "Katie G." Smith, had eight children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, oats, hay, prunes, turkeys, and chickens; 1988 - Wheat, barley, and bluegrass seed

Additional information: Today the DeFords own 320 acres which are operated by Lon Ottosen.

Dashiell, Inc.

Spokane

Owners: Thomas W. and Ardis S. Dashiell

Location of Farm: 5 miles west and 1.5 miles north of Rockford

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1888 - 1943	George Corrie Dashiell	Father
1943 - 1976	Thomas W. and Ardis S. Dashiell	
1976 - Present	Dashiell, Inc.	

George Dashiell was born six miles south of Pendleton, Oregon in 1866. At age 6, he moved to Spangle where his father homesteaded land. In 1888, Dashiell homesteaded 160 acres near Mount Hope. He built a house, barn, corrals and fences and planted an orchard. Dashiell and his wife Annie Gardner had eight children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Cows, sheep, and grain; 1988 - Wheat, peas, kentucky bluegrass seed, barley and cattle

Additional information: Today the 1,150-acre farm is owned by Dashiell, Inc., a family farm corporation owned primarily by Thomas and Ardis Dashiell but which also includes their son Paul, who operates the farm, and daughter Elaine Garcia.



The Emtman Farm

Spokane

Owners: Theo J. Emtman

Location of Farm: South of Spokane off Valley Chapel Rd. on Emtman Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1880 - 1934	John Emtman	Father
1934 - Present	Theo Emtman	

John Emtman rode a horse from Stockton, California to his 160-acre homestead near Spokane Falls in 1880. He chose the land because it was spring water and timber for building and heating and it was near Spokane Falls. Emtman proved up his homestead and paid his \$12 for final entry of his homestead in June 1886. Now 35 years old, he travelled to his native Germany and married Kate Miller. They returned to the farm and acquired an additional 350 acres. The Emtmans raised 11 children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, hay, oat hay, horses, cows, chickens, ducks, pigs, and planted an orchard; 1988 - Wheat, barley, and hay

Additional information: Emtman's primary source of income was from his daily trips in a horse-drawn wagon to sell wheat, hay and potatoes in Spokane Falls. All John and Kate Emtman's children became farmers or married farmers. The fifth generation of Emtmans in Spokane County began November 15, 1988 with the birth of a child to Randy and Lisa Emtman. Today Theo Emtman owns 400 acres which are operated by his nephew Robert Emtman. The original home still stands and today is used as a storage shed.

The Schoedel Farm

Spokane

Owners: Anne and Gordon Schoedel

Location of Farm: 6.5 miles southeast of Spokane on Weger Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1884 - 1929	John Martin and Catharine Margaret Schoedel	Grandparents
1929 - 1964	William August Schoedel	Uncle
1929 - 1969	Frank Adam Schoedel	Father
1969 - 1983	Myrle Marie Schoedel	Mother
1983 - Present	Gordon Robert Schoedel	

In 1884, 28-year-old John Martin Schoedel purchased 80 acres from the Northern Pacific Railroad for \$5 per acre. He built a house and a barn and began to farm the property. Born in Issigau, Bavaria, Schoedel lived in Sharon, Wisconsin before settling in the Washington Territory. He married Catharine Brunner and the couple had six children.

Acres in original parcel: 80 **Acres still retained:** 70

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Oats, hay, swine, chickens, and cows; 1988 - Wheat, barley, lentils, and grass seed

Additional information: A barn built in 1907 is still in use. Today the Schoedel farm includes 1200 acres of owned and leased land and is operated by Gordon Schoedel.



The Hans Johnson Farm

Spokane

Owners: Roy Hans Johnson and Esther Irene Johnson
Location of Farm: 1.5 miles southwest of Freeman on Elder Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1883 - 1949	Hans and Mary Johnson	Parents
1949 - 1977	Oscar Johnson	Brother
1949 - Present	Roy Johnson, Esther Johnson	

Born in 1850, Hans Johnson immigrated to America from his native Denmark. He arrived in the Freeman, Washington area and worked on the railroad, saving his money to acquire a piece of land. In 1883, 33-year-old Johnson walked 25 miles to the county seat at Cheney to file a claim on 160 acres. During the first year on the land, Johnson married German-born Mary Steinzal. They worked side by side, clearing the land of trees, and sawing and hauling the wood to Freeman where they sold it for \$1.25 per cord, their only cash income at the time. The Johnsons had eight children, all born in the original log cabin.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Potatoes, oats, wheat, barley, chickens, and milk cows; 1988 - Grass seed, wheat, and chickens

Additional information: Once a week the family would climb into the lumber wagon and drive to the old Washington Market in Spokane to sell butter, cream and eggs. Three of Hans Johnson's children are still living today. Roy, 91, and Esther, 85 own the land and live in the second family home which was built in 1909 while Emma Cross, 93, lives further up the road. Today the 80-acre farm is operated by Lee Roy and Llewellyn McMellan.

The Davey Farm

Spokane

Owners: Gordon Davey and Lillian Litzenberger
Location of Farm: 1 mile east of Freeman on Highway 27

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1883 - 1943	Richard and Jane Davey	Grandparents
1943 - 1952	Clarence R. Davey	Father
1952 - Present	Gordon C. Davey and Lillian Davey Litzenberger	

In 1889 31-year-old Richard Davey was granted title to 160 acres he had homesteaded in 1883. Davey was born in Ontario, Canada and lived briefly in Portland before coming to the farm near Freeman. Early improvements on his homestead included a house, barn and other outbuildings. He also broke the entire acreage except for 10 acres on a steep hillside. Davey and his wife Jane McNee had four children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 145

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, oats, hay, cows, horses, pigs, and chickens; 1988 - Bluegrass, wheat, peas, barley, oats, and hay

Additional information: The Centennial Farm land is part of a 848-acre farm operated by Gordon and Lillian's cousin, Neil Davey.



The Jarvis Farm

Spokane

Owners: D. Conrad Jarvis, Mildred A. Storey, Dorothy K. Jarvis
Location of Farm: 1 1/2 miles northeast of Latah on Wheeler Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1886 - 1936	Thomas J. Jarvis	Grandfather
1936 - 1969	Donald H. Jarvis	Father
1969 - 1988	Gladys L. Jarvis	Mother
1988 - Present	D. Conrad Jarvis, Mildred A. Storey, Dorothy K. Jarvis	

Born in Danville, Quebec, Thomas Jarvis lived in Canada and California prior to homesteading 160 acres near Latah in 1886. 34 years old at the time, he built a house, barn, granary, piggery and a garage, and began to farm the land. He and his wife, Dora Lodge, had seven children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, oats, horses, cows, and pigs; 1988 - Wheat, lentils, and barley

Additional information: The first house still stands and is used for storage. The Centennial Farm land is owned by Donald and Gladys Jarvis' three children and operated by Glen Powell.

The Schmitz Farm

Spokane

Owners: Albert Schmitz, Jr. and Joe Schmitz
Location of Farm: 8 miles northeast of Rosalia on the Latah-Spring Valley Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1888 - 1921	Peter and Rosalina Schmitz	Great Grandparents
1921 - 1966	Albert F. Schmitz, Sr.	Grandfather
1966 - Present	Albert Schmitz, Jr.	Father
1981 - Present	Joe Schmitz	

Peter Schmitz was born in Prussia, Germany and lived in Ventura, California prior to coming to the Washington Territory. In 1888 he purchased 160 acres from homesteaders John and Adelia Fenn for \$20 per acre. Schmitz and his wife Rosalina had two children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Grains and livestock; 1988 - Grains

Additional information: Today, Peter Schmitz's great grandson Joe and his family live in the original home built in 1888. Joe operates the 273-acre farm.



The Kirk/Hudson Farm

Spokane

Owners: Donald Edward Hudson

Location of Farm: 1 mile north of Spring Valley on Prairie View Rd.

Dates of Ownership	Name	Relationship to Current Owner
1888 - 1930	William and Rosealla Kirk	Grandparents
1930 - 1975	Fay Kirk, James Edward and Grace Eleanor Kirk Hudson	Uncle, Parents
1975 - Present	Donald Edward Hudson	

Canadian-born William Kirk was living near Weston, Oregon when he met his bride-to-be, Rosealla Miller. The Millers lost the lease to their farm and decided to move to Washington Territory at the urging of Rose's uncle, Billy Ramsey. Will, 26, and Rose, 16, became engaged before her family left Oregon and were married shortly thereafter in 1883. In November 1888, the Kirks joined Rose's parents in Washington Territory purchasing 160 acres from William and Caroline Schneider for \$3,000. Kirk built the barn, added on to the house and put in the pumphouse and an orchard. Will and Rose had seven children. The Kirks later purchased an adjoining 160 acres that had been homesteaded by the Stockdales.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, fruit, horses, cows, hogs, chickens; 1988 - Wheat, barley, and lentils

Additional information: Will Kirk later homesteaded in Alberta, Canada, but retained the Spring Valley Farm which he farmed with his children. The original barn still stands. Today Don Hudson farms the Centennial Farm land which is part of a 1,200-acre operation.

The Tucker Farm

Spokane

Owners: Daniel and Robbin Moriarty, Patricia Moriarty Borden

Location of Farm: West of Cheney on Tucker Prairie Rd.

Dates of Ownership	Name	Relationship to Current Owner
1881 - 1925	Joseph M. Tucker	Great Grandfather
1925 - 1946	Susan Tucker	Great Grandmother
1946 - 1970	John Penhallurick	Grandfather
1970 - 1984	Michaela Moriarty	Mother
1984 - Present	Daniel and Robbin Moriarty and Patricia Borden	

Joseph Tucker was born in Missouri and lived in Iowa prior to coming west. He lived in Tuckersville (later Lakeport), California and married Ann Eliza "Susan" Harrison in 1877. The young couple moved to Washington Territory in 1878 and in 1881 Tucker filed a homestead application on 150 acres. He received title to his homestead in 1885. Improvements included buildings and fencing. In addition to farming, Tucker was a blacksmith and thresher operator. The Tuckers had two children.

Acres in original parcel: 150.80 **Acres still retained:** 150.80

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Grains, hay, and cattle; 1988 - Wheat, barley, and alfalfa

Additional information: Today, Joseph Tucker's great grandson Daniel Moriarty and his wife Cheryl live on the farm. Daniel directs the farming of the land and raises Apaloosa horses. Daniel's uncle, Jerry Valley, operates the 400-acre farm.



The Samuel Showalter Farm Spokane

Owners: Ida J. McKinley and Thomas W. Showalter
Location of Farm: 3.5 miles south of Tyler on Pine Springs Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1881 - 1901	Samuel and Sarah Showalter	Great Grandparents
1901 - 1904	Henry Milton Showalter	Great Uncle
1904 - 1962	George William Showalter	Grandfather
1962 - Present	Ida J. McKinley	Aunt
1962 - Present	Thomas W. Showalter	

In 1881, 23-year-old Samuel Showalter filed a 160-acre homestead claim. He built a straw-roof barn and a house with a dirt floor. The house burned, and about 1892, in a different location, a two-story house was built. The new house had two rooms upstairs, two rooms downstairs, and a basement with a dirt floor. Showalter was born in Pennsylvania and lived in Oregon prior to moving onto the farm with his wife Sarah Jane Cook and their young family. They travelled parts of the Oregon Trail and Mullen Road on their journey from Oregon. The Showalters had 10 children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Grain and cattle; 1988 - Grain and cattle
Additional information: Today Samuel Showalter's great grandson, Thomas, leases his share of the 6,000-acre farm to his aunt and uncle, Ida and Fred McKinley, and their son Ronald and grandson Michael.

The Hyslop Farm Spokane

Owners: Thomas Hyslop
Location of Farm: 15 miles west of Spokane on Coulee Hite Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1880 - 1918	Thomas Hyslop	Grandfather
1918 - 1947	Victor R. Hyslop, Sr.	Father
1947 - 1967	Victor R. Hyslop, Jr.	Brother
1947 - Present	Thomas Hyslop	

In 1879, Thomas Hyslop, age 27, left Nova Scotia headed for Washington Territory. He quickly located land with available water on the south fork of Coulee Creek where he wished to settle. In 1880 his widowed mother, his wife, Annie McNutt, and one-year-old son John joined him. Hyslop had built a log house for his family and broke out the land with a walking plow pulled by three or four horses. The land was officially surveyed in May and June 1881 and Hyslop was then able to file for a homestead on 160 acres. Within a few years, Hyslop built a new home and barn, a granary, ice house and blacksmith shop. The Hyslops had three children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, hay, and milking shorthorn cattle; 1988 - Wheat, barley, hay, and grass seed
Additional information: Victor Hyslop, Sr. started farming after he graduated from Washington State College in 1912. Thomas Hyslop operated the farm after his parents passed away. He and his brother Victor divided ownership of the farm in 1967. Today Thomas Hyslop owns 1,135 acres which are operated by C & K Partnership.



The Carstens Farm

Spokane

Owners: Marvin and Colleen Carstens
Location of Farm: 10 miles northeast of Reardan

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1879 - 1915	Peter and Anna Carstens	Great Grandparents
1915 - 1947	Charles and Ella Carstens	Grandparents
1947 - 1962	Walter and Margaret Carstens	Parents
1962 - Present	Marvin and Colleen Carstens	

Peter Carstens and his wife, Anna Ties, immigrated to the United States from Holstein, Germany in 1870. Carstens worked on a New York farm for five years then moved to Iowa. In March 1878 the Carstens and their four young children headed west for Washington Territory. In 1879 38-year-old Carstens settled on land in Spokane County. He built a house, barn, chicken house and granary. Carstens officially claimed a 160-acre homestead in 1882, after the area was surveyed, and received title in 1891. The Carstens had five children.

Acres in original parcel: 161.78 **Acres still retained:** 161.78
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hay, grain, cattle, horses, chickens, and hogs; 1988 - Wheat and barley
Additional information: Peter Carstens is listed as a farmer living on the Centennial Farm land in the 1880 Spokane County census. The original barn, built with hand-hewn beams, is still standing. Today the original homestead is part of a 2,640-acre operation farmed by Marvin Carstens and his two sons, Randy and Kurt.

The Claus Carstens Farm

Spokane

Owners: Paul W. Carstens and Clifford W. Carstens
Location of Farm: 10 miles northeast of Reardan on Coulee-Hite Branch Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1884 - 1907	Claus and Elise Carstens	Great Grandparents
1907 - 1974	William and Lila Carstens	Grandparents
1974 - 1986	Lawrence Carstens	Father
1986 - Present	Clifford and Paul Carstens	

Claus Carstens came to America from Holstein, Germany and, in 1884, filed a claim on 81 acres adjacent to land his brother Peter had settled on previously. Claus Carstens, age 48, occupation farmer, was listed on the auditor's roll for the Spokane County census of April 16, 1887. Early improvements included construction of buildings and breaking out the land. Carstens received title to the land in 1891. Claus and Elise Carstens had three children.

Acres in original parcel: 81.69 **Acres still retained:** 81.69
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat and livestock; 1988 - Wheat and barley
Additional information: Today Clifford Carstens farms the 884 acres of land he and his brother Paul Carstens own. The Carstens are distant cousins to Marvin Carstens who owns a Centennial Farm homesteaded by Peter Carstens.



The Lynch/Rattray Farm

Spokane

Owners: Clarence G. Rattray

Location of Farm: 9 miles north of Deep Creek on Wood Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1880 - 1898	Edler Lynch	Great Grandfather
1898 - 1931	Frank Lynch	Grandfather
1931 - 1942	Tom Rattray	Father
1942 - Present	Clarence Rattray	

In June 1877 59-year-old Elder Lynch led a small group of family and friends west from Coffeyville, Kansas over the Oregon Trail. They travelled by ox-drawn wagons, stopping when jobs were available along the trail. They overwintered in Idaho and later stopped in LaGrande, Oregon arriving at Walla Walla in 1879. Lynch and his wife Sarah Elizabeth Sawyer and their five children and families settled on land northwest of Spokane in 1880. He built a house and farm buildings and broke up the land. Lynch was born in West Virginia.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Cattle, horses, hay, and grain; 1988 - Grain and cattle

Additional information: A total of six generations have made their homes on the original 160 acres. Today Clarence Rattray owns and operates the 800-acre family farm.

The Hazard Farm

Spokane

Owners: George LeRoy Hazard and Mrs. L.G. Hazard

Location of Farm: 7 miles southwest of Deer Park

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1884 - 1921	Rowland Robinson Hazard	Great Grandfather
1921 - 1935	Rowland Robinson Hazard, Jr.	Grandfather
1935 - Present	Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy G. Hazard	Parents
1966 - Present	George LeRoy Hazard	

Born in Rhode Island, Rowland Hazard lived in Soloman, Kansas prior to coming to the Washington Territory to homestead 160 acres in 1884 at the age of 47. He constructed a building for a general store, post office and residence on the land. In addition to farming, Hazard was a merchant and the postmaster. He and his wife, Rhoda Marie Sayles, had two children. Hazard's land was in an odd-numbered section within the NPRR grant. He had settled early enough that he was able to acquire the land under the homestead law. The railroad appealed the Land Office's decision and it wasn't until 1897 that the case was settled and Hazard received patent to the land.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Potatoes, hay, grain, horses, pigs, and cows; 1988 - Alfalfa, wheat, oats, and barley

Additional information: A granary and a frame house built for the blacksmith's home and later lived in by the R.R. Hazard, Jr. family still stand. Today the Centennial Farm land is part of 280 acres operated by George Hazard.



The Eickmeyer Farm

Spokane

Owners: Henry Merwin Eickmeyer

Location of Farm: 6 miles southwest of Deer Park on Monroe Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1884 - 1908	Andrew Eickmeyer	Grandfather
1908 - 1946	Henry C. Eickmeyer	Father
1946 - Present	Henry Merwin Eickmeyer	

In April 1884 51-year-old Andrew Eickmeyer purchased 320 acres from the Northern Pacific Railroad for \$6 per acre. He cleared the land, built buildings and also operated sawmills. Eickmeyer was born in Elvershausen, Germany and lived in Minnesota, Nebraska and California before coming to Washington Territory. He and his wife, Louisa Ladwig, had 12 children.

Acres in original parcel: 320 **Acres still retained:** 280

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, cattle and lumber; 1988 - Grain, hay, and honeybees

Additional information: At their 1984 reunion attended by 100 people, the Eickmeyer Family made a wall-sized family tree which shows the descendants of Andrew and Louisa Eickmeyer and their children. Today the 600-acre farm is operated by Merwin's nephew Lee Eickmeyer.

The Muhs Homestead

Spokane

Owners: G. LaVern and Mary L. Losh

Location of Farm: 6 miles south of Deer Park on Wild Rose Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1888 - 1920	John Muhs	Grandfather
1920 - 1968	William H. Muhs	Father
1968 - Present	Mary L. Muhs Losh	

Born in Germany, John Muhs lived in New Ulm, Minnesota prior to homesteading 160 acres in 1888. He cleared his land, built a house and barn and other outbuildings. In 1889 he purchased 75 acres just north of his homestead from the railroad. Muhs had eight children by his first wife. After she passed away, he married Mary (Maria) and they had four children. Mary and the children joined Muhs on the homestead in 1889.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hay, grain, potatoes, cows, horses, pigs and chickens; 1988 - Alfalfa, barley, beef cattle, and goats

Additional information: Today the original homestead land is owned by Muhs' granddaughter Mary L. Losh and is operated by her husband LaVern and their son and son-in-law. The house built around 1900 is still standing and is the home of the Losh's daughter and son-in-law. Mary's sister Betty Barnes owns the land purchased from the railroad.



The John Muhs Farm

Spokane

Owners: Betty J. Barnes

Location of Farm: 6 miles south of Deer Park on Dalton Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1889 - 1918	John Muhs	Grandfather
1918 - 1968	William H. Muhs	Father
1968 - Present	Betty J. Barnes	

In May 1889 56-year-old John Muhs purchased 75 acres from the Northern Pacific Railroad for \$2 per acre. This land was just north of the 160 acres he homesteaded in 1888. Early improvements included clearing the land. Born in Germany, Muhs lived in New Ulm, Minnesota prior to moving to the Washington Territory. Muhs had eight children by his first wife. He and his second wife Mary had four children. In addition to farming, Muhs was also involved in lumbering.

Acres in original parcel: 75 **Acres still retained:** 75

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hay, wheat, and cattle; 1988 - Wheat and barley

Additional information: Today, the land purchased from the railroad is owned by Betty J. Barnes. Her sister Mary Losh owns the original homestead land. The Centennial Farm land is operated by Eckhart Farms.

The Doak Farm

Spokane

Owners: Walter E. and Kathryn Treffry Highberg

Location of Farm: 2 miles northeast of Spokane city limits on Orchard Prairie

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1880 - 1890	Howard B. Doak	Great Uncle
1890 - 1947	Schuyler D. Doak	Grandfather
1947 - 1963	Amber Doak Treffry	Mother
1963 - Present	Kathryn Treffry Highberg	

Originally from Minnesota, Howard Doak was 21 years old when he homesteaded 160 acres near Spokane in 1880. He built a house, barn, shop and woodshed and received his patent in 1888. In addition to farming, Doak also served as a deputy sheriff and sheriff. He and his wife, Ida Matilda Johnson, had two daughters.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 30

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - unknown; 1988 - Cherries, wheat, and hay

Additional information: The original cellar has been incorporated into the present basement. In 1978 Kathryn Highberg wrote and published "Orchard Prairie, The First Hundred Years." The Centennial Farm land is operated by Kathryn Highberg's husband, Walter.

The Brischle Farm

Spokane

Owners: John Howard Brischle

Location of Farm: 5 miles northeast of Millwood on Pleasant Prairie Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1881 - 1933	Benedict Brischle	Father
1933 - 1965	Katherine Brischle	Mother
1965 - Present	John Howard Brischle	

Benedict Brischle was 25 years old when he purchased 160 acres from the Northern Pacific Railroad in 1881 at a cost of \$2.60 per acre. Prior to settling in the area called Pleasant Prairie, the German-born Brischle was in charge of the material commissary during the building of the railroad line from Portland to Wallula. He eventually built a nine-room house, a large barn and other buildings on his land. He and his wife, Katherine Marie Alpers, had three sons.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Apples, wheat, oats, and potatoes; 1988 - Wheat, barley, and grass seed

Additional information: Benedict Brischle was one of the first to establish a home on Pleasant Prairie. Brischle lived in a small lean-to from 1881 to 1898. The original house, built in 1898, is still in use and has been remodeled on the inside. Today John H. Brischle's son, John Alan, operates the 160 acres of Centennial Farm land.

The Henry Beck Farm

Spokane

Owners: Henry H. and Linda R. Beck

Location of Farm: 18 miles northeast of Spokane on Green Bluff

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1888 - 1946	Charles M. Beck	Father
1946 - Present	Henry H. and Linda R. Beck	

In 1888, Charles Beck, age 22, homesteaded 120 acres on Green Bluff. He built a log cabin and barn, developed a water system and cleared 30 acres of the land. Beck grew turnips, potatoes, cabbage and strawberries. He received patent to his homestead in 1898. Beck came from Baden Baden, Germany, living in Chicago for six years before travelling west. Married twice, he and his first wife, Elisabeth, had five children; he and his second wife, Othilla, had one child. Beck was a carpenter by trade.

Acres in original parcel: 120 **Acres still retained:** 80

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Subsistence garden; 1988 - Hay, grain, pasture, livestock, and dairy

Additional information: The original water system, installed in 1919 and electrified in 1958, is still in use. The Becks also still have an original wagon and bobsled and the farm's first truck, a 1918 M-T Ford. Today the Centennial Farm land is part of a 95-acre farm owned and operated by Henry and Linda Beck.



The Peterson/Ostby Farm

Spokane

Owners: Julius Ostby

Location of Farm: 3.5 miles east of Chattaroy

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1883 - 1923	John A. and Lucretia Peterson	Grandparents
1923 - 1956	Adolph Peterson	Uncle
1923 - 1989	Linus C. Peterson	Father
1989 - Present	Julius Ostby	

Born in Sweden, John A. Peterson lived in San Francisco before coming to Washington Territory. In 1883 at age 31, he homesteaded 160 acres north of Spokane. "To quiet some loneliness" he shared his cabin with a friend, Jeremiah Radcliff. Lucretia Bookman and a friend shared a cabin on land that bordered Peterson's homestead. Peterson married Lucretia in 1891 and Radcliff married her friend. By marriage Peterson acquired Lucretia's 160 acres and increased his farm to 320 acres. In his 1891 testimony as a witness for Peterson's homestead proof, Radcliff stated that Peterson had cultivated 35 acres and raised crops for six seasons. The Petersons adopted two sons in 1907.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hay; 1988 - Wheat, barley, and hay

Additional information: The Peterson Brothers' partnership endured for 33 years from 1923 to 1956 when Adolph retired and Linus Peterson became sole owner of the 1,540-acre farm. Linus died in 1989. His adopted son, Julius Ostby, now owns and manages the farm.

The Muehle/Coldsnow Farm

Spokane

Owners: Jack Edward William Coldsnow

Location of Farm: 3 miles north of Milan on the Elk-Milan Highway

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1888 - 1919	Carl Muehle	Grandfather
1919 - 1963	Augusta Muehle Coldsnow Sneva	Mother
1963 - 1965	Augusta Sneva Estate	
1965 - Present	Jack Coldsnow	

In 1888, 22-year-old Carl Muehle and his brother Bill came from Osnabruck, Germany and became the first settlers north of Chattaroy. Muehle cleared land for farming and built first a shack, then a log cabin and later a house. The Muehles' parents and sister Augusta joined them from Germany and Carl married Anna Johannsen, a young maid who accompanied them. The Muehles and later settlers had to wait to file claims on their land until after the township was surveyed in 1895. Anna died in 1904 after the birth of their sixth child. In addition to farming, Muehle operated two sawmills and also helped neighbors with legal problems.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Garden produce, hay, horses, and cattle;

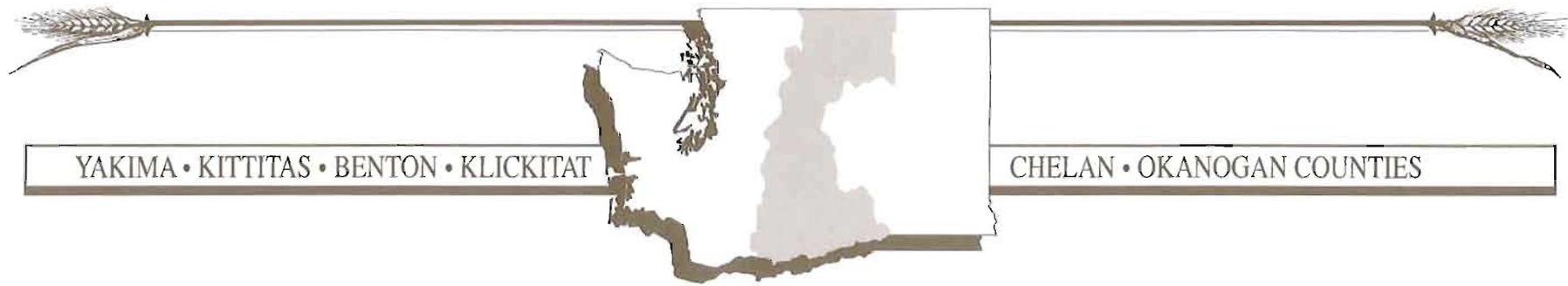
1988 - Garden produce, hay, horses, and cattle

Additional information: During the 1890's, Muehle donated part of his land for the first school and cemetery in the community. Augusta Muehle inherited the homestead after her father's death in 1919. She later married Alva Coldsnow and, after his death, Hilmar Sneva. Her son Jack Coldsnow, now lives on and farms the homestead as well as land his great aunt Augusta received title to in 1901 under the Homestead Act.



