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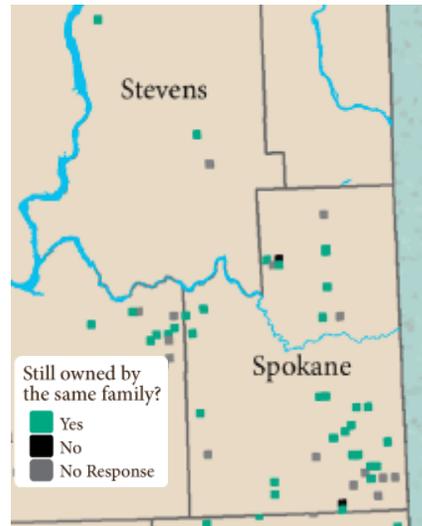
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Northeast Washington

Centennial Farms in Northeast Washington have some of the closest ties to each other. Of the 29 farms that participated in the 2014 project, all but two are still owned by the same family. And the two that have left family ownership are owned or operated by other Centennial Farms.

Response to Reconnecting with Washington's Centennial Farms

Of the 41 Centennial Farms in Northeast Washington, 29 responded to the 2014 questionnaire. Of those, 27 continue to be owned by a descendant of the 1889 landowner.



The farms are north, south and west of the city of Spokane, with the greatest concentration in southeast Spokane County, at the north end of the productive lands of the Palouse.

Wheat dominates the region's farms

Though cattle and hay, as well as specialty crops like Kentucky bluegrass seed and canola, are produced on many of the region's Centennial Farms, wheat is still the dominant crop. In 2014, Spokane County contributed 8.3 million bushels to the state's 108 million bushel harvest.



Joe Schmitz, his grandson Brian Montgomery and son Dan Schmitz grow grains, peas, lentils and garbanzos on the Schmitz Farm in Spokane County.

As in other wheat-growing areas of the state, several farms report they have adopted direct-seeding, no-till or minimum-till practices over the past 25 years. In contrast, relatively few acres in this region are enrolled in the federal Conservation Reserve Program. Many said that equipment has been upgraded. Paul Dashiell, an owner and the operator of Dashiell, Inc., in Valleyford, said there's lots of direct seeding done and efficient machinery equipped with GPS so there's no overlap when fertilizer and chemicals are applied to fields. Marci and Lonnie Green of Elden Felgenhauer Farms in Fairfield, noted



they now have electronic moisture instruments on the combine that monitor the grain as it is harvested.

Farm operations are larger today

Like most Centennial Farms in this region, the Schmitz Farm is a larger operation today than it was in 1989, as investments in equipment are undertaken and conservation practices are adopted. “It takes more land to remain viable these days,” said Jeanne Schmitz. She is happy to report that her son and his family are close neighbors and partners in the farm operation.

Farming is a family affair

Many farms highlighted the family aspect of their family farms. Chris Holt, of the Adams/Holt Farm south of Fairfield, said his father Gerald was active on the family farm through his last harvest time in 2013 until his passing early the next year. Holt, who heads up the USDA-Farm Service Agency office in Ritzville, and his brother, Kevin, a Tri Cities attorney, both return seasonally and at harvest to work with their brother, Randall, on the farm.

Like all farmers, our parents worked very hard through hard times, trying to make a living in something they loved doing.

DUANE DAVEY, THE DAVEY FARM

Julie Pittman and her sister Janice (who married brothers) carry on the farm work with their cousin, and with Julie’s son and husband. More than 200 friends and relatives attended a 2004 family and neighborhood reunion at the Painter Farm, which served to point out the important role of longtime farm families. “Those great-grandparents served their country in many ways – by feeding others through their crops and livestock, by serving on school and church boards, as township assessors and as teachers,” she said.

Centennial Farms by the numbers: 1989 vs 2014

- Of the 27 farms still in the family, 13 are owned by the same owners as in 1989. Ten have been passed on to a child or grandchild. Two are owned by the 1989 owner and the next generation, and two are owned by a niece or nephew.
- Twelve farms list a current owner as the day-to-day operator of the farm, four list a child or grandchild as the operator, two a cousin, with two listing shared responsibilities between the owner and a son or a neighbor. Seven are operated by a non-relative, often another Centennial Farm.
- More so than other regions, farm size has increased. Though nine farms are smaller than in 1989, almost half of the farms are operating more land than they did in 1989. The average size grew, from 1,069 acres in 1989 to 1,372 acres in 2014. Farm sizes in 1989 ranged from 30 to 6,000 acres, and in 2014, from 14 to 5,342 acres.
- The top crops in 1989 on these farms across the region were wheat, barley, and bluegrass seed. In 2014 the top crops were wheat, hay and peas, with half as many growing barley and bluegrass as in 1989. Four farms grew canola and three grew garbanzos, neither of which were listed as crops in 1989.
- Two responding farms are no longer owned by the same family, but, both are still farmed and have strong Centennial Farm ties. Family members still live on the John Muhs Farm, and the land is farmed by a neighboring Centennial Farm; The Kirk/Hudson Farm was sold to the owners of the Schmitz Centennial Farm who are related to an earlier owner of the land.



Dan and Carissa Schmitz are restoring the original barn at the Kirk/Hudson Farm in Spokane County.

Note: There were no Centennial Farms in Ferry or Pend Oreille counties.

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The Adams/Holt Farm, est. 1881

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Current Owner: Holt Land and Livestock LLC

Relationship to 1989 Owner: family farmland holding entity

Current Operator: Rock Creek Land Co.; Randall S. Holt, managing partner

Relationship to Owner: one of the owners

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	670	980	1,100	Wheat, dry peas, lentils, alfalfa, cattle	Wheat, barley, dry peas, lentils, hay, Angus-Hereford beef cattle

Changes in the Past 25 Years: Little has changed; the equipment, while newer in model, is still 'old,' the cows still love to test the design limits of a well-built fence, and the land, as well as the farm family atop it, endures.

Additional Information: Gerald Holt actively farmed into his 80s with his son, Randall, and with seasonal help from sons, Kevin, a Tri-Cities attorney, and Chris, a county executive director for the USDA Farm Service Agency. He fed cattle daily, drove the tractor and "supervised" his last harvest in 2013 prior to passing in early 2014.

Corrections to the 1989 Book: From 1881-1922, Herman H. Adams (deceased 1922) was owner. His son-in-law, Arne Holt (deceased 1923), was an owner 1922-1923. His daughter, Herminia "Minnie" Adams Holt (deceased 1967), was an owner 1922-1967. Minnie's son, Daniel Moore Holt (deceased 1985), was an owner 1932-1985. Daniel's son, Gerald Dan Holt (deceased 2014), was owner 1985-2013. Gerald's sons, Kevin L., Chris G., and Randall S. Holt, and granddaughter, Angelique K. Holt, were owners in 2013-2014. In 2014, ownership went to Holt Land and Livestock LLC.

Contact: Chris G. Holt, 713 W. Main Ave., Ritzville, WA 99169

The Babb Farm, est. 1878

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Current Owner: David J. and Kathleen D. Babb

Relationship to 1989 Owner: son and daughter-in-law

Current Operator: David J. Babb and Robin Babb Bruce

Relationship to Owner: same and sister

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	2,700	1,600	2,200	Wheat, barley, oats, peas, lentils, alfalfa, triticale, beef cattle	Grain crops, cattle, hay

Changes in the Past 25 Years: The farm was actively farmed by the family and now it is leased out and managed by the family. The barn is original and is in daily use.

Contact: David J. Babb, 34902 S. Nealey Springs Rd., Cheney, WA 99004

Overview of the farm listings

Each farm listing contains the information provided by Centennial Farm families in response to the WSDA questionnaire. Each listing is a 2014 snapshot of the farm's ownership, family connections, size of operation, and crops and livestock produced. It often includes comments about changes in the last 25 years and, as much as possible, is in the voice of the respondent.

Each listing notes the page number for the farm's profile in the 1989 book, *Washington's Farms – Yesterday and Today*, available on the WSDA website. A farm's 2014 listing is best understood and appreciated when read with its 1989 profile, where you'll find information on the farm's establishment and its operation at the time of the state's Centennial.