Early apple harvest, Alderson orchard

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Central Washington

*T*he oldest Centennial Farms in central Washington were established in the Yakima and Kittitas Valleys and north of the Columbia River in the early 1870's. Most of the farms in this region, however, were established after 1882.

Digging ditches to bring water from creeks and streams onto the land was one of the first improvements on many central Washington Centennial Farms. Many found the sparsely settled area most suitable for stockraising. In 1890 Kittitas and Klickitat counties were the leading sheep raising counties in the state with more than 95,000 head. Cattle numbered almost 40,000 in the region. This was after large losses during the severe winter of 1889-90.

Today irrigation is the key to the agricultural production of much of central

Washington. Irrigation, together with improved varieties and production practices, has made Yakima County one of the top ten agricultural counties in the country.

The Centennial Farms in this region reflect the diversity of the state's agriculture. They include fruit orchards, often less than 40 acres in size, in Yakima, Chelan and Okanogan counties. Kittitas Valley Centennial Farms are all under 1,000 acres in size and are usually under 300 acres and raise cattle and grow timothy and alfalfa hay, sweet corn and grain. Most Klickitat and Okanogan County Centennial Farms are wheat and cattle ranches operating on 1,000 to 4,000 or more acres.



The Stevenson Farm

Yakima

Owners: Eugene Wayne Stevenson

Location of Farm: North of Yakima in the Cowiche area

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1870 - 1912	John Wellard Stevenson, II	Great Grandfather
1912 - 1956	John Wellard Stevenson, III	Grandfather
1956 - 1987	John Wellard Stevenson, IV	Uncle
1987 - Present	Eugene Wayne Stevenson	

John Wellard Stevenson, II was born in Illinois and travelled the Oregon Trail with his parents to Vancouver in 1854 where his father took up a donation land claim. In 1870 35-year-old Stevenson found a squatter, John Goodwin, on the land he had scouted and planned to settle on in the Cowiche Valley. He paid Goodwin \$300 for rights to the land. Stevenson built a small house and a barn and irrigation ditches. He received patent to 160 acres in 1877. Stevenson married Hanna Lewis Rocket, a widow with two children whose first husband was killed while trying to drive a team of horses across the Columbia River. They had eight children-- seven living to adulthood.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 57

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Corn, pasture, cattle, horses, garden and orchard; 1988 - Alfalfa, grass hay, and pasture

Additional information: Stevenson is considered the first white settler of Cowiche Valley. Today, Eugene Stevenson owns 748 acres including 57 acres of the original homestead.

The Dunn Farm

Yakima

Owners: Paul C. Dunn and Helen Olds Dunn

Location of Farm: 12 miles south of Yakima on the Yakima Valley Hwy.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1876 - 1908	Captain Robert and Anne Curry Dunn	Grandparents
1908 - 1935	George R. and Olive Bettinger Dunn	Parents
1935 - Present	Paul C. and Helen Olds Dunn	

In 1876, 39-year-old Captain Robert Dunn settled on land in the Yakima River Valley. He acquired 160 acres under the Desert Land Act and 116 acres as a timber culture claim. Dunn was born near Glasgow, Scotland and had lived in Padukah, Kentucky. Early improvements to his farm included building a house and a hop kiln and cultivating the land. He also granted land for the Community Presbyterian Church in Parker Heights. Dunn and his wife Anne M. Curry had seven children.

Acres in original parcel: 276 **Acres still retained:** 25.6

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hops, grain, alfalfa, fruit, and cattle; 1988 - Apples

Additional information: Captain Dunn served as a postmaster for Yakima. He marketed crops in Scotland and imported Shorthorn cattle to the U.S. His son George and his wife raised crops, cattle and sheep on the ranch between 1880 and 1935. Today Capt. Dunn's grandson Paul Dunn and his wife Helen live in the original home built in 1885 and operate the 28-acre farm.



The McDonald Farm

Yakima

Owners: Dan A. and Mildred McDonald, Paul W. and Amy McDonald, Julie A. McDonald

Location of Farm: 2 miles northeast of Wapato at Donald

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1889 - 1952	Daniel A. and Ella F. McDonald	Great Grandparents
1952 - Present	Daniel McDonald	Grandfather
1960 - Present	Dan A. McDonald	Father
1986 - Present	Paul W. McDonald, Julie A. McDonald	

In January 1889, 28-year-old Daniel McDonald bought 108 acres from Thomas and Minnie Look for \$25 per acre. He built a larger cabin, barns, fences, corrals, irrigation projects and eventually a hop kiln. As a cattleman, McDonald drove his livestock to different rangelands throughout eastern Washington. McDonald was born in Canada and came to the Yakima Valley in 1883 working for the railroad. He took up a pre-emption claim in 1885 selling it in 1887 before purchasing the land from the Looks. McDonald married Ella Dunn, a daughter of Capt. Robert and Ann Dunn. They had five children. McDonald founded Donald, Washington.

Acres in original parcel: 108 **Acres still retained:** 100

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Alfalfa hay and cattle; 1988 - Apples, pears, apricots, and sweet corn

Additional information: A cabin, built in 1867 by Egbert French and used as a trading post, still stands. Hops were the principle crop grown on the farm for most of its history, the last crop being in 1985. Today Paul McDonald and his brother-in-law Karl Staudinger operate the 430-acre farm.

The Alderson Farm

Yakima

Owners: S. Harold Alderson

Location of Farm: West of Yakima on Powerhouse Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1887 - 1920	John and Elizabeth Alderson	Grandparents
1920 - 1947	S.E. Alderson	Father
1947 - 1958	Frieda Alderson	Step-Mother
1958 - Present	S. Harold Alderson	

John Alderson left his native England in 1864 and settled in Pennsylvania. In 1887 he and his wife, Elizabeth Martin, and their family came to the Washington Territory. The 52-year-old Alderson bought 80 acres for \$40 per acre from Daniel McDonald, who had pre-empted the land. Alderson built a home, cleared land and brought irrigation to it, planting most of it to fruit. Alderson was a butcher by trade but it is unknown if he pursued this in addition to his farming. He and his wife had nine children.

Acres in original parcel: 80 **Acres still retained:** 30

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hops and alfalfa; 1988 - Pears and apples

Additional information: The original home is part of the present structure.

The Alderson Farm won a bronze medal at the 1904 St. Louis Exposition for some exceptional alfalfa. The John T. Alderson Camp of Spanish American War Veterans in Yakima is named for one of John and Elizabeth Alderson's sons. Today S. Harold Alderson's son, Richard A., operates the 30-acre farm.



The Eschbach Farm

Yakima

Owners: Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Albrecht

Location of Farm: 5 miles from east end of S. Naches Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1883 - 1918	Arment P. Eschbach	Grandfather
1918 - 1960	Edward A. Eschbach	Father
1960 - Present	Ernest and Beatrice Eschbach Albrecht	

Arment Eschbach was 33 years old in 1883 when he purchased 160 acres from homesteader Thorton B. Turney for the sum of \$1,000. Turney was reportedly a fur trapper and had made few improvements of the land. Eschbach enlarged the log cabin to house his family and built barns and corrals. Born in France, Eschbach lived in Minnesota prior to coming to Washington. He was married to Rosalia Mosser and they had eight children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 35.58

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hay, grain, and cattle; 1988 - Pears

Additional information: The original cabin front wall and door have been saved and are in the basement of the present home. The inside of the old cabin was papered with newspaper--the oldest dated 1878 and the newest 1902. Today the Centennial Farm land is farmed by a neighbor, Dave Riggs. The farm borders Yakima County's Eschbach Park.

Rowe Farms, Inc.

Yakima

Owners: Walter and Robin Rowe, Richard and Marietta Clements

Location of Farm: 4 miles east of Naches on Old Naches Hwy.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1889 - 1904	Linnie Rowe	Great Grandmother
1904 - 1950	Walter R. Rowe	Grandfather
1938 - 1970	Charles Rowe, Helen Williams	Father and Aunt
1970 - Present	Walter C. Rowe, Marietta Rowe Clements	

Linnie McCormick Rowe was born in Indianapolis and, at age 17, married 28-year-old William Rowe. Rowe was manager of a mill and later worked in banking and insurance until, in 1889, failing health forced him to retire. That same year Linnie, now 39, came to Yakima and on October 10 filed for 200 acres under the Desert Lands Act. The Rowe's 20-year-old son Will, who had come to Washington first, died of typhoid October 30. With an invalid husband, the burden of improving the land fell to Mrs. Rowe. An eight-room house was built and the land irrigated, turning the sagebrush tract into a farm growing apples, hops, hay and wheat. William Rowe joined his wife and three children in Yakima in 1893.

Acres in original parcel: 200 **Acres still retained:** 70.8

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - None until 1893; 1988 - Sweet cherries, red and golden delicious apples

Additional information: Today Walter C. Rowe farms 620 acres in the Yakima Valley which includes an apple packing and storage facility managed by his brother-in-law, Dick Clements.



The Ferguson Farm

Kittitas

Owners: Gwen Cooke, Edith Thomas, Terry Powers

Location of Farm: 5 miles east of Ellensburg on Ferguson Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1871 - 1917	James Ferguson	Great Great Grandfather
1917 - 1952	Elizabeth Ferguson	Great Great Grandmother
1952 - 1981	Ben Ferguson	Great Grandfather
1981 - 1983	Bud Ferguson	Great Uncle
1981 - Present	Gwen Cooke, Edith Thomas	Great Aunt, Grandmother
1981 - Present	Terry Powers	

James Ferguson was 32 years old in 1871 when he selected land to settle on in the Kittitas Valley. His wife, Elizabeth McEwen, came by horseback with two of their children to join him in 1872, driving cattle from Shelton to Ellensburg. Ferguson cleared off the sagebrush and built a house, barn and ditches. In addition to farming, he hauled freight from The Dalles, Oregon. Ferguson was born in Indiana and lived in Shelton for 14 years before moving to this area. The Fergusons had ten children.

Acres in original parcel: 159.62 **Acres still retained:** 60

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hay, grain, and grass for cattle; 1988 - Hay, grain, and cows

Additional information: The first Ferguson home, built in 1871, was a 16' x 20' log cabin. The second home, built about 1882, was a two-story, five-bedroom frame house. The original shop and garage are still standing. Today Gwen Cooke, Edith Thomas and Terry Powers jointly farm the 60 acres of Centennial Farm land.

The Ferguson Farm

Kittitas

Owners: Chester Morrison, Jr. and Thomas Victor Morrison

Location of Farm: East of Ellensburg on Ferguson Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1871 - 1947	James and Elizabeth Ferguson	Great Grandparents
1947 - 1954	Lilly Dell Ferguson Morrison	Grandmother
1954 - 1980	Chester J. Morrison	Father
1980 - 1981	Chester J. Morrison Estate	
1981 - Present	Chet and Tom Morrison	

James Ferguson filed a pre-emption claim in the district land office on August 5, 1872 for land he had settled on in the Kittitas Valley. He made final proof and payment on October 21, 1874. He built a home and cleared the land to farm. He also raised horses. Ferguson was born in Decator County, Indiana in 1839. He lived in Mason County prior to moving to the Ellensburg area. He and his wife Elizabeth had 10 children.

Acres in original parcel: 159.62 **Acres still retained:** 33.15

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Cows, horses, and pigs; 1988 - Hay and Pasture

Additional information: The land which was used as the Ferguson Rodeo Grounds is part of the land owned today by Chet and Tom Morrison. Today Chet Morrison, Jr. operates the 113.15-acre family farm.



The Frederick Farm

Kittitas

Owners: Dorothy Frederick Sparks, Roger and Rita Sparks

Location of Farm: 5 miles west of Ellensburg on the Hanson and Cove Roads

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1875 - 1878	Henry and Anna Frederick	Great Grandparents
1878 - 1910	Anna Frederick and Pat Carey	Great Grandmother
1910 - 1958	Jake and Anna Frederick	Grandparents
1958 - 1970	Ayleen Erickson	Aunt
1958 - Present	Dorothy Sparks	Mother
1970 - Present	Roger and Rita Sparks	

40-year-old Henry Frederick settled on 160 acres in the fall of 1875. Early improvements included digging irrigation ditches, leveling the land and constructing buildings. Frederick was born at Merlebach, France, and his wife, Anna Gullung, was born in New Washington, Ohio. They lived in Nebraska prior to coming to the Washington Territory. The Fredericks had six children. The youngest, Jake, was only five days old when Henry died on October 31, 1877 after returning from fighting Indians. Anna continued to farm the land, marrying Pat Carey in 1878.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hay, grain, and cattle; 1988 - Hay, grain, sweet corn, and cattle

Additional information: Today the Centennial Farm land is part of 910 acres farmed by Roger Sparks.

The Prater Farm

Kittitas

Owners: Mrs. Wendell Prater

Location of Farm: 5 miles west of Ellensburg on Thorp Highway

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1879 - 1906	Sarah M. Prater	Grandmother-in-law
1906 - 1976	Charles C. and Velma A. Prater	Parents-in-law
1976 - 1987	Wendell W. and JoAnn S. Prater	
1987 - Present	JoAnn S. Prater	

Sarah Prater was 33 years old in 1879 when her husband, Felix, died and she inherited 159 acres that Felix had purchased from Sylvester and JoAnna Canon. The purchase price of the land was \$9.50 per acre. Sarah was born in Caloway County, Missouri and had lived in Walla Walla prior to moving onto the farm. She had seven children.

Acres in original parcel: 159 **Acres still retained:** 129

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Cattle, horses, hay, and grain; 1988 - Timothy, oats, wheat, alfalfa, and barley

Additional information: In addition to farming, Mrs. Prater ran a boarding house hotel. Today a portion of the 130-acre farm is leased out and the remainder is operated by JoAnn Seibel Prater.



The Brain-Ellison Ranch

Kittitas

Owners: The Brain-Ellison Ranch

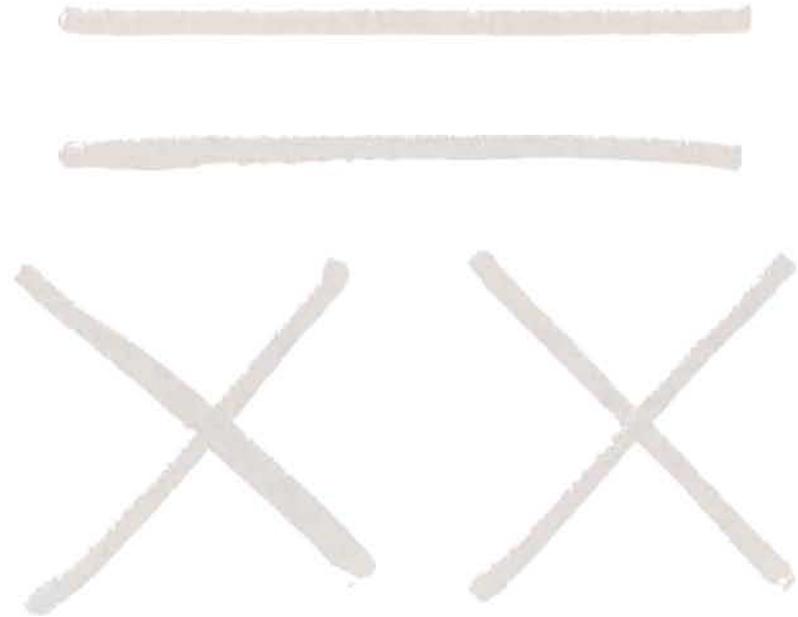
Location of Farm: Thorp Exit I-90 Highway on westside of Thorp Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1878 - 1954	John C. and Amy C. Ellison	Grandparents
1954 - 1958	Alice Pearl Ellison Brain	Mother
1958 - Present	Hazel Brain Dunnington, Geraldine Brain Siks, Phyllis Brain Baird, George B. and Warren Eugene Brain	

Additional information: Ellison was Ellensburg city treasurer and Kittitas County assessor and was involved in various public service activities. Following his death in 1898, several of the children and their husbands operated the ranch. Today the Centennial Farm land is part of 950 acres owned and operated by George and Gene Brain and their nephew Bob Dunnington.

John Clemmens Ellison was born in Kansas in 1854. In 1876, using the knowledge he had gained from driving wagon trains carrying freight from Kansas to the Northwest, he began moving wagons across the Columbia River at The Dalles to the Yakima and Kittitas valleys. He decided to settle in the Kittitas Valley and in 1878 filed a pre-emption claim on 160 acres, changing it to a homestead claim the following year. Ellison freighted in lumber from The Dalles to build the house, barn and other buildings and assisted with the westside irrigation canal. He began farming and ranching, branding his cattle with the Double Bar X which the family still uses today. The first marriage license issued in Kittitas County was to Ellison and 16-year-old Amy Allen Childs in 1884. John and Amy had eight children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 61
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Corn, hay, grain, horses, and cattle; 1988 - Corn, grain, hay, and cattle





Locust Grove Farm, Inc.

Kittitas

Owners: Don and Ruth Knoke

Location of Farm: 2 miles northwest of Thorp on Thorp Highway

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1881 - 1887	Thomas Ellison	Great Grandfather
1887 - 1920	Lewis F. and Ruth Ellison	Grandparents
1920 - 1964	M.C. and Ella L. Knoke	Parents
1964 - Present	Don F. and Ruth G. Knoke	

Thomas Ellison was born in Kentucky and moved to Missouri, then to Kansas where he farmed for five years. He then went to Siskiyou County, California and finally arrived in Kittitas County where he settled on a homestead in 1881 at the age of 64. Ellison cleared the land for farming and, in 1883, built an irrigation ditch from the Yakima River. Ellison and his wife, Mary McCubbin, had nine children that were alive at the time of his death in 1887.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 58

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hay, small grains, and milk cows; 1988 - Timothy hay, alfalfa hay, wheat, sudan grass, and beef cattle

Additional information: When Thomas and Mary Ellison traveled to Washington Territory from California in 1881, they brought with them seeds of black locust trees which they planted around their new home. Today several locust trees are still growing around the farm house, giving the name to the present farm corporation. Today the farm totals 155 acres and is owned and operated by Don and Ruth Knoke.

The Hutchinson Ranch

Kittitas

Owners: Dick and Reta Hutchinson

Location of Farm: 1/4 mile west past the Thorp Post Office on Thorp Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1887 - 1899	Oscar Hutchinson	Great Uncle
1899 - 1954	Frank Hutchinson	Grandfather
1954 - 1979	Ivan Hutchinson	Father
1979 - Present	Dick Hutchinson	

In 1887 25-year-old Oscar Hutchinson came to Washington from his native state of Wisconsin and purchased 140 acres from the Northern Pacific Railroad for \$364. Hutchinson built a two-story house and farmed the land. Hutchinson and his wife Kate Melugin had one son, Cecil.

Acres in original parcel: 140 **Acres still retained:** 140

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Cattle and sheep; 1988 - Grain, hay, cattle, and sheep

Additional information: Today the farm totals 200 acres and is operated by Dick Hutchinson and his wife, Reta.



The Spurling Farm

Kittitas

Owners: L. Gene and Lorraine Spurling

Location of Farm: 3 miles northwest of Ellensburg on Recceer Creek Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1881 - 1919	William W. Spurling	Grandfather
1919 - 1955	Grover A. Spurling	Father
1955 - Present	L. Gene Spurling	

30-year-old William Spurling came west from Marion County, Iowa to homestead 160 acres near Ellensburg. He filed a claim in 1881 and made final proof on his homestead and paying the \$12 filing fee on October 18, 1888. Patent was issued in 1890. Early improvements included getting water on the land. He and his wife, Amanda Stephens, had eight children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 40

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hay, Durham cattle, and horses; 1988 - Holstein cattle and dairy farming

Additional information: When William Spurling died in 1919 the 280-acre farm was divided among five children. Today the farm consists of 100 acres and is operated by L. Gene Spurling.

The Charlton Farm

Kittitas

Owners: Larry L. and Marilyn Charlton

Location of Farm: 13 miles northeast of Ellensburg, end of Charlton Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1883 - 1953	George Carmi and Betty Maud Charlton	Grandparents
1953 - 1982	Glenn Carmi and Naomi H. Charlton	Parents
1982 - Present	Larry L. and Marilyn Charlton	

George Carmi Charlton was 24 years old when he moved onto his homestead in 1883 from his birthplace of Jackson County, Oregon. He claimed the land first as a pre-emption then changed his claim to a homestead. He proved up in December 1888 paying the \$12 final filing fee. In addition to buildings, an early improvement was a 2 1/2 mile irrigation ditch dug from Naneum Creek to the ranch. He put five to six acres under irrigation and added three to five more acres each year. He was married to Betty Maud Filer and the couple had seven children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hay, grain, milk cows, and work horses; 1988 - Hay, grain, and cattle

Additional information: Both the original house and barn are still in use. Both were built with timbers and pegs. Charlton purchased an additional 160 acres from the Northern Pacific Railroad in 1915. Today Larry L. Charlton owns 352 acres, including 320 acres of farmland and 32 acres of pasture.



The Bull Farm

Kittitas

Owners: John A. Bull, Jr., Thomas W. Bull, Leland L. Bull

Location of Farm: Southeast of Ellensburg on Bull Rd.

Valley in the early 1870's and purchased additional land over the years. He lost his property in the Panic of 1893. Bull was the first probate judge in Kittitas County. He was also instrumental in founding the Seattle and Walla Walla Trail and Wagon Road over Snoqualmie Pass. The 200-acre farm is leased to and farmed by Thomas Bull's sons, Thomas W., II and Curtis, as Bull Bros. Farms, Inc.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1881 - 1889	Benjamin W. and Rebecca N. Frisbee	Grandmother
1889 - 1937	Walter and Rebecca Frisbee Bull	Grandparents
1937 - 1968	John Alva Bull	Father
1968 - 1977	John Alva Bull Trust	
1977 - Present	John A. Jr., Thomas W. and Leland L. Bull	

Rebecca Frisbee Bull came to the United States from Norway with her parents in 1870 when she was 14 years old. She finished her education in Nebraska and became a teacher there. She came to Ellensburg in 1879 and lived with her brother for two years until, at 33, she married Benjamin W. Frisbee, a teacher and photographer, and took up residence with him on a 160-acre homestead. The couple had two children and improved their homestead. Mr. Frisbee died in early 1888. Rebecca paid the \$12 for the final entry of their homestead on May 28. In 1889 Rebecca married Walter A. Bull, a 51-year-old cattleman who owned a large ranch in the valley. They had two children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Grain, hay, fruit, and livestock; 1988 - Timothy, alfalfa, sweet corn, and small grains

Additional information: Walter Bull had settled on 160 acres in the Kittitas



The Frisbee/Bull Farm

Kittitas

Owners: Leland Levitt Bull, Jr., John Alvadore Bull, Jr., Thomas Walter Bull, and Leland Leroy Bull

Location of Farm: South rim of the Kittitas Valley on Thrall Rd.

Dates of Ownership	Name	Relationship to Current Owner
1888 - 1928	Rebecca Nelson Frisbee Bull	Grandmother
1928 - 1968	John Alvadore Bull	Father/Uncle
1928 - 1983	Leland Levitt Bull	Father/Uncle
1968 - Present	John A., Jr., Thomas W., and Leland L. Bull	
1983 - Present	Leland Levitt Bull, Jr.	

In 1888, Rebecca Frisbee, a 31-year-old widow, paid the U.S. government \$2.50 per acre for 160 acres about 5 miles south of land she and her husband had homesteaded. She married Walter A. Bull in 1889 and, in 1890, she purchased an adjacent 160 acres from Charles and Carrie McDonald for \$1,500 as her separate property. Walter Bull failed financially in the Panic of 1893, but Mrs. Bull successfully defended her two parcels against his creditors.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 150

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Livestock range 1988 - Hay and corn

Additional information: Farming was limited to the extreme northern part of the property until World War I. Only with the opening of the Highline Ditch was the property fully farmed. An old quarry on the original 160 acres provided stone for early Ellensburg building projects. Today the 200-acre parcel is farmed by Bull Bros. Farms, Inc.

The Edward Haga Farm

Kittitas

Owners: Edward L. and Anna G. Sullivan

Location of Farm: 1300 feet east of Cove Rd. on Manastash Rd.

Dates of Ownership	Name	Relationship to Current Owner
1889 - 1944	Edward and Anna Haga	Grandparents
1944 - 1956	Emma Price	Mother
1956 - Present	Edward L. Sullivan	

In 1889 Edward and Anna Haga purchased 89.67 acres from Peter Norling for \$325. Born in Norway, Edward Haga was 48 years old and his wife Anna Avitsland was 29 at the time they moved to the farm from Red Jacket, Michigan. Haga built a house, a barn and fences and dug a well. In addition to farming, Edward Haga did mining and railroad construction. The Hagas were the parents of seven children.

Acres in original parcel: 89.67 **Acres still retained:** 6

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hay, fruit, dairy cows, horses, and hogs; 1988 - Hay, fruit, and cattle

Additional information: A diary Anna started January 12, 1885 when she left Norway notes that Edward went to Washington Territory on March 7, 1889. Anna left Michigan to join Edward on June 18. The diary ends with Anna's arrival in Ellensburg June 24. Today Edward Sullivan owns and operates the six-acre farm.



The Henry Clerf Farm

Kittitas

Owners: Francis (Bud) and Jeanne Clerf

Location of Farm: 3 miles southeast of Ellensburg on No. 6 Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1885 - 1918	Henry Clerf	Grandfather
1918 - 1958	Nicholas Clerf	Father
1958 - Present	Francis E. Clerf	

In 1885 32-year-old Henry Clerf brought his wife and young child Nicholas to settle on land in a railroad section just east of Ellensburg. In 1898 he completed purchase of the 160 acres from the Northern Pacific Railroad. Clerf was born in Luxembourg, Germany and lived in Oxtell, Kansas before coming to Washington Territory with a brother and a cousin. To improve the land Clerf cleared sagebrush, built buildings and started the present irrigation system. He and his wife Margaret had nine children. In addition to farming, Clerf hauled freight between The Dalles and Ellensburg.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hay, pasture, grain, and livestock; 1988 - Timothy and alfalfa hay, grain, sweet corn, silage corn, hogs and cow/calf operation

Additional information: Francis and Jeanne Clerf live in the last home Henry Clerf built. They have the family buggy and still use the buggy shed. Today the Centennial Farm land is part of 244 acres operated by Francis Clerf.

The Clerf Farm

Kittitas

Owners: John R. and Doris Clerf

Location of Farm: East edge of Kittitas

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1887 - 1917	John P. and Mary Clerf	Grandparents
1917 - 1972	John G. and Ella Clerf	Parents
1972 - Present	John R. and Doris Clerf	

In 1887 36-year-old John Clerf and his wife Mary purchased 320 acres from John Holtz at a cost of \$25 per acre. Born in Luxembourg, John had lived in Nebraska and Kansas and had come to Washington Territory about the same time as his brother Henry. Clerf built a home and barn and farmed the land. In addition to farming he was a partner in a brewery. John and Mary Clerf had nine children.