The chapter is organized alphabetically by county, and within the county, alphabetically by farm name. Farms that did not respond are listed at the end of the chapter.



The Henry Beck Farm, est. 1888

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Current Owner: David and Kristi Beck
Relationship to 1989 Owner: son and daughter-in-law
Current Operator: David Beck
Relationship to Owner: same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
80	65	95	65	65	Hay, grain, pasture, livestock, dairy	Cows, cherries, apples, prunes, pears, grapes, weeds, chickens

Changes in the Past 25 Years: The house, hay shed, barn, root cellar, machine shed and shop are still standing.

Contact: David and Kristi Beck, 8126 E. Ballard Rd., Colbert, WA 99005

The Cameron Farm, est. 1883

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Current Owner: Steve, Stewart "Bruce", and Rick DeFord; Kris Berry; Karen Fisher; Kay Flanagan; Kathy Beyer; Karla Either; and Kim Park
Relationship to 1989 Owner: children
Current Operator: Dave Cornwall
Relationship to Owner: no relation

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	320	320	320	Wheat, barley, bluegrass seed	Wheat, peas

Changes in the Past 25 Years: The farm is no longer operated by the family, but Robert "Bob" Deford, who lives in Lewiston, goes home to the farm on weekends to work with the current farm operators.

Additional Information: Robert's wife, Donna, passed away in 2000. In 2001 he formed an LLC and the farm is now owned by his children.

Contact: Stewart "Bruce" DeFord, 12112 E. Cameron Rd., Fairfield, WA 99012

The Carstens Farm, est. 1879

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Current Owner: Marvin and Colleen Carstens
Relationship to 1989 Owner: same
Current Operator: Kurt D. and Terri Carstens
Relationship to Owner: son and daughter-in-law

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
162	162	2,640	not provided	3,000	Wheat, barley	Wheat, canola, alfalfa, barley, hay, cattle

Changes in the Past 25 Years: No-till farming methods. Kurt and Terri's oldest child, Kyle, joined the farming operation in 2013, becoming the sixth generation of Carstens to farm the homestead.

Additional Information: Randy (one of Marvin's sons) left farming; Kurt continues the farming operation.

Contact: Kurt Carstens, 6209 N. Coulee Hite Rd., Reardan, WA 99029

Dashiell, Inc., est. 1888

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Current Owner: Dashiell, Inc.
Relationship to 1989 Owner: same
Current Operator: Paul T. Dashiell
Relationship to Owner: one of the owners, son of Thomas and Ardis

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	1,150	1,840	4,567	Wheat, peas, Kentucky bluegrass seed, barley, cattle	Wheat, bluegrass for seed, canola, radish for seed

Changes in the Past 25 Years: Change in crop rotations due to state-imposed no-burn regulations (bluegrass stubble). Lots of direct seeding done, efficient machinery equipped with GPS so fertilizer and chemicals are not overlapped.



Additional Information: Thomas is now 95, and Ardis is 90. Their daughter, Emma Garcia, is no longer part of Dashiell, Inc.

Contact: Paul Dashiell, 21311 S. Arnold Rd., Fairfield, WA 99012

The Davey Farm, est. 1883

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Current Owner: Duane Davey, Dwight Davey, Shirley Dunsmore, and David Banks

Relationship to 1989 Owner: Duane, Dwight and Shirley are Gordon Davey's children; David is Lillian Litzenberger's son.

Current Operator: Duane Davey

Relationship to Owner: one of the owners

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
145	145	848	848	513	Bluegrass, wheat, peas, barley, oats, hay	Wheat, barley, peas, hay

Changes in the Past 25 Years: It was farmed with crawler tractors, mechanical equipment, flatbed trucks and now with large-wheel tractors, hydraulic equipment and semi-trucks. Rather than being farmed by our dad, we have it leased out. My parents always had cattle, which we kept until after our mother passed away. Now we raise a few cattle for ourselves.

Additional Information: We are the fourth generation to own the farm. Our father passed in 1995; our mother in 2001. Like all farmers, our parents worked very hard through hard times, trying to make a living in something they loved doing. My daughter, her husband and family live in our parents' farmhouse now.