Acres in original parcel: 320 **Acres still retained:** 116

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hay, grain, and cattle; 1988 - Hay, grain, and corn

Additional information: The original horse barn still stands. Today John R. and Doris Clerf's son John S. operates the 500-acre family farm.



The Hanson Family Farm

Kittitas

Owners: John Hanson Family

Location of Farm: 18 miles northwest of Ellensburg on Swauk Prairie Rd.

Dates of Ownership	Name	Relationship to Current Owner
1887 - 1926	John and Sarah Hanson	Grandparents
1926 - 1969	Alfred and Gertrude Hanson	Parents
1969 - Present	John J. and Lila A. Hanson	

John Hanson was born in Sweden in 1850 and came to the United States in 1872, working in California in a tannery and a papermill, and later farming for nearly eight years. In 1883 he took a pre-emption claim in Yakima County, and in 1884 came to the Teanaway district. Hanson purchased the rights to 160 acres for \$100 from Samuel McGaughey in 1887. This was railroad land, and in 1906 Hanson paid the Northern Pacific Railroad \$4.50 per acre for the land. Early improvements to the property included building a frame house, barns and outbuildings, digging a well, and cultivating the land. Hanson and his wife, Sarah Piland, had four children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Grain, hay, potatoes, garden, cows, horses, pigs, chickens; 1988 - Soft white winter wheat, garden, chickens

Additional information: Alfred and Gertrude Hanson owned the farm for 43 years and farmed it before that time. Throughout these years, they and their son John expanded and managed it to keep it economically viable. Alfred served in the state legislature in the 1930's and 1940's. Today the 625-acre ranch is owned and farmed by John J. Hanson. Many of the original buildings still stand. 1988 welcomed the births of two 5th generation Hansons.

The Hans Smith Family Farm

Benton

Owners: Wayne H. Smith

Location of Farm: Southwest of Kennewick in Horse Heaven Hills

Dates of Ownership	Name	Relationship to Current Owner
1885 - 1938	Hans (Smith) Schmith	Grandfather
1938 - 1973	Marie Nelson Anderson Smith	Grandmother
1973 - 1986	Elmer Smith	Uncle
1986 - Present	Wayne H. Smith	

Hans Schmith was born in Holstein, Denmark (later Germany) in 1861. He came to Nebraska in 1879 and got a job with the railroad. Schmith worked his way west to Ainsworth (Pasco) where he worked on the railroad bridge. He sold his horses and scrapers and claimed a 157.80-acre homestead in 1885. He cleared the land, planted wheat, installed two cisterns and built a two-room farmhouse, making final entry on his homestead in 1890. Schmith married Marie Nelson Anderson who had two children by a previous marriage, Helga and Henry. The couple had three children-- May, Elmer and Carl.

Acres in original parcel: 157.80 **Acres still retained:** 157.80

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat and horses; 1988 - Enrolled in Conservation Reserve Program

Additional information: Hans Schmith changed the spelling of his name to "Smith" because it was confusing and often misspelled. Today Wayne H. Smith owns and operates the 3,500-acre farm.



The Jaekel Farm

Klickitat

Owners: Mary and Quentin Jaekel

Location of Farm: 3 miles south and 3/4 miles west of Centerville

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1874 - 1909	John Jaekel	Grandfather
1909 - 1974	James Jaekel	Father
1974 - Present.	Quentin Jaekel	

The original parcel of this farm was the 160-acre homestead of John Jaekel. The 38-year-old Jaekel had come west from Wisconsin to Linn County, Oregon, and, after two years, came to the Centerville area in 1874. He built a house, barn and granary on the site and soon purchased an additional 320 acres. He increased his land holdings to 2,500 acres, with 2100 acres used for sheep grazing. Jaekel and his wife, Christina Linderman, had 10 children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat and sheep; 1988 - Alfalfa, wheat, and cattle

Additional information: The original barn is still standing. Also, a bedroom from the original house was added to the present house. Today the farm totals 1,138 acres and is operated by Quentin Jaekel's son, Dennis J. Jaekel.

The Eshelman Farm

Klickitat

Owners: C. Alvin and Virginia G. Eshelman

Location of Farm: 2 miles east and 2 miles south of Centerville

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1880 - 1906	Frederick Eshelman	Great Grandfather
1906 - 1930	L.J. and Rosa Eshelman	Grandparents
1930 - 1946	S. Cloud Eshelman	Father
1946 - 1974	Emma Eshelman	Mother
1974 - Present	C. Alvin and Virginia G. Eshelman	

Born in Pennsylvania, 56-year-old Frederick Eshelman chose 80 acres to homestead near Centerville in 1880. His 27- and 28-year-old sons homesteaded adjacent land. Eshelman improved the homestead by building a house, barn, outbuildings and fencing and received patent to the land in 1887. He and his wife Emely were the parents of five children.

Acres in original parcel: 80 **Acres still retained:** 80

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, cattle, horses, hogs, and chickens; 1988 - Wheat

Additional information: Today the farm totals 320 acres and was operated by C. Alvin Eshelman until his death in January 1989.



The Sarsfield Farm

Klickitat

Owners: Anthony and Marilyn Sarsfield

Location of Farm: 2 miles south of Centerville on Dalles Mountain Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1886 - 1935	Anthony and Margaret Sarsfield	Grandparents
1935 - 1961	Frank and Christine Sarsfield	Parents
1961 - Present	Anthony and Marilyn Sarsfield	

Anthony Sarsfield came from Ireland to homestead in the Washington Territory near his older brother and sister and their spouses who had settled here in 1879. Sarsfield was 29 years old when he homesteaded. He proved up on his 160 acres, building a house, barn and fences, planting trees and farming the land. He and his wife, Margaret Varley, had six children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, horses, cows, and pigs; 1988 - Wheat, alfalfa, cattle, and sheep

Additional information: Today the Centennial farm is part of a 3,450-acre operation farmed by Anthony Sarsfield.

The Richardson Farm

Klickitat

Owners: James and Lucille Lefever

Location of Farm: 1 mile north of Goldendale

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1875 - 1892	Helen L. Richardson	Great Aunt
1892 - 1896	Edwin Richardson	Great Uncle
1896 - 1904	Jesse H. Richardson	Great Grandfather
1904 - 1919	Henry S. Locy	Grandfather
1919 - 1944	Catherine (Richardson) Locy	Grandmother
1944 - 1960	D.G. and Helen (Locy) Lefever	Parents
1960 - Present	James and Lucille Lefever	

In 1881, Helen Richardson, a 51-year-old school teacher, received the patent for her 160-acre homestead north of Goldendale. Originally from York County, New York, Richardson came to the Goldendale area in 1867 and settled on the land several years later. She built a house and barn and fenced the place. Helen Richardson was never married and taught the first school in the county.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 40

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat; 1988 - Pasture

Additional information: Adjoining land was homesteaded by other members of the Richardson family and is part of the present farm. All that remains of the original structures are rocks that were used for foundations. Richard B. Lefever, son of James and Lucille, now lives on and operates the 1,200-acre farm.



The Brokaw Farm

Klickitat

Owners: Ernest O. and E. Jean Brokaw

Location of Farm: 2 .5 miles north of Goldendale on Pine Forest Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1877 - 1905	Peter Brokaw	Grandfather
1905 - 1952	Charles O. Brokaw	Father
1952 - Present	Ernest O. Brokaw	

Peter Brokaw was born near Millstone, New Jersey. Widowed with one child, Brokaw married Caroline Mandeville Whitney, a widow with two daughters, in her native state of Pennsylvania. Together they had eight children. Brokaw moved his family to Washington Territory from Missouri and, in 1877, at the age of 50, filed a 160-acre homestead claim. He built a two-room cabin and a log barn. As he cleared the land for crops, he continued in his old trade of woodsman selling wood, rails and posts to other settlers in Klickitat County and Oregon.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Spring wheat and cattle; 1988 - Wheat and alfalfa hay

Additional information: Peter Brokaw's oldest son George homesteaded an adjacent 160 acres which later was incorporated into the farm by Charles, who took over the homestead after his father's death in 1905. Charles also homesteaded 160 acres about 10 miles north of his father's homestead. None of the original structures remain, but framing of hand-hewed logs used by the original owner has been incorporated in one of the barns still in use. Today the 1,098-acre farm is owned and operated by Ernest O. Brokaw.

The Norris Farm

Klickitat

Owners: Howard L. and Violet A. Norris

Location of Farm: 2 miles east of Goldendale on Bickleton Highway

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1878 - 1903	Newton Norris	Grandfather
1903 - 1947	Walter D. Norris	Father
1947 - Present	Howard L. Norris	

Married in 1873 in Missouri, Newton Norris and his wife, Mary Elizabeth Martin, travelled west via Kansas to the Washington Territory to homestead 160 acres in 1878. He was 40 years old at the time. Norris farmed with a walking plow, and his first crop of wheat was about eight acres harvested with a flail. In addition to farming, he butchered hogs and cured the meat which he sold mainly in Goldendale. He also hauled logs by wagon to a sawmill on the Little Klickitat River. The Norris' had six children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, rye, corn, and potatoes; 1988 - Cattle, wheat, barley, and alfalfa hay

Additional information: Still in use is the original house built in 1878 which consisted of a living room, a lean-to kitchen and a smokehouse butted against one room to be used as a bedroom. The home has been remodeled several times over the years. Today the farm totals 1,720 acres and is operated by Marvin H. Norris, son of Howard L. Norris.



The Hornibrook Farm

Klickitat

Owners: William F. Hornibrook

Location of Farm: 2.5 miles south of Goldendale

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1888 - 1936	William E. Hornibrook	Father
1936 - Present	William F. Hornibrook	

37-year-old William Hornibrook purchased the homesteads of Cyrus Thomas and William Chapman in 1888. He made numerous improvements to this 320-acre parcel adding a barn, hog house, chicken house, windmill and tank house. He fenced almost the entire farm and plowed out bunchgrass to raise wheat. Born in Canada, Hornibrook had lived in Iowa prior to coming to Washington. William and Ellen Francis Hornibrook were the parents of four children. In addition to farming, Hornibrook raised and sold draft horses.

Acres in original parcel: 320 **Acres still retained:** 320

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, barley, hay, horses, cattle, and hogs; 1988 - Wheat, barley, and alfalfa hay

Additional information: The present home, built in 1887, has been modernized over the years and is occupied by the renter. The original barn is still standing in good shape and is used to store hay and some machinery. Today the farm totals 600 acres and is operated by William F. Hornibrook's grandson, William E. Hornibrook.

Davenport Ranches, Inc.

Klickitat

Owners: Davenport Ranches, Inc.

Location of Farm: 10 miles east of Goldendale on old Highway 8

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1885 (?) - 1903	Russel Davenport	Great Great Grandfather
1903 - 1934	Alexander Davenport	Great Grandfather
1934 - 1960	Paul Davenport	Grandfather
1960 - 1975	Jack Davenport	Father
1975 - Present	Davenport Ranches, Inc.	

An 1886 receipt showing \$10.83 in taxes paid is the earliest family record of Russel Davenport's settlement on his 160-acre homestead. Born in the eastern United States, he lived in Oregon's Willamette Valley prior to moving onto this land when he was about 40 years old. Davenport's homestead was on land in an odd-numbered section that the railroad also claimed. Davenport's claim was upheld and he made final proof and received patent to the land in 1892. He and his wife, Isabel Hamilton, had seven children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Grain, few head of cattle, and horses; 1988 - Alfalfa hay, wheat, barley, and beef cattle

Additional information: Today, the 4,500-acre ranch is a family corporation owned by Jack Davenport's widow Ruth and their five children. Sons Bruce and Dave Davenport operate the ranch. One small original building, apparently built for protection, still stands.



OK Ranch

Klickitat

Owners: Bill and Mary Giersch

Location of Farm: 8 miles southwest of Glenwood on Kreps Lane

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1883 - 1941	Oliver Perry Kreps	Grandfather
1941 - 1974	Oliver Peter Kreps	Father
1941 - 1975	Rhoda Jayne Kreps	Aunt
1974 - 1976	Oliver and Rhoda Kreps Estates	
1976 - Present	Bill and Mary Giersch	

Oliver Perry Kreps was 25 years old in 1883 when he rode into Camas Prairie from Scappoose, Oregon, in search of "wood, water, and grass" and a home. He selected 161.12 acres to homestead and built a log cabin, fences and barns. He and his wife Margaret Aloysius (Maggie) Conboy had four children. Their son Oliver Peter "Ollie" and daughter Rhoda Jayne lived their entire lives on the ranch helping their father in the cattle operation and continuing it after his death. Ollie Kreps was named Klickitat County Cattleman of the Year and Washington State Rangeman in 1957.

Acres in original parcel: 161.12 **Acres still retained:** 161.12

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Beef cattle and native grass hay; 1988 - Beef cattle and native grass hay

Additional information: Following the death of Ollie in 1974 and Jayne in 1975, Bill and Mary Giersch purchased the OK Ranch from the other heirs. The ranch today operates on approximately 3,000 deeded acres, half of which is spring range on the Klickitat River, plus leased summer range near Mt. Adams. The homestead acres produce hay and pasture. Feeder

calves shipped from the ranch each fall wear the OK straightaway brand, which has been in continuous use since 1883. A portion of the original log house remains and is used as a chicken house.





The Rasmusson Farm

Klickitat

Owners: Wesley and Florence Rasmusson

Location of Farm: 15 miles southwest of Bickleton on Newell Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1883 - 1949	John and Emelia Rasmusson	Parents
1949 - Present	Wesley and Florence Rasmusson	

John Rasmusson was born in Sweden in 1860 and worked his way west from New York. In 1883, at the age of 23, he filed a pre-emption claim on 160 acres. He improved the land by building a house, barn, granary and a chicken house. He changed his entry to a homestead claim in 1886 and made final proof in 1892. John and Emelia Rasmusson were the parents of nine children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat and sheep; 1988 - Wheat, barley, and cattle

Additional information: Today the farm totals 4,156 acres and is operated by Wesley and Florence's daughter-in-law Sally and her son, Jack Rasmusson.

Kelley Ranch

Klickitat

Owners: Michael Emory Kelley

Location of Farm: 12 miles northwest of Roosevelt on Old Highway 8

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1884 - 1890	Amos E. Coley	Great Great Uncle
1890 - 1906	Frank P. Vincent	Great Grandfather
1906 - 1952	A.C. and Fred Vincent	Grandfather and Great Uncle
1952 - 1980	C.D. Kelley	Father
1980 - Present	Michael E. Kelley	

32-year-old Amos Coley filed a homestead application for 160 acres northwest of Roosevelt on September 26, 1884. He built a cabin and fenced land and made final proof in 1891. Coley moved into town because of ill health and Frank Vincent, who was married to Coley's sister Sybil, took over the farm. Originally from McConnellsville, Ohio, Coley had lived in Milton-Freewater, Oregon before moving onto his homestead. He and his wife Mary Beckett had two children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Sheep and cattle; 1988 - Wheat, barley, cattle, sheep, and horses

Additional information: Amos Coley was one of the founders of the Pioneer State Bank in Goldendale. Buildings constructed by Frank Vincent in 1890 still stand although unused. Today Michael Kelley operates the ranch which includes 7,000 acres of deeded and leased land.



The Powers Farm

Klickitat

Owners: Robert and Sandra Powers

Location of Farm: 10 miles southwest of Bickleton on the corner of Dot and Gadeberg Roads

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1880 - 1918	John Lund	Great Grandfather
1918 - 1970	A.L. and Hilda Lund Powers	Grandparents
1970 - 1978	Arlo and Freda Powers	Parents
1978 - Present	Robert and Sandra Powers	

Swedish-born John Lund was 46 years old when he settled on 160 acres in Klickitat County in 1880. He built a house and made other improvements and received his homestead patent in 1888. He and his wife, Annie Anderson, had five children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Rye and oats; 1988 - Wheat and barley

Additional information: The original shop, barn and smokehouse are still standing. The present home was built by Will Faulkner at Cleveland and moved to its present location in 1934. Today the Powers' own and operate a 7,100-acre farm and lease an additional 8,500 acres.

Sky Mountain Ranch

Klickitat

Owners: Elmer R. Nelson

Location of Farm: 1.5 miles northwest of Bickleton

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1889 - 1930	James Christian Nelson	Father
1930 - 1961	Anna B. Nelson	Mother
1961 - Present	Elmer R. Nelson	

In 1889 James Christian Nelson paid Jarvis Emigh \$1,092 for 320 acres, a wagon, two plows, one roller, one spade and some buildings. Nelson improved the farm by building a horse barn, granary, rail fences and a house. Nelson was born in Denmark on July 19, 1853. He came to the United States in 1878 and lived in San Francisco, California and Reno, Nevada before going to the Bickleton area in April 1889. Nelson's first wife died in 1898. His second wife, Anna, was born in Denmark in 1880 and came to the Bickleton area in 1890. The Nelsons had eight children.

Acres in original parcel: 320 **Acres still retained:** 320

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, barley, garden, orchards, horses, and cattle; 1988 - Wheat, barley, garden, orchards, horses, and cattle

Additional information: The present owner lives in the original home which was built in 1880 and remodeled in 1906. Today the farm totals 1,440 acres. Elmer Nelson has enrolled a portion of his land in the Conservation Reserve Program, and leases another portion to Elwood Brown. The remaining land is used for grazing cattle.



Doubletree Ranch

Klickitat

Owners: Ellwood M. and Janet D. Brown, Neal E. Brown

Location of Farm: 4 miles southeast of Bickleton on Matsen Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1878 - 1885	Nelson Brown	Great Grandfather
1885 - 1887	Mary Brown and son, Niels Brown	Great Grandmother and Grandfather
1887 - 1910	Mary B. and Stephen Matsen	Great Grandmother
1910 - 1926	Mary B. Matsen and children	Great Grandmother
1926 - 1935	Niels J. and Anna L. Brown	Grandparents
1935 - 1969	Anna Brown Hansen and children	Grandmother
1969 - Present	Ellwood M. and Janet D. Brown	Parents
1983 - Present	Neal E. Brown	

26-year-old Nelson Brown (a k a Niels Bruun Jorgensen) and his cousin Stephen Matsen (a k a Stafan Madsen) came to the Bickleton area in the fall of 1878. On December 7, 1878 both filed timber culture claims, and Matsen also filed a homestead claim, all adjoining. Niels built a two-room cabin, planted trees and fenced the land. In the fall the cousins would fish the lower Columbia River and sell their catch to buy farm supplies. In 1883, Niels visited his native Denmark. There, he married Maria (Mary) Gundesen. Five days later they set sail for America. The train brought them to Roosevelt and they walked the final 20 miles to the cabin. Niels died in 1885, and in 1887 Mary married Stephen Matsen. Mary had one son, Niels, by her first marriage and five children by her second.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Native hay, oats, rye, garden, pigs, cattle, and horses; 1988 - Simmental-cross beef, wheat, triticale, and barley

Additional information: Through the years, more land was acquired and some sold. The farm now consists of 1,597 acres, split between farm land and pasture land. Ellwood and Jan Brown operate the ranch with their son Neal E. Brown. The ranch was known as the Steve Matsen Ranch until 1926 and then as the Niels Brown Ranch. In 1983 a partnership was formed by the present owners naming the farm Doubletree Ranch.





The Bart Brender Farm

Chelan

Owners: Dorthy Brender Metcalf

Location of Farm: 4.5 miles west of Cashmere in Brender Canyon

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1881 - 1921	Alexander B. and Samantha Brender	Grandparents
1921 - 1969	H. Bart and Carrie Brender	Parents
1969 - Present	Dorthy Brender Metcalf	

Alexander Bart Brender was born in Giengen, Germany and lived in Ellensburg prior to homesteading 160 acres near present day Cashmere in 1881. He intended to settle near Ellensburg but disliked the wind and sagebrush in the Kittitas Valley, and headed north over the Wenatchee Mountains. A blacksmith by profession, Brender married Samantha Warren Trout, a widow with three children from Texas, in 1888 after corresponding with her. Together they had four sons.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 40

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hay, corn, garden produce, alfalfa, cows, horses, and tobacco; 1988 - Pears and apples

Additional information: Alex Brender was the sixth early settler in the Wenatchee area and first white man to settle in what is now Cashmere. Alexander Brender deeded 40 acres to each of his four sons. Of the original 160 acres, 120 acres remain under family ownership. Melvin and Carl Brender, and Dorthy Brender Metcalf, all grandchildren of A.B. Brender, each retain 40 acres of the original homestead.

The Carl Brender Farm

Chelan

Owners: Carl F. and Edith C. Brender

Location of Farm: 4.5 miles west of Cashmere via Pioneer Ave. and Brender Canyon Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1881 - 1921	Alexander Bart Brender	Grandfather
1921 - 1968	Jess F. Brender	Father
1968 - Present	Carl F. and Edith C. Brender	

Alexander Brender came to the United States from Germany in 1868 when he was 17 years old. He lived first with an uncle in Kansas who was a blacksmith like himself. Brender continued west spending time in Colorado, California and Oregon before coming to Washington in 1880. He filed a pre-emption claim and bought railroad land in the Kittitas Valley but a year later sold out and headed north over the Wenatchee Mountains. He chose a location for his homestead that was watered by several springs and raised potatoes, onions and other vegetables which he sold to the Blewett miners. He replaced his first small cabin with a larger one in 1886. He married Samantha Trout in 1888 and they had four children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 40

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hay, corn, garden produce, cows, horses, alfalfa; 1988 - Pears and apples

Additional information: Today Carl Brender owns and operates 40 acres of the original homestead.



The Melvin Brender Farm

Chelan

Owners: Melvin B. Brender

Location of Farm: 4 miles west of Cashmere in Brender Canyon

Dates of Ownership	Name	Relationship to Current Owner
1881 - 1921	Alexander B. Brender	Grandfather
1921 - 1961	Peter O. Brender	Father
1961 - Present	Melvin B. Brender	

Alexander Brender was the sixth early settler in the Wenatchee area and first white man to settle upriver between Wenatchee and the Cascade summit. Born in Giengen, Germany, Alexander Bart Brender spent a year in the Kittitas Valley before homesteading 160 acres in 1881. He came over Colockum Pass with two pack horses loaded with blankets, food staples, some cooking utensils, an axe and a rifle. Indians helped Brender clear his land and he paid them with food. A bachelor, Brender managed on his own those first years. On a trip to Ellensburg, a merchant friend told him of a wonderful woman, recently widowed, who would make a fine wife. The woman, Samantha Trout lived in Texas. Brender began to correspond with her and before long invited her and her three children to Ellensburg. She accepted. They were married the day she arrived. Together they had four sons.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 40

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hay, corn, garden produce, cows, horses and alfalfa; 1988 - Bartlett pears and D'Anjou pears

Additional information: Today Melvin Brender owns and operates 40 acres of the original homestead.

The Richardson Fruit Farm

Chelan

Owners: Victor E. and Dorothy W. Richardson

Location of Farm: 2712 Richared Lane, Monitor

Dates of Ownership	Name	Relationship to Current Owner
1888 - 1926	George Thomas and Ida Olivia Richardson	Parents
1926 - Present	Victor E. and Dorothy W. Richardson	

George Richardson lived in Eagle Harbor on Bainbridge Island prior to homesteading 150 acres in Chelan County. He built a two-story log house and cleared the land. Richardson built a water wheel near the Wenatchee River just below the home in 1890 to irrigate three acres of garden vegetables, corn and wheat. Ida Richardson provided board for the engineers and surveyors during construction of the Great Northern Railroad in 1891-92. George and Ida Richardson were the parents of 11 sons and two daughters. In addition to farming, Richardson hauled freight to and from Ellensburg.

Acres in original parcel: 150 **Acres still retained:** 3/4 acre

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Corn, wheat, garden, chickens, calves; 1988 - Apples, pears, peaches, cherries, strawberries, and apricots

Additional information: George Richardson named the local post office Monitor. "Richared", the first all red delicious apple, was discovered in the Richardson orchard prior to 1923. Today, the Richardsons own 30 acres which are operated by Kenoyer Bros. of Cashmere. The original log house was dismantled log by log and rebuilt in Cashmere Pioneer Village.



The Lenton Place

Okanogan

Owners: Hazel and Bob Dezelle and Family

Location of Farm: Adjoins the Canadian border at the Nighthawk port of entry

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1884 - 1953	Joseph and Mary Lenton	Grandparents
1953 - 1980	Joseph Austin and Ruth Lenton	Parents
1980 - 1986	Lenton Ranch, Inc.	
1986 - Present	Hazel and Bob Dezelle	

Born in St. Clair County, Michigan in 1850, Joseph Lenton was orphaned at an early age. In 1877 he went to California where he worked in a dairy. He then spent three years in Nevada mines. In June 1883, Lenton came to the Okanogan area, and in 1884 homesteaded 160 acres. He ditched water from a mountain stream to irrigate his land, planted alfalfa and an orchard, and built a home, fences, small barns and other farm buildings. He later homesteaded additional land in the area. Lenton married Mary Emes in June 1890, and the couple had three children. Lenton also was a justice of the peace.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Alfalfa, cattle, and horses; 1988 - Cattle

Additional information: Apparently, Lenton wasn't completely sure whether the land was in Canada or the U.S. when he settled there. Joseph and Mary's son, J.A. (Austin) Lenton farmed and expanded the ranch to 4,000 plus acres spending all 87 years of his life there. Today Bob and Hazel Dezelle own and operate 1,600 acres. Two log cabins built in the 1880's still stand.

The Pogue Farm

Okanogan

Owners: David Pogue and Alice V. Brown

Location of Farm: 2.5 miles west of Omak

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1886 - 1913	Joseph I. and Marian Pogue	Grandfather
1913 - 1934	David and Grace Pogue Brown	Parents
1934 - Present	David Pogue and Alice V. Brown	

42-year-old Dr. Joseph Pogue sold his ownership in a drugstore in Wiota, Iowa and came west to Washington in spring 1886. His wife Marian and children followed that summer. Pogue wanted to be a stock rancher and brought 11 horses with him on the train. He located land to settle on in the Okanogan country and built a home for his family. Pogue planted the first orchard on Pogue Flat in 1888. He irrigated his orchard and ranch that spring by building a three mile ditch from Salmon Creek. The Pogues had three daughters.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 40

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hay, cattle, and horses; 1988 - Apples, pears, cherries, and peaches

Additional information: Pogue was the only local doctor for almost 20 years. He was elected to the state legislature as a representative and a senator. Pogue invented a lidding and automatic stamping press that was used in many apple packing sheds in the state. Today the Browns own 80 acres which are operated by David Brown.



The Thurlow Farm

Okanogan

Owners: Dr. and Mrs. Bernard M. Thurlow
Location of Farm: 4.5 miles southeast of Twisp

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1886 - 1938	Mason Thurlow	Grandfather
1938 - 1962	Clara Thurlow and Hazel Thurlow Anderson	Aunts
1962 - 1967	Frank and Lucile Thurlow	Parents
1967 - Present	Bernard Mason Thurlow	

Born in Ohio in 1854, Thurlow moved to west Texas when he was 14 years old. He lived with a family there and later married and had children. Thurlow and his young family joined a wagon train of Texas families heading north. The Thurlows stopped in Pendleton, Oregon for two years wheat ranching before rejoining the other Texan families who had continued to Ellensburg. Thurlow's wife died shortly after they arrived in Ellensburg. He later married a widow with children. In 1886 Mason Thurlow rode into the Methow Valley and purchased squatter's rights for 160 acres from Joe White. In 1887, Thurlow and his family settled on the farm.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 80
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Alfalfa and cattle; 1988 - Alfalfa and cattle
Additional information: The original home, built in approximately 1892, has been well maintained. Today the Centennial Farm land is part of a 2,400-acre operation farmed by Dr. Bernard M. Thurlow.