Contact: Duane Davey, 17310 E. Washington Rd., Valleyford, WA 99036

The Doak Farm, est. 1880

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Current Owner: Erik E. Highberg

Relationship to 1989 Owner: grandson

Current Operator: Shawn Morrissey

Relationship to Owner: lessee

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
30	30	30	30	14	Cherries, wheat, hay	Soft white wheat

Changes in the Past 25 Years: The present house was significantly remodeled and added to since 1989. No original buildings remain, but a small portion of the basement of the original house is incorporated into the present house.

Contact: Walter K. Highberg, 6405 E. Summit Rd., Spokane, WA 99217

The Emtman Farm, est. 1880

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Current Owner: Russell J. Emtman

Relationship to 1989 Owner: great-nephew

Current Operator: Russell Emtman

Relationship to Owner: same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	400	565	3,565	Wheat, barley, hay	Black Angus cattle, grass and alfalfa hay, oat hay, wheat, peas

Changes in the Past 25 Years: It has changed from wheat as the main crop to cattle.

Additional Information: Part of the first house and a barn built in 1901 are still standing.

Contact: Russell J. Emtman, 12405 S. Emtman Rd., Valleyford, WA 99036



Elden Felgenhauer Farms, est. 1889

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Current Owner: Elden Felgenhauer Farms LLC

Relationship to 1989 Owner: same

Current Operator: Green View Farms, Inc.: Marci and Lonnie Green

Relationship to Owner: Karl and Ione Felgenhauer's daughter and son-in-law

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	2,143	3,050	5,342	Bluegrass seed, wheat, barley, peas, lentils	Wheat, lentils, dry peas, canola, garbanzo beans, barley, Kentucky Bluegrass seed

Changes in the Past 25 Years: The size of operation has doubled, direct seeding has replaced conventional farming, GPS guidance systems are used extensively, electronic moisture instruments monitor grain from the combine.

Additional Information: In 1977, Elden formed Elden Felgenhauer Farms, a family limited partnership to include Elden, Elizabeth, and their three sons, Karl, Donald and Neil, and their spouses. At that time the limited partnership became a landlord only, and was converted to an LLC in 2012. Marci Green, sixth generation descendant of Rufus and Cordelia Kegley, and her husband Lonnie are operators of our farm. Their two sons, Jordan and Derek, plan to join the operation after they finish school.

Contact: Marci and Lonnie Green, 12111 E. Rattlers Run Rd., Fairfield, WA 99012

The Jack Felgenhauer Farm, est. 1878

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Current Owner: Felgenhauer Farms LLC: Sally Felgenhauer Baird, Jessica Rogers, Emily Piper, Susan Felgenhauer Anderberg Estate, Megan Jones and Aaron Anderberg

Relationship to 1989 Owner: Susan and Sally are Jack's daughters. Sally's children are Jessica and Emily. Susan's children are Megan and Aaron.

Current Operator: Al Anderberg

Relationship to Owner: Susan's husband, Megan's and Aaron's father

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	1,800	1,950	2,500	Wheat, barley, lentils, peas, Kentucky Bluegrass seed	Wheat, lentils, Kentucky Bluegrass seed

Changes in the Past 25 Years: GPS auto guidance, no-till. More drainage, less runoff. All of the original buildings still stand.

Additional Information: Jack Felgenhauer passed away in 2013 and Susan Felgenhauer Anderberg passed away in 2014.

Contact: Al Anderberg, 14028 E. 39th Ln., Veradale, WA 99037

The Hazard Farm, est. 1884

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Current Owner: George Hazard

Relationship to 1989 Owner: same

Current Operator: Dusty Eckhart

Relationship to Owner: family friend/neighbor

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	120	280	120	120	Alfalfa, wheat, oats, barley	Hard red wheat

Changes in the Past 25 Years: Wagon shed and hay barn blew down, Dad retired and leased the land to Dusty. I am in the process of purchasing the farm buildings and 20 acres from my dad.