The Davis Ranch

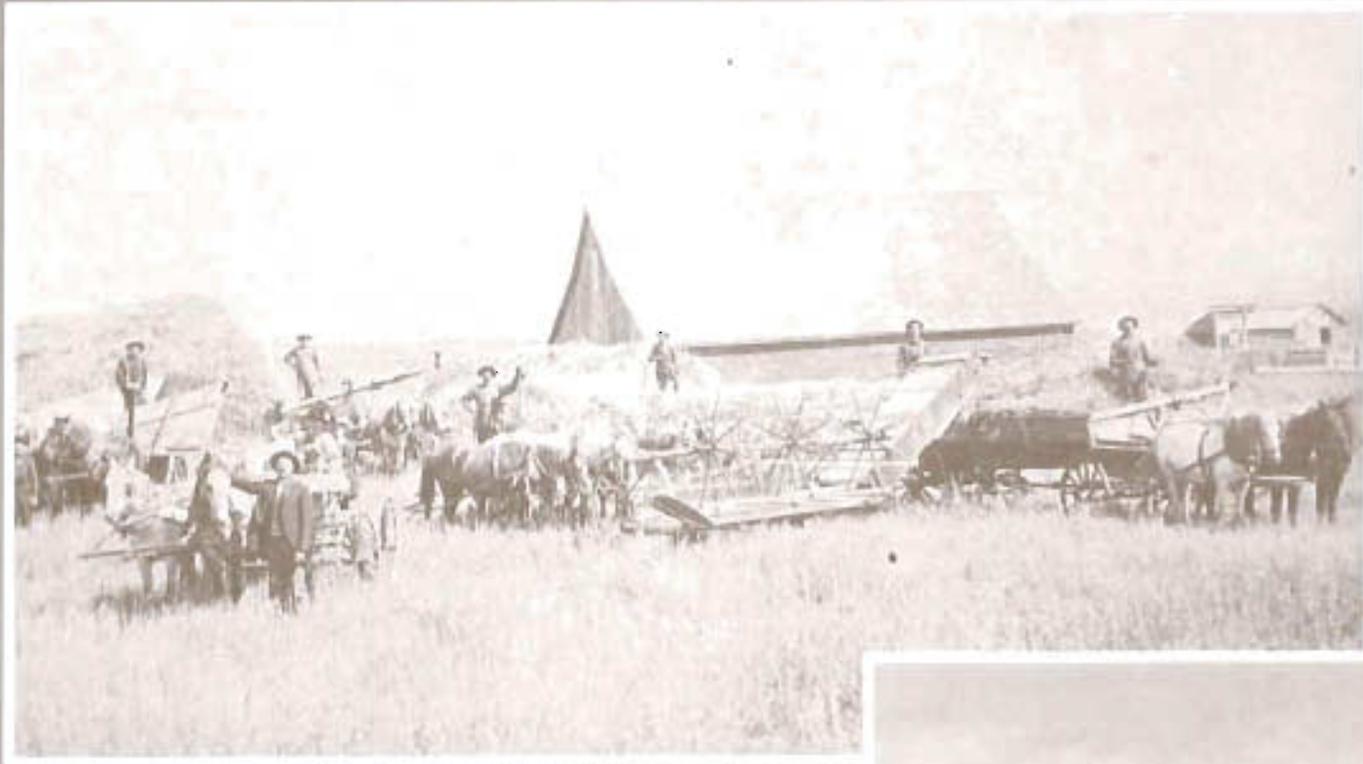
Okanogan

Owners: Alice E. Phillips, Mildred C. O'Neal, Helen Hitchner, Georgene Fitzgerald, Charles Fitzgerald
Location of Farm: 4 miles south of Malott at Davis Canyon Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1888 - 1915	W.L. and Lucinda Davis	Great Grandparents
1915 - 1973	Geo. A. and Edna Davis	Grandparents
1973 - Present	Alice E. Phillips, Mildred C. O'Neal, Helen Hitchner and Georgene Fitzgerald	Aunts, Mother
1986 - Present	Charles Fitzgerald	(son of Georgene)

In August 1888, 34-year-old W.L. Davis paid James "Sandy" Sanderson \$12 for squatter's rights on approximately 200 acres at the foot of Rattlesnake Point. By November 1889, he had built a house and log barn, constructed one mile of fences, invested in 165 head of cattle, had two acres of fruit and berries and one acre in garden. Davis was born in Ohio and lived in the Sacramento Valley prior to moving onto this farm. He married Lucinda (Ford) Flanders, and they had six children. In addition to farming, Davis also owned and operated the stage and mail line, was a road viewer and fruit freighter. He also served as a county commissioner and school board member.

Acres in original parcel: 200 **Acres still retained:** 75
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Fruit, grapes, berries, cattle, and horses; 1988 - Apples and cattle pasture
Additional information: Today Georgene Fitzgerald and Helen Hitchner operate the 1,390-acre farm.

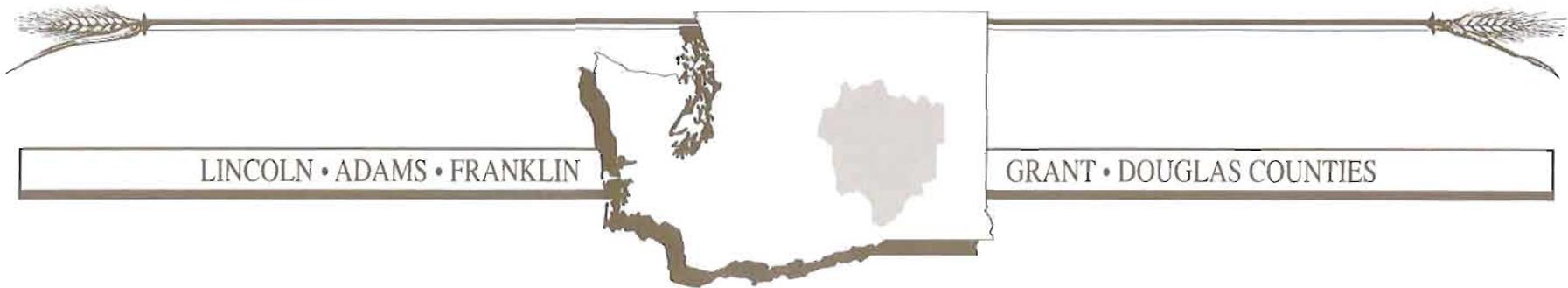


Henry Brommer, nephew Peter Haak and harvest crew, 1900

*W*heat harvest yesterday and today
on the Haak/Brommer farm
in Lincoln County.



Neighbors help Ed Brommer harvest in 1951



East Central Washington

*T*he construction of the Northern Pacific Railroad in the early 1880's brought settlers to Adams County and eastern Lincoln County, and the prospect of early building of other lines encouraged other settlers to come to the Big Bend Country.

In 1883 the territorial legislature created Adams, Franklin, Douglas and Lincoln counties out of the western portions of Whitman and Spokane counties. Douglas County, which included present day Grant County, had less than 100 people at the time. Adams County counted 150 residents.

1883 was also the year that 14 of the 55 Centennial Farms in this region were established. All but one of the region's Centennial Farms were founded in the 1880's. Almost three-quarters of the farms acquired their land under the homestead law. Many also acquired a second parcel of land under the timber culture law.

The Centennial Farm founders were a young group with most under the age of 35. Most were foreign-born with the largest number from Germany. Like many

other immigrants, they spent time in the Midwest and California before coming to Washington.

1889 was a year early settlers long remembered. The hot, dry summer caused farmers to lose much of their grain crop. Winter was long and brought heavy snow and bitter cold temperatures. Thousands of livestock died of starvation. In 1890 these four counties boasted more than 2,100 farms with more than 1,300 in Lincoln County alone.

The region's agriculture changed dramatically when the large scale irrigation of the Columbia Basin Project began in the 1950's. Today the irrigation project brings water to half a million acres in Grant, Adams and Franklin counties and makes those counties some of the leading agricultural counties in the state.

Most of the region's Centennial Farms are located north and east of the Columbia Basin Project, near the early railroad routes. Most are dryland wheat and barley operations of 1,000 or more acres. The rest are grain and livestock operations. All but a few retain all of the acreage that was the start of their family farm.



The Jack Harding Farm

Lincoln

Owners: Richard Harding, Robert Harding, Harriet Proietti

Location of Farm: 10 miles northwest of Sprague on Crab Creek

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1872 - 1923	John "Jack" R. Harding	Grandfather
1923 - 1955	George G. Harding	Father
1955 - Present	Richard and Robert Harding and Harriet Proietti	

John R. "Jack" Harding was born in Bucksport, Maine and sailed around the Horn to San Francisco in 1859. Harding owned and operated the Lyons Ferry on the Snake River in the mid-1860's and later hauled supplies from Walla Walla to the mines in the Coeur d' Alenes. In 1872, at the age of 29, Harding settled on land on Crab Creek. He built a log house, a barn and sheds and began to farm. He ran livestock on the open range of profuse native bunch grass. In 1883 Harding paid the Northern Pacific Railroad \$2.60 per acre for title to a 160-acre parcel. In 1887 he received patent for the adjoining 160 acres under the homestead law. Harding and his wife Leonora had three children--George, Zella and Ruby.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, oats, hay, and livestock; 1988 - Wheat, hay, and livestock

Additional information: Jack Harding was an early Justice of the Peace and was postmaster for Crab Creek post office. Today, Robert Harding's son, Tom Harding, lives on the original homestead land with his family and operates the wheat land portion of the 160-acre farm. Richard Harding and wife Lotte live on the parcel acquired from the railroad in 1883.

The Gaffney Farm

Lincoln

Owners: John M. and Elizabeth Clare Gaffney

Location of Farm: 9 miles northwest of Sprague on Costello Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1880 - 1930	Michael R. Gaffney	Grandfather
1930 - 1949	Joseph W. Gaffney	Father
1949 - Present	John M. and Elizabeth Gaffney	

Michael Gaffney came to Washington Territory from his native Iowa. He filed a homestead application for 160 acres near Sprague in 1880. He built a home and other buildings and farmed the land. He made final proof on his homestead entry in 1886 and received patent in 1888. Michael and Mary Burke Gaffney had ten children. In addition to farming, he was a part-time blacksmith.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 80

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, cattle, pigs, and chickens; 1988 - Wheat and barley

Additional information: Michael Gaffney passed 80 acres on to his son Joseph in 1930, having already passed the other 80 acres on to his son James in 1920. The two parcels were rejoined under Joseph's ownership in 1935. Joseph passed the 80 acres he received from his father on to his son John in 1949. Today it is part of a 1,200-acre farm operated by John and Elizabeth's son, Michael. Two original outbuildings still stand.



The Gaffney Farm

Lincoln

Owners: F. Leonard Gaffney

Location of Farm: 7 miles northwest of Sprague off Highway 23

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1880 - 1920	Michael R. Gaffney	Grandfather
1920 - 1935	James J. Gaffney	Uncle
1935 - 1943	Joseph W. Gaffney	Father
1943 - Present	F. Leonard Gaffney	

In 1880 Michael Gaffney, age 26, homesteaded 160 acres near Sprague. He built a home and other buildings and farmed the land. Gaffney was born in Lohrville, Iowa and lived in Iowa prior to moving onto his homestead. Michael Gaffney was an excellent blacksmith and gardener. He and his wife, Mary Burke Gaffney, had ten children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 80

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, oats, barley, and grain hay; 1988 - Wheat and barley

Additional information: Michael Gaffney passed 80 acres of the homestead on to his son James in 1920. James later passed the land to his brother Joseph who in turn passed it on to his son Leonard. The other 80 acres of the homestead is owned by Leonard's brother John. Today the farm is part of 1,960 acres leased by Gaffco Farms, Inc. which is owned by F. Leonard Gaffney's six sons.

The Kintschi Farm

Lincoln

Owners: M. James Kintschi

Location of Farm: 8 miles southwest of Edwall and 11 miles north of Sprague

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1885 - 1923	Christian Kintschi	Grandfather
1923 - 1971	Michael Kintschi	Uncle
1971 - 1972	Paul Kintschi	Cousin
1972 - Present	M. James Kintschi	

Christian Kintschi was born in Switzerland in 1843 and homesteaded in Wisconsin prior to coming to Washington Territory. In 1885 he purchased 160 acres in Lincoln County under the pre-emption law for \$400. Kintschi built a house, barn, fences and outbuildings. He and his wife Louisa had 11 children. In addition to farming, he was a part-time mail carrier.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 154

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Cattle (beef and dairy), sheep, and chickens; 1988 - Beef cattle, wheat, and barley

Additional information: Christian Kintschi purchased additional land as it became available and, by 1907, owned 1,700 acres. The original home has been remodeled recently and is being used. Today M. James Kintschi owns 2,300 acres and leases an additional 5,000 acres of farmland and pasture.



The Unbewust Farm

Lincoln

Owners: Marie Stanley, Christine Unbewust, John S. Unbewust, Margaret Robinson, Anne L. Graham

Location of Farm: 4 miles south of Harrington on Harrington/Tokio Rd.

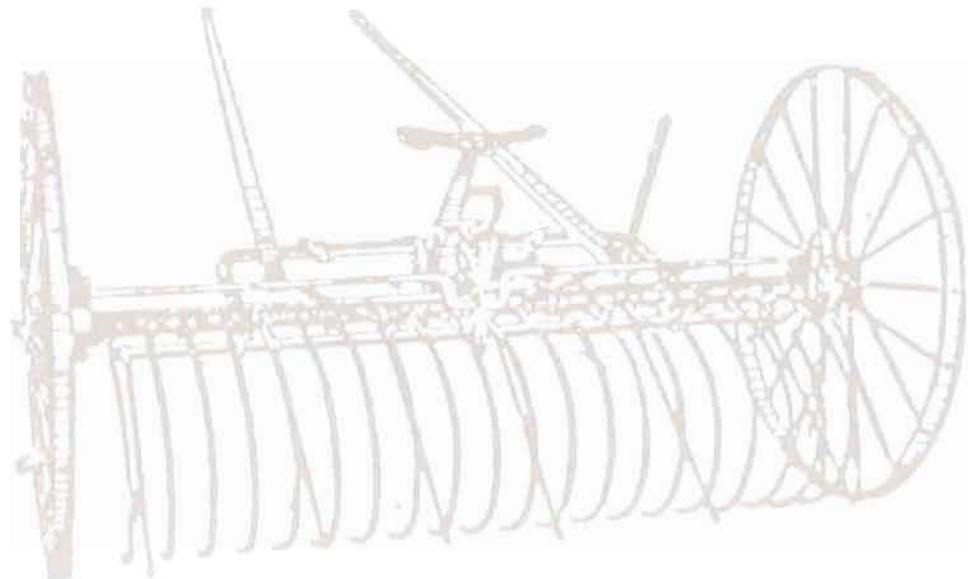
<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1883 - 1936	John and Elizabeth Unbewust	Grandparents
1936 - Present	Christine Unbewust and Marie Stanley	Aunts
1965 - 1982	George Unbewust	Father
1982 - Present	Margaret Robinson, Anne Graham and John S. Unbewust	

John Unbewust first came west at the age of 19, travelling to Yolo County, California where he worked as a blacksmith. Six years later, in 1883, Unbewust returned home to Pennsylvania. He married Catherine Elizabeth Smith that May and in June he and his new wife travelled to California where they both worked during the harvest season. In September they came to Sprague where Unbewust worked as a blacksmith in the rail car shops. He took a 160-acre homestead south of Harrington and worked for a year and a half to earn money to make improvements on his land. He built a small cabin, half of which served as living quarters and the other half as a shop where he did a considerable amount of work for neighbors. The Unbewusts had six children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hay, cattle, and poultry; 1988 - Wheat and barley

Additional information: Inexperienced as a farmer, Unbewust suffered great hardships and met poor success farming until 1897 when he received a high price for a good crop and nearly succeeded in clearing himself of debt. Each year after that found him more prosperous and successful. By 1900 he owned 480 acres and was farming two whole sections. Today the Unbewust Farm totals 800 acres.





The Hamersmith Farm

Lincoln

Owners: Mr. and Mrs. Al J. Schuster

Location of Farm: 3 miles north of Lamona

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1884 - 1927	Fred L. Hamersmith	Father
1927 - 1949	Mrs. Fred L. Hamersmith	Mother
1949 - Present	Mr. and Mrs. Al. J. Schuster	

25-year-old Fred Hamersmith settled on 80 acres of land in Lincoln County in 1884. The land was just north of 160 acres his brother Adolph had filed a claim on earlier that year. Hamersmith inherited 80 acres from his father and also bought 80 acres from his brother Ed for \$1.00 per acre. Born in France, Hamersmith lived in Lamona while he began farming. He built a barn and two-bedroom house at the farm in 1889. He owned and operated the Lamona General Store from 1889 to 1910 and then moved to Spokane where he had a jewelry store on Riverside Avenue from 1910 to 1927. He and his wife, Ethel Stanley, had one daughter who is the present owner of the farm.

Acres in original parcel: 80 **Acres still retained:** 80

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, one cow, and two horses; 1988 - Wheat and barley

Additional information: This is the only piece of farmland still owned by a Hamersmith heir. The original house was moved to Odessa in 1950 where it still stands. Today Bob Schell of Ritzville farms the 320-acre Hamersmith Farm.

The Beck Farm

Lincoln

Owners: George and Donna Carpy

Location of Farm: 2 miles north of Harrington on Highway 28

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1883 - 1947	William Beck	Grandfather
1947 - 1980	Paul A. Beck	Uncle
1980 - Present	George and Donna Carpy	

William Beck and Katherina Auwerter both came to Washington Territory in 1883 and settled in Lincoln County. Katie filed a homestead claim on 160 acres, November 1, 1883 and 27-year-old William later filed on an adjacent parcel. They were married in 1884. Katie's claim was later proved up as a pre-emption claim in William's name. The Becks built a house, barn, chicken house and blacksmith shop. William and Katie were both born in Germany and came to Washington via California. The Becks had 13 children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, hay, beef cows, chickens, and pigs; 1988 - Wheat, barley, hay, and beef cows

Additional information: A barn built in 1898 is still in use with the date on the barn door, painted by Paul Beck, then 10-years-old, still visible. Today the original homestead is part of 1,998 acres farmed by William Beck's grandson George Carpy and his wife Donna and their daughter and son-in-law Kathy and Larry Greenwalt.



The Warwick Farm

Lincoln

Owners: Elaine Warwick Morse

Location of Farm: 6 miles east of Harrington

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1883 - 1922	Horace Maynard Warwick	Grandfather
1922 - 1937	Heirs of Horace Warwick	Father, Uncle and Aunts
1937 - 1988	Denny R. Warwick	Father
1988 - Present	Elaine Warwick Morse	

In 1874 20-year-old Horace Warwick left Tennessee for Portland, Oregon via San Francisco and settled in Linn County, Oregon. In 1882 he moved to Dayton and then on to Bluestem and homesteaded 160 acres in 1883. Warwick drilled for water, planted an orchard, and built a home, barn, granary and garage. The homestead was granted in 1888. In addition to farming, Warwick speculated in grain and horses and was part owner of the Moscow Grain Company. He and his wife, Sarilda Jane, had six children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 97.5

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Grain, horses, and cattle; 1988 - Wheat and barley

Additional information: Elaine Warwick Morse inherited the land on the death of her father. The 725-acre farm consists of 571 acres of farmland and 154 acres of pasture and is currently operated by her son Courtney Morse, great grandson of Horace Warwick.

The Scott Farm

Lincoln

Owners: Stephen E. and Margrethe Scott

Location of Farm: 4 miles northeast of Harrington

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1882 - 1944	Stephen E. Scott	Grandfather
1944 - 1965	Frank C. Scott	Father
1965 - Present	Stephen E. Scott	

Stephen Scott was 24 years old when he came west from Michigan in 1882 and homesteaded 160 acres. He built a house, a barn and outbuildings and began to farm the land. He and his wife, Minnie Adams, had six children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, barley, hay, garden, fruit, horses, cattle, chickens, and pigs; 1988 - Wheat, barley, hay, and cattle

Additional information: The original barn is still standing. Today the Scott farm includes 1,050 acres and is operated by Stephen E. Scott.



Mielke Brothers, Inc.

Lincoln

Owners: Carl E. Mielke, George W. Mielke, Douglas C. Mielke, Ronald B. Mielke, and Robert E. Mielke

Location of Farm: 14 miles southwest of Davenport in the Rocklyn area

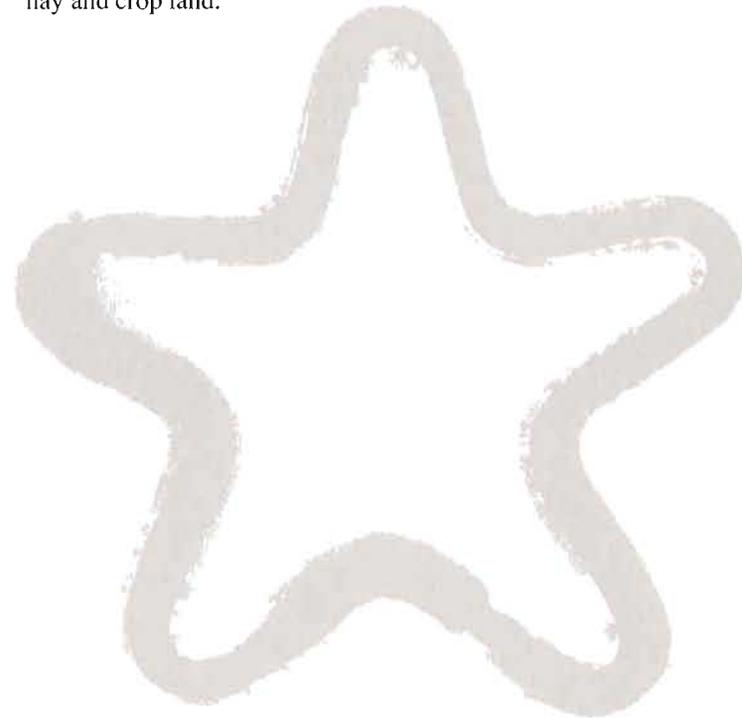
<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1883 - 1909	Susanna Kruger	Great Grandmother
1883 - 1909	Gottlieb and Wilhelmina Mielke	Grandparents
1883 - 1909	Gustave Kruger	Uncle
1909 - 1959	Edward and Frieda Mielke	Parents
1959 - Present	Mielke Brothers, Inc.	

In April 1883, 33-year-old Gottlieb Mielke and a neighbor left their farms in Hammond, Minnesota in the care of their wives and families and journeyed by train and horseback to Sprague in Washington Territory and then on to Cottonwood Springs, now Davenport, to locate land to settle. The Mielke family filed applications on 640 acres: a 160-acre homestead and 160-acre timber culture in Gottlieb's name, a 160-acre homestead in the name of Gottlieb's widowed mother-in-law Susanna, and a 160-acre homestead in the name of Gottlieb's 21-year-old stepson Gustave. In the fall of 1883 the family joined him from Minnesota taking the immigrant train over the newly completed Northern Pacific Railroad to Sprague. Gottlieb and Wilhelmina Mielke had nine children: seven Kruger stepchildren and two Mielke children.

Acres in original parcel: 640 **Acres still retained:** 640

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, barley, hay, horses, hogs, chickens, and cattle; 1988 - Wheat, barley, rape, hay, cattle, and horses

Additional information: In addition to farming, Mielke and his stepsons operated a general store and butcher shop in Davenport. The Mielke brand, the five-pointed star, has been used by the family for over 100 years. The heavy framework of two barns built about 1886 and 1887 are still in use. Timbers are joined and secured with peg and mortise. Today, brothers Carl and George Mielke are semi-retired and Carl's three sons continue the wheat and cattle operation which includes 450 head of Hereford-Angus cattle on 5,900 acres of pasture land and 2,600 acres of hay and crop land.





The Chilton/Linstrum Farm Lincoln

Owners: Joseph Chilton Linstrum and James C. Linstrum

Location of Farm: 7 miles south of Davenport

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1885 - 1928	Henry E. Chilton	Grandfather
1928 - 1963	Belle Chilton	Grandmother
1963 - 1982	Bernice Linstrum	Mother
1982 - Present	Joseph C. Linstrum et al	

Henry Chilton was 21 years old when he homesteaded 160 acres near Davenport in 1885. Born in Iowa, Chilton lived in Arizona and California prior to coming to Washington. Early improvements included a barn, a shed and a shop. In addition to farming, he worked on the railroad and in the mines. He married Belle Phillips, and they had three children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Cereal grains; 1988 - Wheat and barley

Additional information: Some of the original buildings remain and are used for storage. Today the 2,000-acre farm is owned by Joseph Linstrum, his wife and their children. It is operated by son James C. Linstrum.

The Teel Farm Lincoln

Owners: Richard C. and Barbara J. Teel

Location of Farm: 4.5 miles north on Highway 25 and 1 mile north on Thompson County Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1885 - 1943	Henry W. Teel	Grandfather
1943 - 1967	Chester W. Teel	Father
1967 - Present	Richard C. Teel	

In 1853 six-year-old Henry Teel and his family travelled the Oregon Trail to the Willamette Valley in Oregon. In 1859 the Teels moved to the Walla Walla country in Washington Territory. Teel acquired a homestead near Pomeroy but later lost this farm because of bank notes he had co-signed for his brothers. In 1885, Henry Teel travelled to Lincoln County and made arrangements to buy 160 acres of railroad land for \$309. He cleared the land for farming and planted an orchard and other trees. He and Margaret Humphreys were married in 1879 and had eight children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, cattle, and hay; 1988 - Wheat, cattle, hay, and grass seed

Additional information: In addition to farming, the Teels hauled freight from Cheney to Fort Spokane and operated a boarding house in Davenport for two years. The original barn still stands. Today Richard Teel owns and operates 1,100 acres.



The Florin/Heldstab Farm

Lincoln

Owners: Frank and Joyce Nonnemacher and Elva Heldstab

Location of Farm: 7 miles southeast of Davenport

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1882 - 1904	Lorenz and David Florin	Great Grandfather and Great Uncle
1904 - 1916	Mary Florin Heldstab	Grandmother
1916 - 1949	Casper and Mary Heldstab	Grandparents
1949 - 1972	Casper C. and Harold Heldstab and Mary Heldstab Beavers	Father, Uncle, Aunt
1972 - 1980	Casper C. and Elva Heldstab	Parents
1980 - Present	Elva Heldstab	Mother
1972 - Present	Frank and Joyce Nonnemacher	

In 1882 61-year-old Lorenz Florin and his 31-year-old son David homesteaded adjacent quarter sections of land in Washington Territory. They built a house and barn and farmed the land. The Florins were born in Switzerland and lived in Minnesota prior to settling in Washington. Lorenz and his wife, Mary, had three children. Their son David never married. The farm passed on to their daughter Mary in 1904.

Acres in original parcel: 320 **Acres still retained:** 320

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Grain, hay, cattle, and horses; 1988 - Wheat and barley

Additional information: The original barn is still in use. Today Frank and Joyce Nonnemacher operate 1,285 acres--805 owned and 480 leased.

The Hanlon Ranch

Lincoln

Owners: John Francis Hanlon, Sr.

Location of Farm: 2.5 miles north of Edwall

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1884 - 1914	James Francis Hanlon	Grandfather
1914 - 1975	Frank Aloysius Hanlon	Father
1975 - Present	John Francis Hanlon, Sr.	

Irish-born James Francis Hanlon arrived in the United States via England in 1858. He was a boiler maker and followed his trade to Ohio where he met and married Mary Ann Finley. The couple moved to Pennsylvania and from there headed west in 1879, finally settling in Sprague in 1882 where James was employed with the railroad. In February 1884, the 46-year-old Hanlon established a residence on 160 acres of land north of Edwall and moved his family onto the homestead. Hanlon worked as a boiler maker during the winters to earn money to improve the homestead. By 1890 he had 30 acres under cultivation and had built a house, stable, hen house, cellar, a corral and a well. The Hanlons had three children who lived to adulthood.

Acres in original parcel: 160.27 **Acres still retained:** 160.27

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat and dairy cows; 1988 - Wheat and barley

Additional information: The original home still stands. James Hanlon died in 1906 after being struck by a train near Canby. His son Frank then farmed the homestead until his death in 1966. Today John Hanlon's brother, Kenneth B. Hanlon, leases the 320.27-acre farm.



The Smith Farm

Lincoln

Owners: Anita L. Luiten

Location of Farm: 7 miles east of Davenport and 7 miles north on Bald Ridge Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1887 - 1920	George E. Smith	Grandfather
1920 - 1987	Harry A. Smith	Father
1987 - Present	Anita L. Luiten	

George E. Smith took over an abandoned 160-acre homestead in 1887. He was born in Zanesville, Ohio and lived in Spokane Falls prior to homesteading. The 25-year-old Smith broke 14 acres of land the first year and by his sixth year had put 146 acres into crop production. He also dug two wells and built a house, a barn, many outbuildings and 2.5 miles of fence. Smith was married to Mary Jane Mulherin, and they had four children. A blacksmith by trade, his shop, with a hand-made forge and many tools, still remains as does the original barn.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, hay, horses, cows, pigs, chickens, and geese; 1988 - Wheat and barley

Additional information: Anita Luiten's father, Harry A. Smith, was born on the farm in 1895 and lived there until his death at 92 years of age. Mrs. Luiten lives on the original site. The farm totals 4,100 acres, including 2,100 acres of farmland and 2,000 acres of pasture and wasteland. The land is farmed by her son, William Reinbold.

The McClure Farm

Lincoln

Owners: Jean W. Badgley, Catherine W. Currie, Patricia W. Oberholzer

Location of Farm: 7 miles northeast of Mondovi on Bald Ridge Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1880 - 1905	Robert McClure	Great-Great Grandfather
1880 - 1948	Evan James McClure	Great Grandfather
1948 - 1980	Mr. and Mrs. Robert Albia McClure	Grandparents
1980 - Present	Jean Wetzler Badgley, Catherine Wetzler Currie and Patricia Wetzler Oberholzer	

In 1880 Irish-born Robert McClure homesteaded 160 acres. His son Evan James, 21, filed a claim on an adjacent 160 acres later that same year. When son William was old enough, he filed a claim on another 160 acres in the same section. The McClures broke the land for farming and built a log cabin home. Before moving to the Washington Territory, Robert McClure worked in the gold mines of California and Oregon. He then became a freighter and drove a team of 16 oxen. McClure was married to Sarah Harer. Their two sons were born in St. Helena, California. Sarah died prior to the McClures homesteading in Washington.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, small orchard, horses, cattle, and pigs; 1988 - Wheat and barley

Additional information: Today Marco Ranches operates the 996-acre farm which includes the 480 acres homesteaded by Robert McClure and sons.



The Haak/Brommer Farm

Lincoln

Owners: John Brommer

Location of Farm: 1.5 miles southeast of Reardan

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1880 - 1907	Peter Haak	Great Uncle
1907 - 1963	Henry Brommer	Father
1963 - Present	John Brommer	

In 1889 Peter Haak was granted title to his 160-acre homestead by the U.S. government. Born in Germany, Haak was 37 years old when he left the gold mines of Nevada and headed to Washington. He filed a pre-emption claim on 160 acres in November 1880, and later changed the claim to a homestead entry. He built a house, granary and a barn and farmed the land. Haak never married, and the land was passed on to his nephew Henry Brommer.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, horses, and milk cows; 1988 - Wheat and barley

Additional information: Today 96-year-old John Brommer and his wife Faye live on the homestead in the house that was built in 1907. They have been married 68 years and have three children: Lorraine Urquhart of Stuart, Iowa, Jack Brommer of Hayden Lake, Idaho, and Ona Lander of Richland, Washington. The farm totals approximately 800 acres and is operated by John Brommer's nephew, Ed.

Plaster Farms, Inc.

Lincoln

Owners: Dan Plaster, Lorraine Plaster Jones, Dolores Plaster Allen, Elaine Plaster Lotz Estate

Location of Farm: 3 miles southwest of Reardan

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1881 - 1889	Samuel W. Plaster	Great Grandfather
1889 - 1935	Albert C. and Luella R. Plaster	Grandparents
1935 - 1969	Edwin J. and Evelyn D. Plaster	Parents
1969 - Present	Daniel E. Plaster and Dolores Plaster Allen	
1978 - Present	Plaster Farms, Inc.	

Civil War veteran Samuel Plaster was 61 years old when he and his family homesteaded 160 acres near Reardan in 1881. Plaster built a house, dug a well, and raised a garden. Born in Loudoun County, Virginia, he was married to Jane Neville in Illinois in 1847 and they had six children. They sold their homestead to their youngest son Albert in 1889 for \$1,000 and moved to Cheney.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Garden, grain, and feed for horses and cows; 1988 - Wheat, barley, triticale, sheep, hogs, and cattle

Additional information: A schoolhouse was built on the northwest corner of the homestead. The last teacher, in 1914, was Evelyn Dobler who later married Edwin Plaster. Over the years adjacent land has been added to the farm. In 1978 it was incorporated as Plaster Farms and is owned today by the 4th and 5th generations of the family. Today Samuel W. Plaster's great grandson, Dan Plaster, operates the 1,457-acre family farm.



The Garber Farm

Lincoln

Owners: Marie Wyborney, Glen Garber, Harry Garber, and Carl Garber

Location of Farm: 3 miles north of Reardan on Highway 231

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1880 - 1932	Gottleib Garber	Grandfather
1932 - 1960	Charles Garber	Father
1960 - Present	Glen, Harry and Carl Garber and Marie Wyborney	

In 1880 20-year-old Gottleib Garber came to Washington Territory. He filed a timber culture claim on 160 acres and settled on an adjacent 160 acres that he acquired under the homestead law. Born in Switzerland, he lived in Eureka, California prior to arriving in Washington. Garber built a house and outbuildings and planted trees and later acquired additional land.. He and his wife, Anna Margaret Jensen, had three sons.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, cows, horses, chickens, and pigs;
1988 - Wheat, barley, hay, and feeder steers

Additional information: Today the 1,835-acre farm is owned by the four grandchildren of Gottleib Garber and is farmed by a great grandson, Jay Garber.

The Mahrt Farm

Lincoln

Owners: Vernon Mahrt

Location of Farm: 1 mile north and 2 miles east of Reardan

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1887 - 1946	Henry Mahrt	Grandfather
1946 - 1986	Ed Mahrt	Father
1986 - Present	Vernon Mahrt	

John Wickham sold 160 acres to 19-year-old Henry Mahrt in 1887 for \$2.50 per acre. Born in Wisconsin, Mahrt lived in Reardan prior to purchasing this land. He built a barn, outbuildings, and a new home. Mahrt and his wife Anna raised nine children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Grains, horses, chickens, cows, and pigs;
1988 - Wheat and barley

Additional information: Today Vernon (Bud) Mahrt operates the 320-acre farm with his cousin.



The Dueber Farm

Lincoln

Owners: Jack and Karene Mann

Location of Farm: 4 miles northwest of Reardan

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1886 - 1898	Peter Dueber	Great Uncle
1898 - 1932	Emil Dueber	Grandfather
1932 - 1966	Anna Mann, Charlotte and Eve Dueber	Mother and Aunts
1966 - Present	Jack and Karene Mann	

Peter Dueber purchased James Courtright's 158-acre homestead in 1886 for \$2,000. Peter's brother Emil broke up some land and did the farming and in 1898 became owner of the land. Emil had lived in Portland before moving onto the farm. He and his wife Annie Klawan had four children.

Acres in original parcel: 158 **Acres still retained:** 158

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat and livestock; 1988 - Grain and livestock

Additional information: The Dueber farm was a stagecoach stop and also a stop for changing horses. Emit Dueber raised a great amount of potatoes and would give them to the Indians. Today Jack and Karene Mann's son James farms the 1,300-acre family farm.

The Mann Farm

Lincoln

Owners: Jack Mann

Location of Farm: 4 miles north of Reardan

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1889 - 1921	J.W. Mann	Grandfather
1921 - 1983	J.H. Mann	Father
1983 - Present	Jack Mann	

In January 1889 38-year-old J.W. Mann paid J. Stanley Armatage \$1,000 for 320 acres of land. Mann broke the land and put up fencing. Born in West Virginia, Mann lived in Mound City, Missouri before moving onto the farm. He and his wife, Mary Johnson, had seven children.

Acres in original parcel: 320 **Acres still retained:** 280

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat and livestock; 1988 - Grain and livestock

Additional information: Jack Mann and his wife Karene also own Centennial Farm land which first came into the family when Jack's great uncle Peter Dueber purchased land in 1886. Anna Dueber Mann was Jack Mann's mother. Today Jack and Karene Mann's son James farms the 1,300-acre family farm.



Zwainz Farms, Inc.

Lincoln

Owners: Zwainz Farms, Inc.

Location of Farm: 3.5 miles northwest of Reardan on Zwainz Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1887 - 1918	Sebastian and Minnie Zwainz	Great Grandparents
1918 - 1947	Sebastian Zwainz	Great Grandfather
1947 - 1949	Sebastian Zwainz Estate	
1949 - 1984	George and Zinnia Zwainz	Grandparents
1977 - Present	Robert and Glenna Zwainz	Parents
1984 - Present	Rodney and Thomas Zwainz	

Sebastian Zwainz was born in Austria and arrived at Ellis Island in 1886 at the age of 26. He first worked in the coal mines in Pennsylvania and then headed for Washington Territory marrying Monnek "Minnie" Steiner in Des Moines, Iowa en route. In 1887 Zwainz began farming a 160-acre homestead which he filed on in 1889 and received title to in 1896. A house had been built and 15 acres broken out before his arrival. Zwainz built a barn, granary, and other outbuildings, dug two wells, put up 800 rods of wire fencing, and broke out an additional 107 acres by 1892. The Zwainz' had six children; one died at birth.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, oats, horses, cows, and chickens; 1988 - Wheat, barley, rapeseed, and grass hay

Additional information: The Zwainz farm was incorporated in 1977.

Today the 1440-acre farm is operated by Robert and Glenna Zwainz and their son Thomas and wife Wendy. Robert and Glenna have lived on the original homestead since Robert began operating the farm in 1954.

The McKay Farm

Lincoln

Owners: John H. McKay

Location of Farm: 3 miles southwest of Creston

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1881 - 1942	Donald F. McKay, Sr.	Father
1942 - Present	John H. McKay	

In 1881, 24-year-old Donald Frederick McKay filed a 160-acre timber culture claim and a 160-acre homestead claim on land near the present town of Creston. He put the ground into wheat production. McKay came to Washington from his native Canada. He and his wife, Sarah Margaret Stambaugh, had four children.

Acres in original parcel: 320 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat; 1988 - Wheat

Additional information: Today the 160 acres of Centennial Farm land is operated by John H. McKay and his son, Ron.



Bahr Ranches, Inc.

Lincoln

Owners: Bahr Ranches, Inc.

Location of Farm: 4.8 miles southeast of Wilbur on Rux Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1883 - 1935	Thomas Wesley McCord	Great Grandfather
1935 - 1967	Mrs. David H. (Zennie) Haden	Grandmother
1967 - 1972	Mrs. Clarence C. (Helen) Bahr	Mother
1972 - Present	Bahr Ranches, Inc.	

Indiana-born Thomas McCord was 21 years old when he and 40 families left Nebraska headed for Idaho in April 1882. He worked his way west with Union Pacific Railroad contractors. From Idaho, McCord and four families drove to Walla Walla with teams and horses, a journey of 40 days. After working the grain harvest, they went on to Spokane Falls. In the spring of 1883 McCord homesteaded 160 acres near Wilbur. He plowed the virgin soil and built a house and barn. In 1889, he married Gertrude Hire, the daughter of a pioneer family that homesteaded in 1882. They had four children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, barley, oats, cattle, and horses;
1988 - Wheat, barley, and cattle

Additional information: Zennie McCord married David Haden in 1910 and began farming the homestead, buying the farm in 1935. Their only child, Helen, married Clarence Bahr, who farmed with his father-in-law until David's death in 1967. In 1972, Clarence and Helen created a family corporation with their sons C. Daryll and Robert D. and spouses. C. Daryll Bahr and his family live in the original homestead home which has been remodeled over the years. Today the Bahr family operates 4,200 acres.

The Wagner Farm

Lincoln

Owners: Clarence and Phyllis Wagner

Location of Farm: 6.5 miles south of Wilbur off Highway 21

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1884 - 1908	Damian Wagner	Grandfather
1908 - 1950	George Wagner	Father
1950 - Present	Clarence and Phyllis Wagner	

Damian Wagner was only a year old when his family emigrated from Germany to Illinois in 1846. He grew up in St. Clair County, Illinois and served in the Civil War. In 1868 he took up farming in Missouri and, in 1873, he married Christina Beck, also a native of Germany. Wagner came west in 1883 and established a 160-acre homestead (later sold) and then an 80-acre timber culture. In 1884 he purchased 360 acres from D.W. and Ellen Small and J.N. Curtis. Here on his new land Damian took up cattle raising in the tall bunchgrass and ran the first registered bull in the Big Bend Country. Damian and Christina Wagner had nine children.

Acres in original parcel: 80 **Acres still retained:** 80

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Cattle, horses; 1988 - Alfalfa and cattle

Additional information: In 1891 the family moved to Wilbur to take advantage of the favorable business climate of the "booming" town and the bigger school system. The night before the opening of their restaurant, which also contained their living quarters, a kerosene lamp exploded and the building was reduced to ashes. Christina and three children perished. Wagner and his other children then returned to the ranch. Today the 1,662.61-acre farm is operated by Clarence Wagner with the help of his youngest son Dan. Dan and his family live in the original log house.



The Lyse/Lauritzen Farm

Lincoln

Owners: Laura Jean Lauritzen Shaw
Location of Farm: 3 miles north of Wilbur

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1883 - 1902	Neils J. Lyse	Great Grandfather
1902 - 1918	William S. Lauritzen	Grandfather
1918 - 1965	Carl Peter Lauritzen	Father
1965 - Present	Laura Jean Lauritzen Shaw	

Neils and Anna Elise Lyse came to the United States from Denmark in 1873 and settled in Clinton, Iowa. In 1883, they came west and homesteaded 160 acres north of Wilbur. Neils was 52 years old at the time. Lyse built a home and broke up the land and received title to the property in 1889. The Lyses had 12 children. Their daughter Alma and her husband William Lauritzen moved from Iowa to the Sprague area in 1884 and then to Wilbur in 1886.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat and cattle; 1988 - Wheat and barley
Additional information: Alma Lauritzen, daughter of Neils and Anna, was the first person buried in the Wilbur Cemetery. Laura Jean Shaw has owned and operated the 960-acre farm since her father Carl's death in 1965. Ival Cook manages the farm.

Bodeau Bros. Farms

Lincoln

Owners: Dean Bodeau, Don Bodeau
Location of Farm: 8 miles northwest of Wilbur

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1881 - 1933	Theodore and Katherine Bodeau	Grandparents
1933 - 1979	Alfred and Beulah Bodeau	Parents
1979 - Present	Dean and Don Bodeau	

In 1881, 27-year-old Theodore Bodeau settled in what is now Lincoln County. He filed pre-emption and timber culture claims on 320 acres in 1883 and purchased railroad land. Bodeau was born in Luxembourg and lived in Minnesota prior to moving to Washington Territory. Theodore and Katherine Ney Bodeau had four children. In addition to farming, Bodeau was a carpenter and ran a hardware store.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160
Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat; 1988 - Wheat, barley, and cattle
Additional information: The Bodeau Bros. Farm was the 1964 Northwest Lincoln Co. Soil Conservation farm. Today the farm totals 3,800 acres.



The Sheffels Farm

Lincoln

Owners: L. Jerald Sheffels, Cathy Inouye, Susan Schroeder, Roger Sheffels, and David Sheffels

Location of Farm: 8 miles northwest of Wilbur

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1889 - 1928	Robert Sheffels	Great Grandfather
1928 - 1961	Louis T. and Lydia Sheffels	Grandparents
1961 - 1987	Lydia Sheffels, L. Jerald Sheffels	Grandmother, Father
1987 - Present	Corbett Draw Farms	

Born in Prussia in 1856, Robert Sheffels set sail for America in 1880. It was a stormy voyage; no lives were lost but Sheffels arrived in the United States with no money and only the clothes he wore. Sheffels worked his way across the continent with railroad crews. On reaching Washington he established a portable sawmill first on the Little Spokane River, then in the Hawk Creek Falls region. About 1885 he filed claims on land in Lincoln County. Sheffels married Theresa Bodeau in 1889 and soon after bought Willis Addington's homestead and established a home there. The Sheffels had five children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat and cattle; 1988 - Wheat, barley, and peas

Additional information: Like many other early settlers, Sheffels was often discouraged and at one time he offered to give all his land to his brother Herman as payment for work he had done. Herman didn't want the land and returned to Germany. A June 1939 article in the "Wilbur Register"

notes the Crown Prince of Norway had visited Sheffels' ranch as it was an "ideal wheat farm." At that time the Sheffels family farmed 7,000 acres in Washington and 7,000 acres in Montana. Today the 6,800-acre farm is operated by Corbett Draw Farms, a family corporation consisting of Jerry Sheffels and his four children--Cathy Inouye, Susan Schroeder, and Roger and David Sheffels.





The J.M. Jones Farm

Lincoln

Owners: Donna Jones Cochran

Location of Farm: 2.5 miles east and 1/4 mile north of Almira

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1883 - 1922	James Meredith Jones	Grandfather
1922 - 1982	Stanley Thomas Jones	Father
1982 - Present	Donna Jones Cochran	

James Meredith Jones was born in Bronhoeliog, North Wales, and came to the United States with his wife, Mary Ellen Hughes. He was a coal miner in Illinois and came west to settle because his wife felt a farm was a better place to raise a family. Jones was 33 years old when he filed a pre-emption claim on 160 acres in 1883. He acquired adjacent land under the homestead law in 1888. Early improvements included a house, barn and root cellar. The couple had eight children--Mary, Annie, Dorothy, Ruth, John, Blodwen, Meredith and Stanley.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, barley, cattle, and horses; 1988 - Wheat, barley, and cattle

Additional information: The foundation of the original house and the root cellar are still standing. Today the 1,666-acre farm is operated by Donna and Blaine Cochran and their son Jeffrey Thomas. Jeffery is the great grandson of J.M. Jones and will be the fourth generation on the farm.

The Peterson Farm

Lincoln

Owners: Lawrence E. and Betty J. Peterson

Location of Farm: 7.5 miles north of Almira

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1883 - 1898	Jens and Kjersten Peterson	Grandparents
1898 - 1936	Jens and Elmer Peterson	Grandfather, father
1936 - 1976	Hazel D. Peterson	Mother
1976 - Present	Lawrence E. Peterson	

Jens Peterson was born in Denmark in 1851 and immigrated to the United States in 1872, living in New York and New Jersey. He went to San Francisco, becoming a U.S. citizen in 1880, and remained there until 1883 when he came to the Washington Territory. Peterson filed a pre-emption claim on 146 acres in 1883 and paid the required \$1.25 per acre in 1885. Peterson also filed a timber culture claim on an adjacent 155 acres which he relinquished to Kjersten Lauridsen who filed a homestead claim on the land. Jens and Kjersten were married in 1889 in Sprague and had one son, Elmer. Kjersten died in 1898.

Acres in original parcel: 146 **Acres still retained:** 146

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat; 1988 - Wheat and barley

Additional information: Today, Lawrence Peterson is the third generation to farm this land which is part of a 2,769-acre operation. He took over operation of the farm in 1935 when his father Elmer died. The original barn is still used. The four-room house built in 1887 is now the front part of a newer Peterson home built in 1982.



George Simons Heirs

Lincoln

Owners: George Simons Heirs

Location of Farm: North of Creston on Mount View Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1887 - 1900	Eliza J. Simons	Great Grandmother
1900 - 1943	George H. Simons	Grandfather
1943 - 1965	Violet Simons Kunz	Mother
1965 - Present	Mary and Lary Kunz et al	

In 1887 57-year-old Eliza J. Simons purchased 160 acres from Allen Emerson for \$2.50 per acre. Eliza was born in Erie County, Pennsylvania and had lived in Nebraska prior to coming to the Washington Territory with her husband William. They joined their son George and his wife Elizabeth who had settled in the area earlier. Eliza and William Simons also acquired land in William's name. William filed a pre-emption claim on 160 acres in the next section in 1884 but didn't receive title until 1899 after Simons had successfully defended his claim against the railroad. He also acquired 80 acres adjoining the land purchased in Eliza's name as a timber culture. Eliza and William had seven children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, domestic cows, horses, chickens, and hogs; 1988 - Wheat and barley

Additional information: After George Simons' death in 1913, the farm was operated by his son Elmer until 1948 and later by Elmer's son Donovan and his family. The farm has been operated since 1965 by Lary and Mary Kunz, who serve as agents for the George Simons heirs. The Kunz' farm 3,177 acres, including 1,297 acres owned by the George Simons heirs.

The John P. Martin Farm

Lincoln

Owners: Paul B. Martin, Amanda B. Jensen, Bertha B. Heikkinen

Location of Farm: 3 miles northeast of Sherman

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1888 - 1909	John P. Martin	Half-uncle
1909 - 1959	Albert M. Martin	Father
1959 - Present	Paul B. Martin, Amanda B. Jensen and Bertha B. Heikkinen	

John P. Martin moved to Washington Territory from his birthplace in Minnesota and in 1888 purchased a 160-acre homestead from John and Ida Jump for \$500. He made improvements to the land including a house and barn. He and his wife Mary had 10 children. John Martin sold Albert Martin 80 of the original acres in 1909 for \$3,000. Albert was 27 years old at the time. Albert and his wife Tillie had four children.

Acres in original parcel: 159.49 **Acres still retained:** 80

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat and cattle; 1988 - Wheat, malting barley, and millet

Additional information: John P. Martin and his half-brother Albert M. Martin both served as Lincoln County Commissioners. Today the Centennial Farm land is part of 996 acres owned by Albert Martin's three surviving children. It is operated by Paul Martin's sons Larry, who lives on the farm, and Randy, who lives in Creston.



The Jirava Farm

Adams

Owners: Ronald Paul, Alan John and Tracy Gene Jirava

Location of Farm: 4 miles west of Ritzville

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1883 - 1915	Fredrick Rosenoff	Great Great Great Grandfather
1915 - 1946	John Fredrick Rosenoff	Great Great Grandfather
1946 - 1962	John Rosenoff	Great Grandfather
1962 - 1973	Frank and Laurine Rosenoff Miller	Grandparents
1973 - Present	Ron, Alan, and Tracy Jirava	

Fredrick Rosenoff and his family emigrated from Russia in 1877. They lived and worked in Nebraska before coming to Washington Territory in 1882. Rosenoff worked in the orchards near Walla Walla then settled near Ritzville. Rosenoff built a home, planted trees and followed the other guidelines of the public land acts. He and his wife, Katherine, had five children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, cows, and mules; 1988 - Wheat and rapeseed

Additional information: Washington's first German Congregational Church, built in 1883, still stands on the farm. The farm's original windmill tower and the original home built in 1883, just prior to the church, also still stand. Today Ron Jirava operates the 980-acre farm.

The Bauer Farm

Adams

Owners: Fern Bauer Morrison

Location of Farm: 4 miles west of Ritzville

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1884 - 1905	John Jacob Bauer	Grandfather
1905 - 1955	Henry Bauer	Father
1955 - Present	Fern Bauer Morrison	

Russian-born John Jacob Bauer was 37 years old when he, his wife and children joined a 35-wagon train and headed west from Culbertson, Nebraska in search of a new home. They settled on land west of Ritzville in 1884 and Bauer acquired 160 acres under the homestead law. Bauer and his wife, Elizabeth, came to the United States in 1876. They raised five children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, pigs, and chickens; 1988 - Wheat

Additional information: Second owner Henry Bauer was a leading breeder of registered Belgian horses. He reluctantly yielded to the mechanical trend and sold his entire stock of blooded horses in a big sale in 1942. He had an inventive mind and devised several mechanical aids to help with the harvesting of wheat. He was Parade Marshall of Ritzville for many years. Today the farm totals 1,000 acres and is operated by John and Don Wellsandt.



Heinemann Family Farm

Adams

Owners: Heinemann Family Farm

Location of Farm: 3 miles southeast of Ritzville on Highway 261

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1888 - 1911	Wilhelm and Anna Heinemann	Grandparents
1911 - 1917	Wilhelm Heinemann, Esther Heinemann, Bertha H. Richter	Grandfather, Aunts
1917 - 1972	Alfred and Emma Heinemann	Parents
1972 - Present	Emma Heinemann,	Mother
1972 - Present	Edward and Arlene Heinemann	
1981 - Present	Wilmerd and Helen Heinemann Dorothy and Gerald Schoesler	

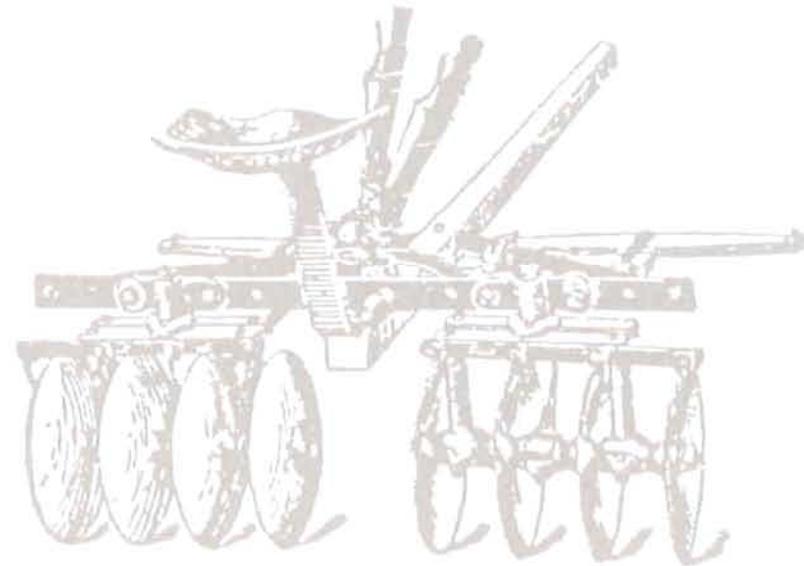
Wilhelm Heinemann was born in Germany in 1861 and immigrated to the United States in 1878. In 1886 he married Anna Kistner in Chicago and, in 1888, the couple came west with their first-born, Henry. Heinemann homesteaded 160 acres and filed a timber culture claim on an adjacent 80 acres. Heinemann built a house, dug a well, planted trees, cleared away sagebrush and broke in the land for farming. Seven more children were born to the couple in Washington -- Bertha, Elizabeth, Anna, Alfred, Carl, Esther and Walter.

Acres in original parcel: 240 **Acres still retained:** 240

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, rye, milk cows, hogs, and chickens; 1988 - Wheat, barley, and rapeseed

Additional information: When Anna Heinemann died in 1911, her 1,920-acre estate was inherited by her husband and seven living children with

Wilhelm, Esther and Bertha receiving land in the original parcel. In 1916 Alfred married Emma Zellmer and they moved into the Heinemann Farm home and over the next three years acquired additional land including the original homestead and timber culture acres. They raised five children, Edward, Wilmerd, Wilton, Eugene and Dorothy. Today the farm includes 1,360 acres. The original homestead is owned by Emma Heinemann (40 acres), Wilmerd and Helen Heinemann (80 acres), and Dorothy and Gerald Schoesler (40 acres). The timber culture land is owned by Edward and Arlene Heinemann. Mark Schoesler, great grandson of Wilhelm Heinemann, and his wife Ginger farm the land today.





R.P. Smith Homestead

Adams

Owners: W. Alex Smith

Location of Farm: 16 miles south of Ritzville off Providence Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1887 - 1906	Rudolphus Pizzaro Smith	Grandfather
1906 - 1933	Warren A. Smith	Father
1933 - Present	W. Alex Smith	

39-year-old Rudolphus Pizzaro Smith homesteaded 162 acres in 1887. He began to farm the land and built a barn, granary and a four-room house over a root cellar. Smith was also a carpenter and set up windmill towers, put in pumps, and built buildings for neighbors. He helped build the Pizzaro Warehouse on the Milwaukee Railroad which was named after him and is now owned by Union Elevator of Lind. Smith, who came from Michigan, was married to Jeanette Phoebe Smith and had four children. Son, Warren A., took out a homestead three miles from his parents' land when he reached the age of 21 in 1898 and farmed both parcels.

Acres in original parcel: 162 **Acres still retained:** 162

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat; 1988 - Wheat and barley

Additional information: Today the Smiths own 800 acres which are operated by Charles and Loretta Schoonover. Loretta is the sister-in-law of Alex Smith's daughter Janet Greenwalt.

Figure 3 Ranch

Adams

Owners: Edward Neil Victor, Gerald Patrick Victor, William Albert Victor

Location of Farm: On the Adams/Whitman County line

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1889 - 1905	John Dooly	Great Grandfather
1905 - 1975	William Clarence Dooly	Grandfather
1975 - 1980	W.C. Dooly Estate - Mary Edna Dooly Victor	Mother
1980 - Present	Ed, Gerry and Bill Victor	

John Dooly was born in Ireland in 1829 and reportedly sailed around the Horn to Washington from New York. He served on the crew that surveyed the line between the United States and British Columbia early in 1858. Dooly was in the cattle business in the Walla Walla area for 30 years before he and William Kirkman purchased 640 acres from the Northern Pacific Railroad in Adams County. Dooly bought out his partner and purchased an adjacent 152 acres from Herbert Brewster for \$500 in 1889. Dooly married Frankie Bracken of Walla Walla in 1881. The couple had four sons.

Acres in original parcel: 640 **Acres still retained:** 640

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Hay, horses, and cows; 1988 - Cattle

Additional information: John Dooly was often called Walla Walla's Cattle King. Dooly's second son Clarence moved to the ranch in 1905 and managed it until his death in 1975. Clarence was state Cattleman of the Year in 1957. The ranch has been managed by Ed Victor since he and his wife Rae Anna moved to the ranch in 1975. Today Ed operates 7,600 acres which includes land that is leased from the state.



The Kelsey Farm

Adams

Owners: Dennis Kelsey, Craig Kelsey, Mrs. Arlyne Kelsey

Location of Farm: 12.5 miles northeast of Connell

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1889 - 1915	Allen S. Kelsey	Great-Great Uncle
1915 - 1942	Ernest Kelsey	Grandfather
1942 - 1985	Richard Kelsey (Life Estate)	Father
1985 - Present	Arlyne Kelsey	Mother
1985 - Present	Dennis and Craig Kelsey	

Allen Kelsey moved from Caldwell County, Missouri in late 1887 or early 1888. He purchased 160 acres from the railroad and in 1889 applied for a 160-acre homestead. Kelsey was born in Warren County, Ohio. He and his wife, Lottie Hopkins Kelsey, had four daughters. A February 10, 1890 statement shows Kelsey paid \$10.16 in property taxes on his 320 acres, which were valued at \$340.00.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Horses; 1988 - Small grains

Additional information: A shed built in 1904 with mortise and tenon jointing is still in use. The original homestead shack was dismantled prior to 1944, and the original large home was torn down about 1959 following construction of the present home. Today the homestead is farmed by Dennis and Craig Kelsey, sons of Richard and Arlyne Kelsey, and consists of 6,700 acres.

The Harder Farm

Franklin

Owners: Dr. John Harder, MD and Olive, Children: John, James, Jeffrey, Hans and Gretchen; Wm. George Harder and Vivian, Children: Wm., Jr., Kurt, and Eric Max; Dorothea, Gertrude and Macey Harder

Location of Farm: 3 miles east of Kahlotus on Hwy 260

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1883 - 1923	Hans Harder	Grandfather
1923 - 1952	John Harder	Father
1952 - Present	Dr. John Harder	

Hans Harder, age 22, came to Washington Territory from Germany in 1883. He brought his inheritance of \$5,000 and purchased a wagon, team and supplies and set up camp on the Snake River and began in the livestock business. Hans and his younger brother Jacob became partners in leased and purchased land. They later divided their holdings and Jacob moved to Cow Creek near Ritzville. About 1890, on his way back to Germany to find a wife, Hans met Dorothea Schlomer who was on her way from New York to San Francisco. They corresponded for a few years then married. The Harders had six children; four lived to adulthood.

Acres in original parcel: Unknown **Acres still retained:** All

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Alfalfa, horses, cattle, and sheep; 1988 - Cattle, wheat, barley, alfalfa, peas, buckwheat, and bluegrass seed

Additional information: The Harder brothers, Max, Hans and Jacob, were the first purchasers of upwards of 20 sections of land in Franklin and Adams counties. Today the Harders own and operate approximately 10,000 acres including land in the Conservation Reserve Program.



Jaussaud Ranches

Franklin

Owners: The Estate of Louise G. Jaussaud and the Louis F. Jaussaud Trust

Location of Farm: 3 miles west of Palouse Falls Rd. on Lyons Ferry Rd.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1884 - 1927	Leon Jaussaud	Grandfather
1927 - 1961	Demerise Jaussaud	Grandmother
1961 - 1976	Louis F. Jaussaud	Father
1976 - 1988	Louise G. Jaussaud	Mother
1988 - Present	Leontine Jaussaud Winn	

Leon Jaussaud was born in Grenoble, France in 1860. He came to America, arriving in Los Angeles, California, November 29, 1880. He worked in the sheep business in California for a short period of time and then was hired to drive a band of sheep north. He arrived in Walla Walla in 1882. According to family history, Jaussaud purchased about 500 acres of land, with buildings, from John Mullan, of the famous Mullan Road, in 1884. The land was located near Palouse Falls about 14 miles from Washtucna. Subsequently he leased and purchased, many transactions by "handshake", an additional 12,700 acres of land from the railroad and neighbors. In 1886 Jaussaud married Mrs. Demerise Noel Berard in Walla Walla. At the time of their marriage Mrs. Berard had one son. The couple had seven children together.

Acres in original parcel: 500 **Acres still retained:** 500

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Sheep, grain, cows; 1988 - Cows, wheat

Additional information: From 1884 until his death in 1927, Jaussaud was extensively involved in the sheep ranching business. The ranch near Wash-

tucna was his "home" ranch and lambing and wool shearing operations were carried out there. During the summer months he grazed his sheep in Idaho and the Blue Mountains near Walla Walla. Today the ranch is comprised of the original 500 acres plus 4,205 additional acres surrounding it. It is operated by Leontine Jaussaud Winn and farmed by H-4 Farms.





Ray Bailie Farm

Franklin

Owners: Raymond L. and Lucille Poe Bailie

Location of Farm: 1/4 mile west of Mesa at the end of Bailie Lane

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1888 - 1943	Martha Hunt Poe	Grandmother
1897 - 1943	Lanier Judson Wiltfong	Uncle
1943 - 1958	Manton Marble Poe	Father
1958 - Present	Raymond L. and Lucille Poe Bailie	

38-year-old Martha Hunt Poe came by covered wagon with her three children to Washington Territory in 1888. Her husband had passed away with typhoid-pneumonia two years before in Oregon. They arrived at Ainsworth, now Pasco, and Martha cooked for Northern Pacific crews while the railroad was being built to Yakima. She took up on a 160-acre homestead at Lake Station (now Mesa) at this time. In 1891 Martha's half-brother Lanier Wiltfong came from Oregon with his new bride and homesteaded adjoining land. After Martha's death in 1897, the Wiltfongs provided a home for the three children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 50

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Cattle; 1988 - Irrigated pasture for cattle

Additional information: At her homestead, Martha pumped water for the railroad steam engines with an old horse hitched to a pole hooked to the pump shaft. Several Indian tribes were in the area and they came to water their horses. Martha learned to speak Indian jargon and her Indian dictionary is still in the Bailie home. Today the 1,600-acre farm is operated by Ray and Lucille Bailie and their son Manton.

The Kelley Brothers Farm

Grant

Owners: Kelley Brothers

Location of Farm: 7 miles north and 1 mile west of Hartline

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1883 - 1917	Patrick Kelley	Grandfather
1917 - 1967	Charles Kelley	Father
1967 - Present	Patrick, Robert, Eugene and George Kelley	

Patrick Kelley was born in Hackensack, New Jersey, the son of Irish immigrants. In 1883, 37-year-old Kelley and his wife Phoebe and four young children moved from their farm in New Douglas, Illinois to Washington Territory to homestead 160 acres. Kelley built a two-room log cabin, a barn and other outbuildings. He dug a well and planted an orchard. The Kelleys had four more children as two sets of twin girls were born in the cabin.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, oats, horses, and two cows; 1988 - Wheat, barley, beef cattle, and triticales

Additional information: When Patrick Kelley retired he owned 1,000 acres. Today his grandsons, the Kelley Brothers, farm 7,000 acres and have 3,000 acres of pasture.



The Jelinek Farm

Grant

Owners: Robert and Joan O'Neil

Location of Farm: 9 miles north and 4 miles east of Hartline

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1883 - 1943	John Jelinek	Cousin
1943 - 1968	Jelinek Estate	
1968 - Present	Robert and Joan O'Neil	

John Jelinek emigrated with his parents from Canada to Wisconsin when he was a young boy. He came west in the 1870's and found work with Northern Pacific Railroad, doing bridge building work. In 1883, Jelinek and his cousin John O'Neil, both bachelors, left the railroad crew at Sprague and selected land in Douglas County. Jelinek filed a 160-acre timber culture claim and a 160-acre homestead claim. He built a house and other buildings and began to farm. The cousins continued to work part of the year for the railroad while establishing their farms. Jelinek married Jennie White in 1893. He was 42 and she was one month shy of 19. They had three children. Jennie died at age 24. Jelinek's second wife was named Victore.

Acres in original parcel: 320 **Acres still retained:** 320

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, cattle; 1988 - Wheat and barley

Additional information: The original barn, made of trees from Northrup Canyon, is still standing. Jelinek would cut down a tree, hew it square and drag it home. It took two years to lay out the frame and, in 1887, all the neighbors came for a barn-raising. Today the Centennial Farm land is part of a 900-acre operation farmed by Bob O'Neil. Jelinek was a cousin to Bob O'Neil's great uncle John O'Neil.

The O'Neil Farm

Grant

Owners: Mary Codd

Location of Farm: 9 miles north and 5 miles east of Hartline

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1883 - 1940	John O'Neil	Father
1940 - Present	Mary Codd	

John O'Neil was born in Canada in 1844, the son of Irish immigrants. He came to the United States in the early 1870's joining relatives in Wisconsin. O'Neil and his cousin John Jelinek came west and worked as bridge builders with the Northern Pacific Railroad. In 1883 the cousins both filed on land northeast of Hartline. O'Neil took out a 160-acre pre-emption and a 160-acre timber culture claim. His first improvements were a cabin and a barn. In 1903, at the age of 59, he married Elizabeth Cassidy and they had two children.

Acres in original parcel: 320 **Acres still retained:** 320

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat; 1988 - Wheat and barley

Additional information: Today the Centennial farm land is operated by Mary Codd's cousin, Bob O'Neil, and his wife Joan.



The Drinkard Farm

Grant

Owners: Mrs. Shirley Ann Mobley Zimbelman

Location of Farm: 6 miles northwest of Almira

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1887 - 1935	John Quincy Drinkard	Grandfather
1935 - 1982	Thelma Drinkard Mobley	Mother
1982 - Present	Shirley Mobley Zimbelman	

Born in Missouri, 27-year-old John Quincy Drinkard came from Linn County, Oregon, and filed a pre-emption claim on 160 acres in Washington Territory in 1887. He made final proof and paid his \$200 in June 1888 and in December that year filed a homestead claim on an adjacent 160 acres. Drinkard was married twice--first to Sarah Kenney and then to Anna McHargue. He had three children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat and hay; 1988 - Wheat

Additional information: A barn, built in approximately 1899, is still standing. Today the Centennial Farm land is part of a 640-acre operation. Shirley Zimbelman's son, Michael farms the land.

The Utt Farm

Grant

Owners: Cathy Short, Mary Ethel Schrock

Location of Farm: 7 miles southeast of Hartline on 36th N.E.

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1888 - 1950	Katie A. Utt	Grandmother
1950 - 1985	Ethel Schrock	Mother
1985 - Present	Cathy Short, Mary Ethel Schrock	

Receiver's Receipt #587 shows that 23-year-old Katie A. Utt paid the required \$1.25 per acre, or \$215.76, for her 172.61-acre pre-emption on May 10, 1889. Utt was born in Lancaster, Wisconsin and came west with her parents and two sisters in the spring of 1888. Her parents homesteaded near Hartline and that summer Katie filed her pre-emption claim on land further to the south. Her sisters also filed claims. Early improvements included a house and outbuildings. No well was dug so Katie's father hauled water to her claim daily. On September 24, 1889 Katie married James F. Harris, a 33-year-old Canadian who homesteaded an adjacent 160 acres. The couple had three daughters: Florence, Ethel and Margaret.

Acres in original parcel: 172 **Acres still retained:** 172

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat; 1988 - Wheat

Additional information: This land was originally farmed by Katie and James Harris, then by their daughter Florence's husband, Vineyard Poe. Vineyard and Florence's son, Jim Poe, has farmed the land for the last 50-60 years and is now passing that responsibility down to his sons, Terry and John Poe, of Hilltop Ranch, who have helped farm the land for the last 15 years. Land ownership passed to the Harris' daughter Ethel and then to her daughters Cathy and Mary Ethel, who are Jim Poe's cousins.



The Ruud Farm

Douglas

Owners: James Howard Ruud

Location of Farm: 4 miles south of Waterville

Dates of Ownership	Name	Relationship to Current Owner
1883 - 1948	Ole Olson and Christine Augusta Larson Ruud	Great Grandparents
1948 - 1981	Carl Oliver Ruud	Grandfather
1981 - Present	James Howard Ruud	

Ole Olson Ruud was a farmer in Norway "but the comparatively narrow surroundings and my roaming disposition brought on me the America fever." Ruud headed for Washington Territory, stopping first in Minnesota and Iowa to learn the language and customs of his new country. On hearing reports of few people and "oceans of good farming land" Ruud travelled to the Big Bend Country. Ruud outfitted himself in Sprague for \$800, nearly all his capitol, purchasing a team, wagon, breaking plow, harrow, half a window, a few necessary tools, and a year's worth of supplies. On May 12, 1883, 36-year-old Ruud stuck up his notice of location and plowed a small patch of land to homestead 160 acres near Badger Mountain. He married Christina Augusta Larson in 1892. They had eight children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Barley, potatoes, cattle, and chickens; 1988 - Wheat and cattle

Additional information: Douglas County was organized in 1884 and Ruud was elected the county's first land surveyor. The original barn and granary are still standing. Today James Ruud owns and operates the 801.5-acre farm.

The Hensel Farm

Douglas

Owners: Robert A. and Jane K. Hensel

Location of Farm: 6 miles north and 1/2 mile east of Waterville

Dates of Ownership	Name	Relationship to Current Owner
1887 - 1927	Charles W. and Minnie L. Hensel	Grandparents
1927 - 1972	Arthur J. and Ruby W. Hensel	Parents
1972 - Present	Robert A. and Jane K. Hensel	

Charles Hensel was 16 years old when his family left Prussia in 1856 to go to Schleswig, Wisconsin. Hensel farmed in Minnesota for 20 years, then at the age of 48, he travelled to the Waterville area where he homesteaded 160 acres. Hensel and his wife Minnie Lorens had 12 children. The oldest son George pre-empted 160 acres next to his parents, who later purchased this land.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, Shorthorn cattle, and Duroc pigs; 1988 - Wheat and barley

Additional information: Charles Hensel called his farm "Grandview" because it had a commanding view of the Cascades to the west and the surrounding fields to the north, east and south. A detailed family history, "Hensels Pulling Together", has been compiled by Dorothy Newport Couden, granddaughter of Charles and Minnie Hensel. The farm has been operated by the Elton Polson family since the early 1950's. Today the farm consists of 560 acres. The original house, the granary and shop are still standing and in excellent condition.



The Smith/Long Farm

Douglas

Owners: Frances W. Long

Location of Farm: 7 miles north of Waterville

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1887 - 1910	Joseph Smith	Grandfather-in-law
1910 - 1950	John M. Long	Father-in-law
1950 - 1963	John J. Long	Husband
1963 - Present	Frances W. Long	

Joseph Smith and his wife, Maria (Mary) Johannes arrived in Seattle from Victoria B.C. in August 1886. Smith worked for the Northern Pacific Railroad for a short time but Maria didn't like the railroad life for herself or their infant daughter Maude. They decided to farm. They heard so much about the Big Bend Country and so crossed the mountains and the Columbia River to what is now Douglas County. A "Mr. Gilespie" showed them land that was available. The Smiths squatted on the land, living in a tent before building a log home. They dug a well the first winter and, unlike some other settlers, got water. Many people came and hauled their water from it. Smith later went to Spokane to earn money to pay for his 160-acre pre-emption, making final proof in 1889. The Smiths had four children. In addition to farming, Smith had a freight wagon.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat, corn, cows, pigs, chickens, and horses; 1988 - Wheat, barley, and horses

Additional information: Maria Smith wrote "My ohn exsperence since 1886", an account of their first years in Washington. Today the 480-acre farm is operated by Frances W. Long's son, Tony.

The Viebrock Farm

Douglas

Owners: Lewis C. and Doris Viebrock, Ray E. and Irene Viebrock

Location of Farm: 9 miles southeast of Waterville on Highway 2

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1889 - 1891	Claus Viebrock	Uncle
1891 - 1945	John Viebrock	Father
1945 - 1966	Harry Viebrock	Brother
1966 - Present	Lewis C. and Ray E. Viebrock	

John Viebrock came west from Illinois with his brother Claus. Claus filed a homestead application on 160 acres in Douglas County on September 27, 1889. He relinquished the claim to his brother John in 1891. John built a house and barn and planted an orchard and made final proof in 1896. A native of Mindstedt, Hanover, Germany, John Viebrock married Aletta Willms, and they had 13 children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Orchard, wheat, cows, and horses; 1988 - Wheat

Additional information: The original house and barn are still standing. Today the Viebrocks own 1,183 acres which are part of 2,422 acres operated by Karl Rejniak, son-in-law of Lewis C. and Doris Viebrock.



The Prange/Eggers Farm

Douglas

Owners: Lawrence and Ernestine Eggers

Location of Farm: 13 miles east of Waterville on Highway 2

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1889 - 1939	Henry Prange	Grandfather
1939 - 1983	Herman Eggers	Father
1983 - Present	Lawrence E. Eggers	

Henry Prange came to Washington Territory in 1888 and settled on 160 acres of land in Douglas County in February 1889. Prange was born in Hamburg, Germany and farmed in South Dakota before coming to Washington. He lived in Ellensburg, where he worked in a brickyard before moving to the Waterville area. Prange cleared the land and built a house and barn. He acquired the land under the pre-emption law and acquired adjacent land under the homestead law. He and his wife, Anna, were married in 1883 and had seven children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Orchard, wheat, and cows; 1988 - Conservation Reserve Program

Additional information: Today Lawrence E. Eggers owns and operates the 1,713-acre farm which has been enrolled in the CRP program since 1987. Prior to then, wheat was grown on the land.

John and Augusta Johnson Farm

Douglas

Owners: Joe and Gloria Bourton, Leonard and Mabel Rice, Reed and Pauline Cronin

Location of Farm: 17.5 miles southeast of Waterville, south of Farmer

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1889 - 1947	John and Augusta Johnson	Grandparents
1947 - 1982	Edwin L. Johnson	Uncle
1982 - Present	Gloria Tober Bourton, Leonard Rice and Pauline Rice Cronin	

Two days after their marriage, Swedish immigrants John Johnson and Augusta Adamson left Athens, Illinois by train, headed for Ritzville. There they bought a wagon for \$75 and a plow for \$12 and drove their oxen-pulled covered wagon to Douglas County and took up a 160-acre homestead in March 1889. The Johnsons broke out the land and began to farm and raise cattle. Their first home was a dugout in the bank. John was a blacksmith by trade, and Augusta worked in Waterville for extra money, doing laundry. The Johnsons raised four children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Some grain for the oxen, cows, and horses; 1988 - Wheat, oats, and barley

Additional information: Johnson worked on the first Waterville schoolhouse and built the foundation for Orondo's first schoolhouse. Augusta Johnson was the midwife nurse and doctor to neighbors for 20 miles. The original homestead is now owned and farmed by Gloria Bourton and her husband Joe with shares belonging to her cousins Pauline and Leonard. Gloria has written a brief family history. Today the farm totals 2,000 acres.



The McLean Ranch

Douglas

Owners: Alex and Bonita McLean

Location of Farm: 14 miles northwest of Mansfield

<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1887 - 1893	John A. McLean	Great Uncle
1888 - 1941	William Alexander McLean	Grandfather
1941 - 1968	Walter William McLean	Father
1968 - Present	Alexander William McLean	

Three brothers, John, Lachlan and William Alexander McLean, all homesteaded adjoining sections in the late 1880's. The brothers were born in Quebec, Canada and worked in the mines in Bodie, California before coming to Washington in 1886, settling first at Waverly. Lachlan filed his first claim in 1886, homesteading 160 acres. John pre-empted 80 acres in 1887 and all three brothers filed 160-acre timber culture claims. John McLean died in 1893, and William bought John's land from his widow. In 1899 William married Grace Nixon and the couple had three children: Franklin, Walter and Bruce. Walter married Winnie Smith in 1925 and had 3 children: Grace, Mae and Alexander. Alex married Bonita Law in 1967. They had two daughters Darby and Vanessa.

Acres in original parcel: 80 **Acres still retained:** 80

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Cattle; 1988 - Wheat and cattle

Additional information: The family has added to the original parcels over the years. Today there are approximately 4,500 acres in the ranch which is owned and operated by Alex and Bonita McLean. The current ranch buildings are located on the land homesteaded by John. The land homesteaded by Lachlan is now owned by the state Department of Wildlife.

The Rigg Farm

Douglas

Owners: Ralph L. Rigg

Location of Farm: 10 miles south of Brewster on Dyer Hill Rd.

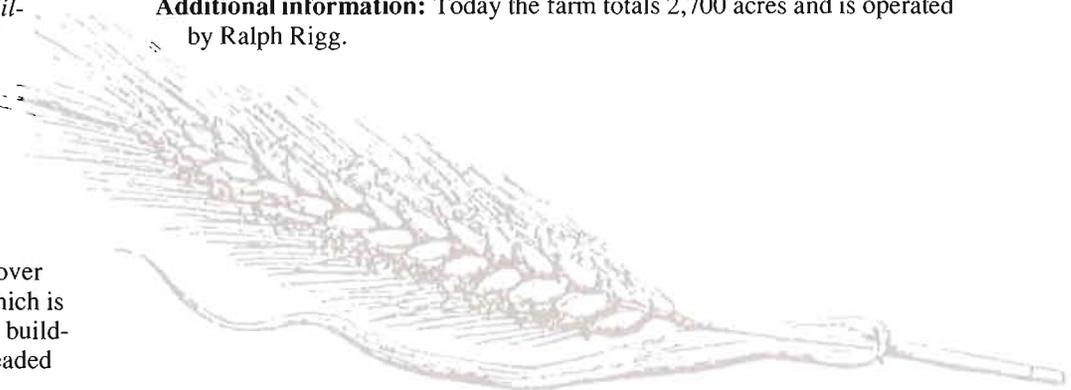
<i>Dates of Ownership</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship to Current Owner</i>
1889 - 1922	John Rigg	Grandfather
1922 - 1972	Arthur and John Rigg	Uncle and Father
1972 - Present	Ralph L. Rigg	

John Rigg was born in Kansas and lived in Garfield County before he homesteaded 160 acres in northern Douglas County in 1889. He was 26 years old at the time. Rigg was married to Charlotte Yockey, and the couple had five children.

Acres in original parcel: 160 **Acres still retained:** 160

Crops or livestock raised: 1889 - Wheat; 1988 - Wheat

Additional information: Today the farm totals 2,700 acres and is operated by Ralph Rigg.



DESCRIPTION OF TRACT.				CONTENTS.		DATE PER ACRE.		PURCHASE MONEY.		NAME OF THE PURCHASER.	DATE OF SALE.	Number of Acres of Purchase.	TO WHOM PATENTED.	DATE OF PATENT.
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1/4 Sec 10	19	19	42	160		10				Thomas F. Pritchard	Dec 17, 1887	5914	F. 6, 3899	Dec 29, 1892
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<p>Approved to the N.P.R.R. May 18-95 & patented May 27-95 after approval Sept 10-14 on file by Comm letter P. 2546 of June 7-95 To S.D. June 14-95.</p>														
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1/4 Sec 12				16000		1000		1000		Arthur P. Dalton	March 31, 1880	1016	Cancelled	Sept 9, 18

The dates an individual filed a claim, made final proof or payment, and was issued a patent were all recorded in the land office tract book.

- Three Centennial Farm founders made homestead or timber culture entries on land in Section 12 of Township 19 North, Range 42 East.
- Section 11 was patented to the Northern Pacific Railroad.
- Section 10 shows entries under the homestead and timber culture laws.

How to Obtain Land Office Records

Most of Washington's Centennial Farms acquired land from the federal government under one or more of the public land acts that were in effect over the course of Washington's existence as a territory. The settlers of these farms were the first private owners of the land. Under the requirements of the law, settlers had to file their claim or purchase land from the government through the local government land office.

In the course of researching a farm's history for the Centennial Farm recognition program, many people had a hard time locating documentation that verified what they believed to be true about when their ancestor first settled on and began farming their Centennial Farm land. A search through family or county records would turn up the patent, the document carrying the President of the United States' name and legally transferring title to an individual, but no document stating when the individual had first applied for the land.

In most cases, documentation, in fact, does exist with a fair amount of information about the first settler's activities. Acquiring land from the federal government required an individual to complete a lot of paperwork. The Department of Interior's Bureau of Land Management, successor to the General Land Office, has records of the original land surveys of the state and records of how and when land transferred from federal to private or state ownership. The National Archives retains the files with the documents for each ownership transfer.

Here is a brief outline of the dates and actions you would typically find associated with a homestead of 160 acres.

1. Date of application or entry

Individual filed an application for land under the Homestead Act; filed an affidavit stating that he or she met the qualifications, would fulfill requirements of the act, and had settled on the land on a certain date; paid the \$10 filing fee and received a receiver's receipt.

2. Date of final certificate or proof (up to 7 years later)

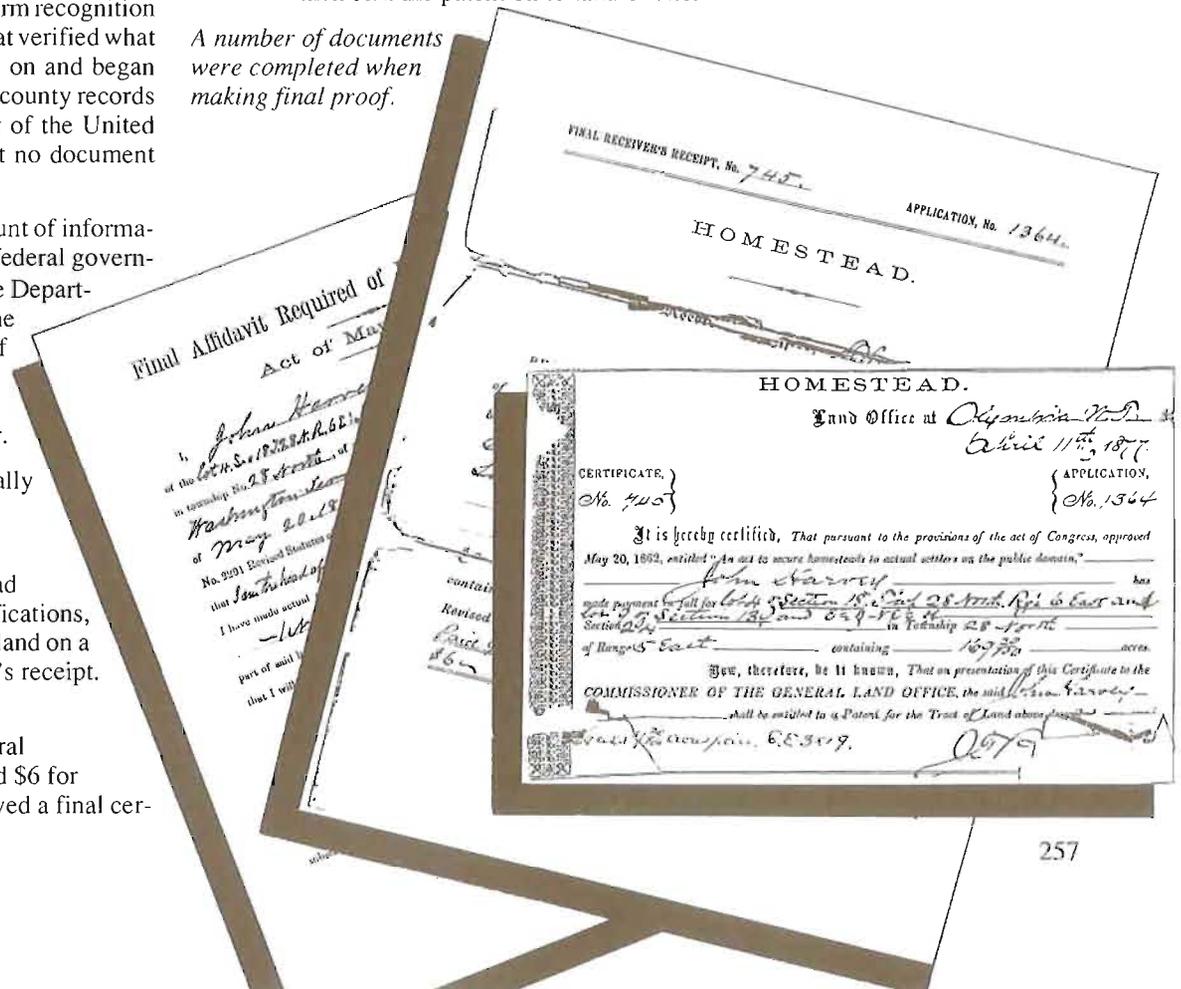
Individual filed final homestead affidavit; filed a non-mineral affidavit; filed final proof including witness testimony; paid \$6 for final entry and received a final receiver's receipt; and received a final cer-

tificate.

3. Date of patent (months, sometimes years, later)

The local land office sent a copy of the final certificate to the General Land Office. The patent was issued in Washington, D.C. under the president's signature. The date issued is the date of patent. The patent was then sent to the local land office which recorded the date of patent in the tract book and then sent the patent on to land owner.

A number of documents were completed when making final proof.



A homesteader and his witnesses each had to provide answers to numerous questions when making final proof on a claim. Their testimony detailed the homesteader's settlement, farm operation, home and family.

4. Date recorded with county auditor (months, sometimes years, later)

It was usually the individual's responsibility to record his or her patent with the county.

These are the typical dates and actions and the most common documents associated with acquiring land under the homestead law.

While the timing and actual documents differed, this same sequence of actions also occurred when land was acquired under the donation land, pre-emption, timber culture and desert land laws. Under each of these laws there was a date the claim was filed, a date of final proof and/or payment, and the date of patent.

The dates of these actions were recorded in the land office tract book. The tract book contains the handwritten entries made at the land office of the names of settlers and the dates when they filed a claim, made final proof or purchased the land, and when the patent was issued. The entries also indicate which public land act the land was acquired under, or whether it was purchased or granted to the state or the railroad.

The tract books are organized by legal description of the land which makes it easy to locate information on your property. Microfilm copies of the tract books are found at a limited number of locations. A good place to review or request copies of these records is the Spokane District office of the Bureau of Land Management. BLM's specialists can help you locate the records for your land and answer your questions on how to read or interpret the records. Copies of the records can also be found at the BLM's regional office in Portland.

Copies of the affidavits, receipts, testimony and other documents generated during the process of

TESTIMONY OF CLAIMANT.

Pro. D. S. No. _____ Cash No. _____

Orig. Hd. No. 1587 P. C. No. 1393

NAME OF CLAIMANT,

Eli Bobick

LAND OFFICE AT

Malta Malheur

Approved:

[Signature] Register.

Ques. 33.—How many seasons have you raised crops on this land, and what kind of crops have you raised each season?

Ans. Have had crops such as wheat - barley & hay for 5 seasons

Ques. 34.—How many acres have you put in crops each year, and how much did you raise? State the amount in bushels of each kind.

Ans. 1877 - 50 acres wheat - 1000 bush - also had out less than 50 acres
- every year from every time - 1886 had over 100 acres

Ques. 35.—Have you the land in crop this year, and if so, for what purpose? State the amount of the land in crop.

acquiring land from the federal government are found in case files at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. and are available for a minimal cost.

While not all files are complete, most contain documents that provide information that can be useful in researching and documenting the history of your farm and your ancestors. The testimony submitted by the settler and his witnesses when making final proof includes answers to questions about when the individual settled on the land, what improvements had been made and their value, how many acres were under cultivation and who comprised the family.

Many Washington pioneers settled on land well before they filed an application for it. Information on when an individual actually made settlement on the land is sometimes found in the tract book. It can almost always be found in the many documents a claimant filed in the course of acquiring his land.

One other reference to check is the cadastral survey plat of the land. Before land could legally pass from public to private ownership it had to be surveyed. The cadastral plat was prepared from the survey map and field notes recorded by the land's surveyor. Surveyors were instructed to record anything they could see from the township and section lines and other survey points. They were also instructed to note any settlement of the land.

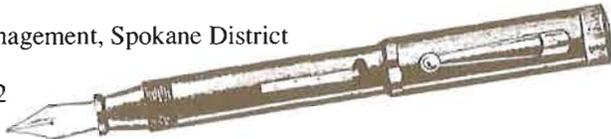
Since settlement often preceded survey, cadastral records sometimes list the number or names of settlers in a township and, in some cases, mark where residences were located. Copies of the survey plats and field notes are also available at the BLM office.

The land office records and case files certainly do not tell the whole story of the settlement of a farm, but they do provide dates and other information on how it was acquired. This information together with information from county and territorial censuses and local or family documents help outline the early history of your farm and your ancestors.

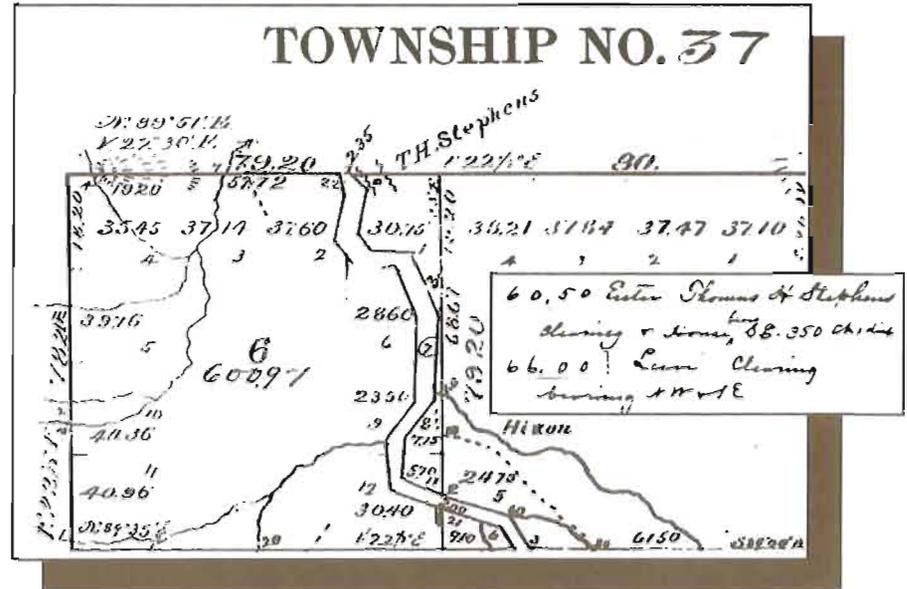
TO OBTAIN RECORDS FROM BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

To obtain copies of the cadastral records or tract book page for your land, visit or write to:

Bureau of Land Management, Spokane District
E. 4217 Main Ave.
Spokane, WA 99202
(509) 353-2570



You will need to provide the legal description of your land and, if known, the name of the individual who acquired the land from federal government. Most



People often settled on the land before it was surveyed. These 1885 field notes and survey plat show where Thomas Stephens had built a house and cleared land. The survey was conducted by Centennial Farm founder Oliver B. Iverson who worked as a surveyor for the government.

records searches take 15-30 minutes. There is a charge for copies of documents and for research that takes more than 15 minutes. Allow two weeks for processing your request.

TO OBTAIN RECORDS FROM NATIONAL ARCHIVES

Write to:
Civil Reference Branch (NNRC-S)
National Archives
Washington, DC 20409

You will need to provide the legal land description, the name of the individual who acquired the land, and any other information you have about the land acquisition. The final certificate number, which appears on the patent and other final proof documents, makes locating a case file much easier.

National Archives will send you information on what documents are in the case file and the cost of obtaining copies of the documents. Files may contain a few to 30 or so pages. Allow 6-7 weeks for processing your order.



Washington's Centennial Farms

A list by county

Adams

The Bauer Farm, Fern Bauer Morrison, 1828 West Hopkins, Pasco, WA 99301
Figure 3 Ranch, Ed or Rae Anna Victor, Figure 3 Ranch, Sprague, WA 99032
Heinemann Family Farm, Wilmerd Heinemann, 405 E. Third, Ritzville, WA 99169
The Jirava Farm, Ron Jirava, Rt. 1, Box 148, Ritzville, WA 99169
The Kelsey Farm, Dennis Kelsey, HCR 99370, Lind, WA 99341
R.P. Smith Homestead, W. Alex Smith, 707 S. Washington, Ritzville, WA 99169
Total number of farms: 6

Asotin

Ayers Ranch, Lynn Ausman, Rt. 3, Box 123, Asotin, WA 99402
The Bolick Farm, Jack and Joanne Bolick, 3626 Riverside Dr., Clarkston, WA 99403
The Floch Farm, Vaden Floch, 1210 Powers, Lewiston, ID 83501
The Johnson Farm, Howard Johnson, 2761 Florence Lane, Clarkston, WA 99403
The Rimmelspacher Farm, Ed Rimmelspacher, Rt. 2, Box 49, Pomeroy, WA 99347
Total number of farms: 5

Benton

The Hans Smith Family Farm, Wayne Smith, P.O. Box 6884, Kennewick, WA 99336
Total number of farms: 1

Chelan

The Bart Brender Farm, Dorthy Brender Metcalf, 8006 Brender Canyon, Cashmere, WA 98815
The Carl Brender Farm, Carl Brender, 3992 Old Monitor Rd., Cashmere, WA 98815
The Melvin Brender Farm, Melvin B. Brender, 7912 Brender Canyon, Cashmere, WA 98815
The Richardson Fruit Farm, Shirley Richardson Macumber, 3119 N.E. 83rd St., Seattle, WA 98115
Total number of farms: 4

Clallam

The James Clark Farm, Elliot Clark, Jr., 1720 Hwy 112 W., Port Angeles, WA 98362
The William King Farm, Robert J. Clark, 151-B Clark Rd., Sequim, WA 98382
The Woodcock Farm, Lucy Woodcock Carey, 1549 Old Olympic Highway, Sequim, WA 98382
Total number of farms: 3

Clark

The Anderson Farm, Kent E. Anderson, Rt. 2, Box 409, La Center, WA 98629
Bi-Zi Farms, Margaretta Zimmerman, 9504 N.E. 119th St., Vancouver, WA 98662
The Hazen/Frasier Farm, Dennis J. Frasier, Rt. 1, Box 117K, Amboy, WA 98601
The Mattson Farm, The Mattsons, 18202 N.E. 182nd Ave., Brush Prairie, WA 98606
The O'Keefe Farm, Timothy or Kathleen O'Keefe, 17602 NE 182 Ave., Brush Prairie, WA 98606
The Wright Farm, Alfred or Ronald Wright, 38913 S.E. 70th St., Washougal, WA 98671
Total number of farms: 6

Columbia

The Abbey Farm, Bruce Abbey, Rt. 2, Box 31, Waitsburg, WA 99361
The Blessinger Farm, Fred C. Blessinger, Rt. 3, Box 17, Dayton, WA 99328
The Cantonwine/Shaffer Farm, Monte and Dorothy Shaffer, P.O. Box 693, Prosser, WA 99350
Donohue Farms, Inc., Janis Nysoe, 1021 Frankland, Walla Walla, WA 99328
The Harris Family Farm, Donald G. Harris, 300 W. 5th St., Waitsburg, WA 99361
Hinchliff & Sons, Inc., John Hinchliff, Rt. 2, Box 174, Dayton, WA 99328
The Ingram Farms, Johns Ingram, Rt. 3, Box 9, Dayton, WA 99328
The McHargue Farm, Mrs. Kitty McHargue, 123 E. Dayton Ave., Dayton, WA 99328
The Neace Farm, Mrs. Joe McCown, P.O. Box 845, Waitsburg, WA 99361
M.L. Neace Trust, Merwin F. Neace, Rt. 3, Box 19, Dayton, WA 99328
The Nowles Farm, Norma Dodge Nowles, 329 Juniper, Walla Walla, WA 99362
The Price/Bowman Farm, John Bowman, 4133 56th Ave. SW, Olympia, WA 98502

Rainwater Ranch, Dayle Rainwater, Rt. 3, Box 236, Dayton, WA 99328
Rockhill Ranch, Roberta L. Miller, Rt. 1, Box 61, Lowden, WA 99360
The Sterns Farm, Donald J. Stearns, Rt. 3, Box 482, Dayton, WA 99328
The Willis Thronson Farm, Jean Thompson Nelson, Rt. 1, Box 24, Prescott, WA 99348
Top Wave Farms, Paul E. Hofer, P.O. Box 656, Waitsburg, WA 99361
Turner Farms, James Turner, Rt. 3, Box 30, Dayton, WA 99328
The Van Patten Farm, Ezra W. Van Patten, 530 Morrison, Clarkston, WA 99403
The Winnett Farm, Wallace Winnett, Rt. 1, Box 21, Waitsburg, WA 99361
Total number of farms: 20

Cowlitz

The Bebe Farm, Alden or Ann Bebe, 107 Bebe Road East, Castle Rock, WA 98611
N.B. Gardner Tree Farm, N.B. Gardner Sr. Tree Farm, 1512 S. Toutle Rd., Toutle, WA 98649
The Klady/Guilt/Taggart Farm, Mrs. Grace Davis, 1620 Guild Rd., Woodland, WA 98674
Total number of farms: 3

Douglas

The Hensel Farm, R.A. Hensel, P.O. Box 308, Waterville, WA 98858
John and Augusta Johnson Farm, Gloria or Joe Bourton, HCR Box 27, Orondo, WA 98843
The McLean Ranch, Alex and Bonita McLean, P.O. Box 246, Mansfield, WA 98830
The Prange/Eggers Farm, Lawrence E. Eggers, HCR 81, Waterville, WA 98858
The Rigg Farm, Ralph Rigg, Box 828, Brewster, WA 98812
The Ruud Farm, Carl O. Ruud, P.O. Box 207, Waterville, WA 98858
The Smith/Long Farm, Tony Long, 1295 Rd. 7 N.W., Box 354, Waterville, WA 98858
The Viebrock Farm, Lewis C. and Doris Viebrock, Star Route, Waterville, WA 98858
Total number of farms: 8

Franklin

Ray Bailie Farm, Ray or Lucille Poe Bailie, P.O. Box 57, Mesa, WA 99343
The Harder Farm, Dr. John Harder, P.O. Box 39, Kahlotus, WA 99335
Jaussaud Ranches, Leontine Winn, 775 Village Way, Walla Walla, WA 99362
Total number of farms: 3

Garfield

The Blachly Farm, A.E. Blachly, Rt. 3, Box 19, Pomeroy, WA 99347
The Crumpacker Family Farm, Alfreda Crumpacker Richardson, P.O. Box 527, Pomeroy, WA 99347
The Fitzsimmons Farm, Wesley Fitzsimmons, Rt. 2, Box 55-1, Pomeroy, WA 99347
The Hastings Farm, Richard D. Hastings, Rt. 1, Box W-15, Pomeroy, WA 99347
The Kimble Farm, Virgil L. Kimble, Rt. 1, Box 20W, Pomeroy, WA 99347
L & M Ranch, Inc., David or Irene Geiger, Rt. 1, Box 15, Pomeroy, WA 99347
The Malone Farm, David Ruark, Rt. 2, Box 76, Pomeroy, WA 99347
The Thomas Ruark Farm, Alice Ann Ruark, Rt. 1, Box 76A, Pomeroy, WA 99347
The Thomas Ruark Farm, David and Nancy Ruark, Rt. 2, Box 76, Pomeroy, WA 99347
The Scoggin Farm, Everett and Janet Scoggin, Rt. 1, Box 117AA, Pomeroy, WA 99347
The Shawley Family Limited Partnership, C. James Shawley, Rt. 2, Box 20, Pomeroy, WA 99347
The Shelton Farm, Ken Shelton, 601 Village Way, #47, Walla Walla, WA 99362
The Stallcop Farm, Don E. Stallcop, Rt. 1, Box 107, Pomeroy, WA 99347
The Travis Farm, Wilbur H. Travis, Rt. 2, Box 1D, Pomeroy, WA 99347
The Wilson/Kimble Farm, Stella Kimble, P.O. Box 116, Pomeroy, WA 99347
Total number of farms: 15

Grant

The Drinkard Farm, Mrs. Shirley Zimbelman, Box 255, Almira, WA 99103
The Jelinek Farm, Bob O'Neil, Rt. 1, Box 52, Almira, WA 99103
The Kelley Brothers Farm, Robert J. Kelley, Box 188, Hartline, WA 99135
The O'Neil Farm, Mary I. Codd, 261 Seven Trails Dr., Ballwin, MO 63011
The Utt Farm, Catherine M. Duffy, E. 3921 - 21st, Spokane, WA 99223
Total number of farms: 5

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Grays Harbor

The Austin Farm, James Austin, 320 Elma Gate Rd. E., Oakville, WA 98568
The Glenn Farm, Donald or Grace Glenn, 372 Monte-Brady Rd., Montesano, WA 98563
The Koch Farm, Karl M. Koch, 899 Mox Chehalis Rd., McCleary, WA 98557
The McDougal Farm, Charles McDougal, 25 Sickman Ford Rd., Oakville, WA 98568

Total number of farms: 4

Island

The Freund Farm, Arnold Freund, 1520 W. Pioneer Way, Oak Harbor, WA 98217
The Iverson Farm, Edward Iverson, 611 E. Iverson Rd., Camano Island, WA 98292
Sherman Farms, Inc., Dorothy Sherman, 34 S. Sherman Rd., Coupeville, WA 98239

Total number of farms: 3

Jefferson

The Broderson Homestead, William Broderson, 5944 Center Rd., Chimacum, WA 98325
The Huntingford Farm, Bob Huntingford, 3771 Center Rd., Chimacum, WA 98325
The Charles Johnson Farm, Erving Johnson, 1450 Dabob Rd., Quilcene, WA 98376

Total number of farms: 3

King

Lagesson Homestead, Lois Clapper, 22200 196th Ave. S.E., Renton, WA 98058
The Newman Farm, Eldon Murray, 38514 212th S.E., Auburn, WA 98002
The Peacock Farm, Richard Peacock, 26602 SE 208th St., Maple Valley, WA 98038
The Sikes Meadowlake Farm, Ken and Edna Sikes, 8718 Ames Lk. Rd. NE, Carnation, WA 98014

Total number of farms: 4

Kitsap

The Martinson Farm, Vernon R. Martinson, 22622 Bond Rd. N.E., Poulsbo, WA 98370

Total number of farms: 1

Kittitas

The Brain-Ellison Ranch, George B. Brain, Rt. 1, Box 220, Thorp, WA 98946
The Bull Farm, Thomas W. Bull, 2312 Bull Rd., Ellensburg, WA 98926
The Charlton Farm, Larry L. Charlton, Rt. 5, Box 745, Ellensburg, WA 98926
The Clerf Farm, John R. and Doris Clerf, P.O. Box 868, Kittitas, WA 98934
The Henry Clerf Farm, Francis or Jeanne Clerf, Rt. 6, Box 280, Ellensburg, WA 98926
The Ferguson Farm, Chet Morrison, 2607 Judge Ronald Rd., Ellensburg, WA 98926
The Ferguson Farm, Edith Ferguson Thomas, Rt. 5, Box 340, Ellensburg, WA 98926
The Frederick Farm, Roger Sparks, Rt. 1, Box 950, Ellensburg, WA 98926
The Frisbee/Bull Farm, Thomas W. Bull, 2312 Bull Rd., Ellensburg, WA 98926
The Edward Haga Farm, Ed Sullivan, Rt. 1, Box 1109, Ellensburg, WA 98926
The Hanson Family Farm, John J. Hanson, HC 61, Box 1355, Cle Elum, WA 98922
The Hutchinson Ranch, Reta Hutchinson, P.O. Box 1208, Thorp, WA 98946
Locust Grove Farm, Inc., Don Knoke, Rt. 1, Box 105, Thorp, WA 98946
The Prater Farm, JoAnn Seibel Prater, Rt. 1, Box 430, Ellensburg, WA 98926
The Spurling Farm, L. Gene Spurling, Rt. 4, Box 186, Ellensburg, WA 98926

Total number of farms: 15

Klickitat

The Brokaw Farm, Ernest or Jean Brokaw, 210 Pine Forest Rd., Goldendale, WA 98620
Davenport Ranches, Inc., Ruth Davenport, 744 Hoctor Rd., Goldendale, WA 98620
Doubletree Ranch AKA Niels Brown Ranch, Ellwood and Janet Brown, 355 Matsen Rd., Bickleton, WA 99322
The Eshelman Farm, Wayne Eshelman, 1902 E. Collins Dr., Goldendale, WA 98620
The Hornibrook Farm, William Hornibrook, 302 E. Main, Goldendale, WA 98620
The Jaekel Farm, Quentin J. Jaekel, 876 Dalles Mt. Rd., Centerville, WA 98613
Kelley Ranch, Michael or Kathleen Kelley, HCR 93 Box 73-A, Roosevelt, WA 99356
The Norris Farm, Howard Norris, 209 Bickleton Highway, Goldendale, WA 98620
OK Ranch, Bill or Mary Giersch, 220 Kreps Lane, Glenwood, WA 98619
The Powers Farm, Robert and Sandra Powers, P.O. Box 132, Bickleton, WA 99322
The Rasmusson Farm, Wesley and Florence Rasmusson, P.O. Box 193, Bickleton, WA 99322
The Richardson Farm, Richard Lefever, 1405 N. Columbus Ave., Goldendale, WA 98620
The Sarsfield Farm, Anthony Sarsfield, 639 Dalles Mountain Rd., Centerville, WA 98613
Sky Mountain Ranch, Elmer R. Nelson, Nelson Road, Bickleton, WA 99322

Total number of farms: 14



Lewis

The Crumb Farm, Eugene Bingaman, 498 Davis Lake Rd., Morton, WA 98356
 The Frase Farm, Gene L. Frase, 183 Pigeon Spring Rd., Onalaska, WA 98570
 The Landes Farm, Helen J. Landes Buntain, 152 Schoonover Rd., Mossyrock, WA 98564
 The Francis Layton Farm, Tom Layton, 286 Layton Rd., Toledo, WA 98591
 The Francis Layton Home/Kirkendoll Farm, Edith Kirkendoll, 191 Layton Rd., Toledo, WA 98591
 The Layton/Armstrong Farm, Leroy H. Armstrong, Box 221, Toledo, WA 98591
 The Layton/Kirkendoll Farm, Edith Layton Kirkendoll, 191 Layton Rd., Toledo, WA 98591
 Nelson Tree Farm, Inc., George H. Nelson, 202 W. 2nd St., Aberdeen, WA 98520
 The Olsen Farm, Dennis and Julie Olsen, Rt. 2, Box 1000, Ellensburg, WA 98926
 The Wales Farm, Florence M. Snyder, 291 Evans Rd., Toldeo, WA 98591
 The Wilson Farm, William J. Wilson, 744 Avery Rd., W., Winlock, WA 98596
 The Young Homestead Farm, Katherine Thomas, 749A Silverbrook Rd., Randle, WA 98377

Total number of farms: 12

Lincoln

Bahr Ranches, Inc., C. Daryll Bahr, RFD Box 109, Wilbur, WA 99185
 The Beck Farm, George W. Carpy, P.O. Box 144, Harrington, WA 99134-0144
 Bodeau Bros. Farms, Dean Bodeau, Rt. 1, Box 61, Wilbur, WA 99185
 The Chilton/Linstrum Farm, Joseph C. Linstrum, P.O. Box 222, Davenport, WA 99122
 The Dueber Farm, Jack Mann, Rt. 3, Box 23, Davenport, WA 99122
 The Florin/Heldstab Farm, Frank and Joyce Nonnemacher, Rt. 3, Box 110, Davenport, WA 99122
 The Gaffney Farm, F. Leonard Gaffney, W. 512 Hastings Rd., Spokane, WA 99218
 The Gaffney Farm, John M. Gaffney, Route #1, Sprague, WA 99032
 The Garber Farm, Marie Wyborne, 2414 - 162nd Ave., N.E., Bellevue, WA 98008
 The Haak/Brommer Farm, Ona Lander, Rt. 1, Box 5680, Richland, WA 99352
 The Hamersmith Farm, Mr. or Mrs. Al J. Schuster, N. 5716 Alameda Blvd., Spokane, WA 99205
 The Hanlon Ranch, John Hanlon, Sr., 3535 Broken Woods Dr., Coral Springs, FL 33065
 The Jack Harding Farm, Richard Harding, Rt. 1, Box 65, Sprague, WA 99032
 The J.M. Jones Farm, Donna Jones Cochran, Rt. 1, Box 3, Almira, WA 99103
 The Kintschi Farm, M. James Kintschi, Rt. 1, Box 83, Edwall, WA 99008
 The Lyse/Lauritzen Farm, Laura Jean Shaw, 311 NW Furnish, Pendleton, OR 97801
 The Mahrt Farm, V.E. (Bud) Mahrt, 19121-12th N.W., Seattle, WA 98177
 The Mann Farm, Jack Mann, Rt. 3, Box 23, Davenport, WA 99122

The John P. Martin Farm, Randall D. Martin, P.O. Box 15, Creston, WA 99117
 The McClure Farm, Jean Wetzler Badgley, 5748 Becliffe Court, Boise, ID 83704
 The McKay Farm, John H. McKay, Rt. #1, Box 44, Creston, WA 99117
 Mielke Brothers, Inc., Carl E. Mielke, Rt. 2, Box 67, Davenport, WA 99122
 The Peterson Farm, Lawrence or Betty Peterson, Rt. 1, Box 44, Almira, WA 99103
 Plaster Farms, Inc., Dan Plaster, Rt. 1, Box 42, Edwall, WA 99008
 The Scott Farm, Stephen E. and Margrethe Scott, Box 412, Harrington, WA 99134
 The Sheffels Farm, Jerry Sheffels, Rt. 1, Box 58, Wilbur, WA 99185
 George Simons Heirs, Lary or Mary Kunz, Rt. 1, Box 14, Wilbur, WA 99185
 The Smith Farm, Anita L. Luiten, Route 3, Box 53, Davenport, WA 99122
 The Teel Farm, Richard C. Teel, Rt. 1, Box 14, Davenport, WA 99122
 The Unbewust Farm, John S. Unbewust, 7104 Icicle Rd., Leavenworth, WA 98826
 The Wagner Farm, Clarence Wagner, Rt. 1, Box 140, Wilbur, WA 99185
 The Warwick Farm, Elaine Warwick Morse, P.O. Box 225, Harrington, WA 99134
 Zwainz Farms, Inc., Robert E. Zwainz, Rt. 1, Box 11, Reardan, WA 99029

Total number of farms: 34

Mason

Hungry Hollow Farm, Edmund or Vicki Jones, E. 2490 Pickering Rd., Shelton, WA 98584
 The Kirkland/Ragan Farm, Donald Ragan, W6481 Skokomish Valley Rd., Shelton, WA 98584

Total number of farms: 2

Okanogan

The Davis Ranch, Helen Hitchner, Rt. 1, Box 13, Brewster, WA 98812
 The Lenton Place, Hazel and Bob Dezellem, Box 115, Brewster, WA 98812
 The Pogue Farm, David P. Brown, P.O. Box 884, Okanogan, WA 98840
 The Thurlow Farm, Dr. Bernard M. Thurlow, Rt. 1, Twisp, WA 98856

Total number of farms: 4

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Pacific

Habersetzer Family Farm, Ruth Habersetzer, Rt. 1, Box 536, Raymond, WA 98577
The Morehead Farm, Jack or Dorothy Williams, Rt. 1, Box 202, Long Beach, WA
98631

Total number of farms: 2

Pierce

The Davidson Farm, Joseph and Peggy Dervaes, P.O. Box 318, Vaughn, WA 98394
The John Dillard King Farm, Dick Taylor, 6226 King-Fiander Rd., Eatonville, WA
98328

The Nix Farm, Gary T. Kolano, 916 3rd Ave. N.W., Puyallup, WA 98371
Sunnycrest Farm, Joyce Niemann, 15820 Olson Rd., Lakebay, WA 98349

Total number of farms: 4

San Juan

The Rosler Farm, Carla Higginson, P.O. Box 70, Friday Harbor, WA 98250
Woodside Farm Estate, Mary Willis Fox, Star Route, Box 120, Olga, WA 98279

Total number of farms: 2

Skagit

The Benson Farm, William and Joyce Benson, 990 Avon Allen Rd., Bow, WA
98232

The Chellman Farm, Fred Hawkins, 1824 Beaver Marsh Rd., Mt. Vernon, WA 98273

The Hall Farm, Mrs. Nina V. Hall, 446 Hwy 9, Sedro Woolley, WA 98284

The Hayton Farm, Richard Hayton, 1450 Fir Island Rd., Mount Vernon, WA 98273

The Holtcamp Farm, W.H. Holtcamp, 1006 Holtcamp Rd., Sedro Woolley, WA
98284

Island View Farms, Inc., Phil Inman, 1248 Allen West Rd., Bow, WA 98232

The Jennings Farm, Robert Hart, 1578 Best Road, Mount Vernon, WA 98273

The McRae Farm, Jim McRae, 1842 Prairie Rd., Sedro Wooley, WA 98284

The Morrison Farm, Mrs. Roger Morrison, 1724 Morrison, Mount Vernon, WA
98273

Munks Farm, R. Leonard Munks, 1143 W. March Pt. Rd., Anacortes, WA 98221

The Summers Farm, William and Eunice Summers, 1188 Rawlins Rd., Mt. Vernon,
WA 98273

The Swanson Farm, Bill Swanson, 1686 Swanson Lane, Stanwood, WA 98292

Total number of farms: 12

Snohomish

The Cedergreen Farm, Clarice R. Cedergreen, 12619 Old Snohomish - Monroe Rd.,
Snohomish, WA 98290

The Eide Farm, Kathryn Eide Glick, 2251 N.W. Bucklin Hill Rd., Silverdale, WA
98383

Frohning Dairy Inc., Betty Frohning, 17506 190th St. S.E., Monroe, WA 98272

Getchell Ranch, Francis Alexander Ross, 4819 Gardner Ave., Everett, WA 98205

The Harvey Farm, Richard Harvey, 9807 Airport Way, Snohomish, WA 98290

The Hemstrom Farm, Carl Hemstrom, 4401 Robe Menzel Rd., Granite Falls, WA
98252

The Jensen/Grimm Farm, George Grimm, 1706 S.R. 530 N.E., Arlington, WA
98223

The Iver Johnson Farm, Bob or Laura Johnson, 5211 52nd St. S.E., Everett, WA
98205

The Major Farm, Louis or Janet Stangeland, 5411 S.R. 530, Stanwood, WA 98292

The Nelson Farm, Norman H. Nelson, 7508 108th St. N.E., Marysville, WA 98270

The Nordby Farm, Louis or Janet Stangeland, 5411 S.R. 530, Stanwood, WA 98292

The Ohlsen Farm, Harold Ohlsen, 20927 Ben Howard Rd., Monroe, WA 98272

Ovenell Farms, Ted Ovenell, Sr., P.O. Box 38, Stanwood, WA 98292

The Ulrich Scherrer Farm, John Scherrer, 5200 Menzel Lk. Rd., Granite Falls, WA
98252

The Robert J.E. Smallman Farm, Margaret and Gerald Schmidt, 19524 Tualco Loop
Rd., Monroe, WA 98272

The Stehr Farm, Bernice Stehr, 14001 Stehr Rd., Arlington, WA 98223

Total number of farms: 16

Spokane

The Adams/Holt Farm, Gerald D. Holt, P.O. Box 7, Worley, ID 83876

The Babb Farm, Elizabeth A. Babb, Rt. 3, Box 320, Cheney, WA 99004

The Henry Beck Farm, Henry or Linda Beck, E. 8126 Ballard Rd., Colbert, WA
99005

The Bliesner Farm, Pauline Gallion, N. 5812 Audubon, Spokane, WA 99205

The Brischle Farm, John Howard Brischle, E 11911 Pleasant Prairie Rd., Spokane,
WA 99207

The Cameron Farm, Robert F. DeFord, E. 12112 Cameron Rd., Fairfield, WA 99012

The Carstens Farm, Marvin Carstens, Rt. 1, Box 15E, Reardan, WA 99029

The Claus Carstens Farm, Clifford W. Carstens, N. 11019 Coulee-Hite Branch Rd.,
Reardan, WA 99029-9612

Dashiell, Inc., Thomas W. Dashiell, S. 22414 Arnold Road, Fairfield, WA 99012

The Davey Farm, Gordon C. Davey, S. 14711 Chapman Rd., Rockford, WA 99030

The Doak Farm, Walter E. Highberg, E. 6102 Summit Rd., Spokane, WA 99207

The Eickmeyer Farm, Henry Merwin Eickmeyer or Flo Moore, Rt. 1, Box 305, Deer Park, WA 99006

The Emtman Farm, Theo J. Emtman, Rt. 1, Box 59, Valleyford, WA 99036

Elden Felgenhauer Farms, Elden Felgenhauer, Rt. 1, Box 45, Fairfield, WA 99012

The Jack Felgenhauer Farm, Jack Felgenhauer, E. 10803 25th, Spokane, WA 99206

The Hazard Farm, Mrs. L.G. Hazard, W. 7510 Wild Rose Rd., Deer Park, WA 99006

The Hecht Farm, Vernon Hecht, Rt. 1, Box 493, Rockford, WA 99030

The Hyslop Farm, Thomas Hyslop, 3407 Columbia Circle, Spokane, WA 99205

The Jarvis Farm, Dorothy Jarvis, W. 208 25th Ave., Spokane, WA 99203

The Hans Johnson Farm, Roy and Esther Johnson, E 14407 Elder Rd., Freeman, WA 99015

The Judkins Farm, Joseph D. Fulton, Rt. 1, Box 151, Fairfield, WA 99012

The Keevy Farm, Tom Keevy, Rt. 1, Box 69, Spangle, WA 99031

The Kirk/Hudson Farm, Donald Hudson, Rt. 1, Box 35, Rosalia, WA 99170

The Leitz Farm, Emil Leitz, 2357 Harris, Richland, WA 99352

The Lynch/Ratray Farm, Jeannette Quaschnick, N. 6718 Post, Spokane, WA 99208

The Muehle/Coldsnow Farm, Jack Coldsnow, Rt. 1, Box 215, Chattaroy, WA 99003

The Muhs Homestead, LaVern and Mary Losh, W. 3905 Wild Rose Rd., Deer Park, WA 99006

The John Muhs Farm, Betty J. Barnes, 408 W. 6th, Ritzville, WA 99169

Olson Farms, Ltd., David Olson, Rt. 1, Box 121, Fairfield, WA 99012

The Ostheller Farm, Bernice Ostheller, Rt. 1, Box 133, Fairfield, WA 99012

The Painter Farm, Julie Painter Pittmann, Rt. 1, Box 22, Rosalia, WA 99170

The Peterson/Ostby Farm, Julius Ostby, Rt. 3, Box 8, Chattaroy, WA 99003

The Schmitz Farm, Joe Schmitz, E. 9127 Spring Valley Rd., Rosalia, WA 99170

The Schoedel Farm, Gordon Schoedel, 12512 S. Weger Road, Valleyford, WA 99036

The Samuel Showalter Farm, Thomas Showalter, W. 10825 Jensen Rd., Cheney, WA 99004

The Smallwood/Keno Farm, Albert Keno, S. 33910 Harvard Rd., Fairfield, WA 99012

The Suksdorf Farm, Waldemar Suksdorf, E. 4210 Spangle-Waverly Rd., Spangle, WA 99031

The Tucker Farm, Dan Moriarty, Rt. 1, Box 85, Cheney, WA 99004

Total number of farms: 38

Stevens

The Carter Farm, Harvey or Barbara Scott, 133 Crestview, Colville, WA 99114

The Hidden Meadows, Otto Weitensteiner, Box 345, Valley, WA 99181

The Waitt Farm, Robert W. Waitt, 13219 - 1st S.W., Seattle, WA 98146

Total number of farms: 3

Thurston

The Colvin Ranch, Fred Colvin, Sr., Box 637, Tenino, WA 98589

The Thomas Rutledge Homestead, Dale Rutledge, P.O. Box 127, Littlerock, WA 98556

The Spirlock/Nelson Farm, Ron Nelson, 3624 Waldrick Rd., Olympia, WA 98501

Total number of farms: 3

Wahkiakum

The Foster Farm, Elizabeth Foster Doumit, P.O. Box 8, Cathlamet, WA 98612

Total number of farms: 1

Walla Walla

The Aldrich Farm, Dr. P.M. Aldrich, 844 Wauna Vista, Walla Walla, WA 99362

The John P. Anderson Farm, Corlecn Pitman, Rt. 1, Box 28A, Dayton, WA 99328

Barrett/McInroe Farm, Mrs. Ned Barrett, 122 Yellowstone, Walla Walla, WA 99362

The Bergevin Farm, Claro Bergevin, Rt. 5, Box 159B3, Walla Walla, WA 99362

The James Berryman Farm, Gailord Nelson, 703 S. Park, Walla Walla, WA 99362

The Collins Farm, Roselle Chase, 1241 Scoon Rd., Sunnyside, WA 98944

The James M. Cornwell Farm, Nancy B. Pryor, Box 95, Dixie, WA 99329

The Cummins Farm, Melville Cummins, Rt. 1, Box 198, Touchet, WA 99360

The Dement Farm, Kevin Dement, 2108 S. Fruitland St., Kennewick, WA 99336

Five Points Farm, Inc., Donald D. Meiners, Rt. 1, Box 105, Waitsburg, WA 99361

The Flathers Farm, Benjamin B. Flathers, HC 11, Box 2, Prescott, WA 99348

The Fulgham Farm, Robert Fulgham, P.O. Box 155 RR 1, Lowden, WA 99360

The Gallaher/Buroker Farm, Gladys Paunzen, 4225 Allott Ave., Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

The Gallaher/McInroe/Young Farm, Mary M. Young, Rt. 5, Box 63, Walla Walla, WA 99362

The Gilkerson/Davis Farm, Carol Davis Delaney, 2808 S. Barcelona, Spring Valley, CA 92078

The Hastings Farm, Delbert G. Hastings, Rt. 1, Box 65, Lowden, WA 99360

Phillip Hoffmann, Sr. & Sons, Steve Hoffmann, HCR 1 Box 55C, Prescott, WA 99348

Kenney Farms, Inc., Barbara Kenney, Rt. 1, Box 60, Walla Walla, WA 99362

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The Robert F. Kibler Farm, Robert F. or Margaret E. Kibler, Rt. 1, Box 98, Waitsburg, WA 99361
 The Lane Farm, Mrs. Dale Lane, P.O. Box 363, Walla Walla, WA 99362
 The Leid/Hansen Farm, Jim E. Hansen, Rt. 1, Box 151, Waitsburg, WA 99361
 The Lloyd Farm, Beth Lloyd Tietjen, E. 1115 22nd Ave., Spokane, WA 99206
 The Lowden Farm, Mrs. Frances Lowden Borgens, Rt. 1, Box 18, Lowden, WA 99360
 The Lowden/Dodd Farm, Lawrence Lowden Dodd, Rt. 1, Box 19, Lowden, WA 99360
 The Thomas Lyons Farm, Matthew Lyons, Sr., Rt. 1, Box 92, Waitsburg, WA 99361
 The Magallon Farm, Albert C. Statler, Star Route, Box 67, Prescott, WA 99348
 The Martin Farm, Tom and Bernadette Martin, Rt. 5, Box 326, Walla Walla, WA 99362
 The William McCown Farm, Mrs. Matthew Lyons, Rt. 1, Box 92, Waitsburg, WA 99361
 The McCulloch Farm, Jack McCulloch, 3020 Brisbane, Walla Walla, WA 99362
 The McKinney Farm, McKinney Ranch, Rt. 2, Box 4, Waitsburg, WA 99361
 The Christian Miller Farm, Dean Farrens, Rt. 4 Box 273C, Walla Walla, WA 99362
 Mission Farms, Neil Shelden, Rt. 2, Box 246, Walla Walla, WA 99362
 The Cyrus Nelson Farm, Gailord Nelson, 703 S. Park St., Walla Walla, WA 99362
 The Pettijohn/Sanders Farm, Doris Pettijohn Sanders, Rt. 1, Box 58, Prescott, WA 99348
 The Pettyjohn Farm, Sam Grant, Jr., Rt. 1, Box 57, Prescott, WA 99348
 The Plucker Farm, Robert G. Plucker, Rt. 1 Box 220, Touchet, WA 99360
 The Reser Farm, Yancey Reser, Rt. 1, Box 279, Walla Walla, WA 99362
 W.P. Reser Farm, Margaret L. Olson, 1604 E. 7th Ave., Olympia, WA 98501
 The Roberts Farm, David Roth Roberts, P.O. Box 607, Waitsburg, WA 99361
 The Saturno/Breen Farm, Eugene Breen and Family, Rt. 8, Box 10, Walla Walla, WA 99362
 The Shelton Farm, Ibbie Switzer, 20 S. Clinton, Walla Walla, WA 99362
 The Strahm/Mason Farm, Edward Mason, Rt. 1, Box 145, Waitsburg, WA 99361
 The Struthers Farm, George Struthers II, 361 S. Palouse, Walla Walla, WA 99362
 The Tompkins Farm, Ron Tompkins, 819 Country Club Rd., Walla Walla, WA 99362
 The Waggoner Farm, Don Thomas, Box 611, Waitsburg, WA 99361
 The Yeend Farm, Margery Jean Wolfe Small, 930 Whitman St., Walla Walla, WA 99362
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 The Perry Farm, Nola Perry, 8992 Van Buren Rd., Everson, WA 98247
 The Steele Farm, Clyde Steele, 9200 Telegraph Rd., Sumas, WA 98295
 The Stephens/Dickey Farm, Marjorie Dickey, 4188 Anker Park Dr., #108, Bellingham, WA 98226
 The Westergreen Farm, John Westergreen, 4603 South Pass Rd., Sumas, WA 98295
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 Alameda Farm, Jerry and Wilma Means, Rt. 2, Box 29A, St. John, WA 99171
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 James Bailey, Inc. (Shields Farm), Jim or Kaye Bailey, Rt. 2, Box 38, Lamont, WA 99017
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 The John Bishop Farm, Frances Roberts, 10200 N.E. Roberts Rd., Bainbridge Island, WA 98110
 Old Blank Homestead, Genevieve Gelhaus, E. 602 Cheney Plaza Rd., Rosalia, WA 99170
 The Daniel Boone Farm, Dan Boone, Rt. 2, Box 338, Pullman, WA 99163
 The Brown Farm, John Brown, Rt. 1, Box 790, Pullman, WA 99163
 John Chandler Estate, T.W. Chandler, S.W. 435 Staley Drive, Pullman, WA 99163
 The O.M. Collins Farm, Mrs. Elsie Collins, 1200 Second St., Clarkston, WA 99403
 The Comegys Farm, Dr. Robert Comegys, 1566 W. Browning, Fresno, CA 93711
 The Charlie P. Crow Farm, Charlie P. Crow, P.O. Box 65, Oakesdale, WA 99158
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 The Robert A. Crow Farm, Charlie Crow, P.O. Box 65, Oakesdale, WA 99158
 The Crumbaker Farm, Lola Crumbaker Humphrey, Rt. 1, Box 118, Colfax, WA 99111
 The DeLong Farm, Joe DeLong, Rt. 1, Box 37, St. John, WA 99171
 The Donahoe Farm, Rose Chekal, Rt. 2, Box 112, Rosalia, WA 99170
 The Draper Farm, Malcolm and Trudy Brown, Rt. 2, Box 43, Garfield, WA 99130
 The Drew Farm, Dick Kriebel, P.O. Box 236, Garfield, WA 99130
 The Feenan Farm, Judy Lowe, Rt. 2, Box 142, Colfax, WA 99111
 The Fleener Farm, Sam Fleener, Rt. 1, Box 93, Pullman, WA 99163
 The Folsom Farm, Irene Jones, 64 Skagit Key, Bellevue, WA 98006
 Freels Heirs Farm, Mary Lee Tollett, Rt. 1, Box 18, Thornton, WA 99176
 The Gates/Brownell Farm, Edna Brownell Skoglund, 2820 110th Ave., S.E., Bellevue, WA 98004

The Goldsworthy Farm, Robert Goldsworthy Jr., Rt. 2, Box 118, Rosalia, WA 99170
 The Gordon Farm, Robert E. Gordon, P.O. Box 138, Oakesdale, WA 99158
 The Gragg Farm, Ann Christian, S.E. 520 Water St., Pullman, WA 99163
 Grove Ranch, Lucretia Grove Link, HCR 80, Box 3, Colfax, WA 99111
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 The Harlan Farm, Vernadelle Harlan Tribbett, Rt. 1, Garfield, WA 99130
 The Harter Farm, Alice Ross, P.O. Box 628, Washtucna, WA 99371
 Hatley Ranch, Norman Hatley, Rt. 2, Box 402, Pullman, WA 99163
 The Hehl Farm, Merlin or Madeline Warnecke, P.O. Box 145, Uniontown, WA 99179
 Hill Ranch, Gordon Hill, Rt. 1, Box 203, Palouse, WA 99161
 The Hofer Farm, Charles Hofer, Rt. 3, Box 120, Colfax, WA 99111
 The Holbrook Farm, Chester Holbrook, Rt. 3, Box 133, Colfax, WA 99111
 The Horlacher/McCoy Farm, Mrs. Harry E. Smith, P.O. Box 542, Tekoa, WA 99033
 Howard Farms, Inc., Robert Howard, Box 334, St. John, WA 99171
 The Huffman Farm, Addie Mae Sienknecht, P.O. Box 508, Tekoa, WA 99033
 The Hughes Farm, Caroline Bostich, 361 Airport Cutoff, Port Townsend, WA 98368
 The Huntley Farm, Elmer Huntley, 3114 Anchor Lane NW, Olympia, WA 98502
 The Jeremiah Kelly Farm, Marguerite Miller, Rt. 2, Lamont, WA 99017
 The Adam Kile Farm, Lester Kile, Rt. 1, Box 11, Thornton, WA 99176
 The John Thomas Kile Farm, Ronald Kile, Rt. 2, Box 69, Rosalia, WA 99170
 The Laird/Hamilton Farm, Edward Hamilton, Rt. 1, Box 19, Endicott, WA 99125
 The Lemon Farm, Kathy Lemon, 914 S. Meadow, Colfax, WA 99111
 The Logan Farm, Jean Henderson, 123 Oak Shadow Dr., Santa Rosa, CA 95409
 The Love Farm, Wendell Love, 778 Marion Ave., Palo Alto, CA 94303
 The Lyle Farm, Robert Lyle, Rt. 2, Box 189, Pullman, WA 99163
 The Valentine Mayer Farm, Thomas Faerber, P.O. Box 71, Uniontown, WA 99179
 The McGuire Farm, Lee McGuire, P.O. Box 55, Thornton, WA 99176
 McNeilly Ranch, Inc., Douglas A. McNeilly, Rt. 2, Box 47, Colfax, WA 99111
 The Miller/Powers Farm, Thelma Kay Miller, 103 South Mill, Colfax, WA 99111
 The Moys Farm, George and Dorothea Gault, Rt. 3, Box 75, Colfax, WA 99111
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 The Nathan Myers Centennial Farm, Virginia McMackin, N.W. 1220 State St., #4, Pullman, WA 99163
 The O'Neil Farm, Jack W. Neil, S. 609 Meadow St., Colfax, WA 99111
 The Prince Farm, Eugene Prince, P.O. Box 69, Thornton, WA 99176
 The Richardson Ranch, Mary Richardson, Rt. 2, Box 159, Colfax, WA 99111
 The John Jacob and Caroline Schlee Homestead, Gerald and Carol Druffel, Rt. 1, Box 4, Uniontown, WA 99179
 The Schweiter Farm, Walter E. Schweiter, Star Route, LaCrosse, WA 99143
 The Sever Farm, Frank Sever, 2821 W. Grand Ronde Ave., Kennewick, WA 99336

The Shields Farm, William Shields, Rt. 2, Box 4, Lamont, WA 99017
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 The Siegel Farm, Hugh Siegel, Rt. 2, Box 50, Rosalia, WA 99170
 The James Madison Small Farm, Leonard Carl Small, Rt. 2, Box 135, Pullman, WA 99163
 Squires Farms, Shirley St. John, Rt. 2, Box 113, Rosalia, WA 99170
 The Stratton Farm, Herb Stratton, Rt. 2, Box 846, Pullman, WA 99163
 The Swannack Farm, William C., Jr. or Bonnie Swannack, Rt. 2, Box 70, Lamont, WA 99017
 The Swift Farm, Alvin C. Swift, 203 N. Mill St., Apt. 201, Colfax, WA 99111
 The Turnbow/St. John Farm, Donald St. John, Rt. 1, Box 227, Palouse, WA 99161
 The Van Tine Farm, Neil B. Van Tine, Rt. 1, Box 47, Garfield, WA 99130
 The Weber Farm, Charles Weber, Rt. 1, Box 197, Pullman, WA 99163
 The Westacott Farm, James Westacott, Rt. 1, Box 164, Potlatch, ID 83855
 The Whealen Farm, Loretta Kissler, N. 202 Mill #5, Colfax, WA 99111
 The Enoch White Farm, James White, Rt. 1, Box 36, St. John, WA 99171
 The Wittman Farm, William and Juanita Kinzer, Rt. 1, Box 13, Uniontown, WA 99179

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The Alderson Farm, Harold Alderson, 3201 Powerhouse Rd., Yakima, WA 98902
 The Dunn Farm, Paul or Helen Dunn, 5380 Yakima Valley Hwy., Wapato, WA 98951
 The Eschbach Farm, Mrs. Ernest Albrecht, 4871 S. Naches Rd., Naches, WA 98937
 The McDonald Farm, Paul McDonald, 4461 Yakima Valley Hwy., Wapato, WA 98951
 Rowe Farms, Inc., Marietta Rowe Clements, 360 Rowe Hill Dr., Naches, WA 98937
 The Stevenson Farm, Eugene Stevenson, 433 N. Pioneer Way, Yakima, WA 98909

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