Contact: Eric Hazard, 24512 N. Spotted Rd., Deer Park, WA 99006

The Hecht Farm, est. 1877

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Current Owner: Vernon Hecht, Kelly and Sherri Rhoads, Linda and Terry Anderson, and Darlene Claassen

Relationship to 1989 Owner: same (Vernon), Sherri is Hughena House's daughter and Linda and Darlene are Lois Claassen's daughters.

Current Operator: Ed and Pauline Larson

Relationship to Owner: lessees



Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	1989	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	320	300	200	Wheat, lentils, barley, peas	Wheat, lentils, barley

Changes in the Past 25 Years: Hughena House died March 26, 2012, and Lois Claassen died July 7, 2014. The farm, which totals just under 300 acres, is now divided as follows: Vernon Hecht, 100 acres; Kelly & Sherri Rhoads, 100 acres; Linda & Terry Anderson, 50 acres; Darlene Claassen, 50 acres. The house and barn are still standing but not in use.
Contact: Sherri and Kelly Rhoads, 1743 W. 11th Ave., Spokane, WA 99204

The Hyslop Farm, est. 1880

Current Owner: Thomas and Catherine Hyslop Family Limited Partnership: Thomas Hyslop Trust, Catherine Hyslop, Mary Ann Hyslop McClure, Thomas Hyslop Jr., Robert C. Hyslop, William D. Hyslop, and seven grandchildren
Relationship to 1989 Owner: widow, children, grandchildren
Current Operator: Kurt Carstens
Relationship to Owner: lessee

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	1989	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	1,135	1,135	1,135	Wheat, barley, hay, grass seed	Wheat, barley

Changes in the Past 25 Years: Farming is much more automated, and all is minimum-till; other than that, not much change. The big barn is on the Washington State Heritage Barn Register, and is still used. The original farmhouse and sheep barn are still used.
Additional Information: Our parents have instilled in their children a wonderful legacy in terms of the importance of agriculture. We are doing our best to instill that in our children.
Contact: Thomas Hyslop Jr., P.O. Box 13322, Spokane Valley, WA 99213

The Hans Johnson Farm, est. 1883

Current Owner: Georgia Cross
Relationship to 1989 Owner: niece
Current Operator: Mahn Farms: Michael and Teresa Mahn
Relationship to Owner: renters

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	1989	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	120	80	494	444	Grass seed, wheat, chickens	Wheat, peas, hay, bluegrass

Changes in the Past 25 Years: Great renter! Good farmer as before, as were the renters before this!
Additional Information: I have the homestead paper issued to Grandfather and signed by President Harrison.
Contact: Georgia Cross, 15909 S. Marsh Rd., Rockford, WA 99030

The Keevy Farm, est. 1880

Current Owner: Thomas R. and Merry B. Keevy
Relationship to 1989 Owner: same
Current Operator: Bruce Keevy
Relationship to Owner: son

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	1989	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
74	74	1,400	1,500	1,900	Wheat, peas, barley, hay, lentils, bluegrass seed	Wheat, barley, peas, hay

Changes in the Past 25 Years: More modern equipment, same crops being raised. Two of the original barns are still in use.
Contact: Thomas Keevy, 24409 S. Cahill Rd., Spangle, WA 99031



The Kirk/Hudson Farm, est. 1888

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This Centennial Farm is no longer owned by the Hudson family. The farm left family ownership in 2005.

Is the Land Still Farmed? Yes, Don Hudson passed away and neighbors Joe and Jeanne Schmitz purchased the homestead from Don's son. The barn in its restored state is a lasting visible monument to the past history of the area and a tribute to Don Hudson who was immensely proud of it. The Schneiders, whom the Kirks bought the farm from in 1888, were blood relatives to the current owners, so the farm in one sense has come full circle back into the Schmitz family.

Contact: Jeanne Schmitz, 9020 E. Irving Rd., Rosalia, WA 99170

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	160	160	160	Alfalfa, barley, beef cattle, goats	Alfalfa, cattle, dairy goats

Changes in the Past 25 Years: The milk barn, granary, shop and house are still standing. Since 1989, we've added a new hay shed.

Additional Information: The current owners are fourth generation and Robert's daughters are the fifth generation to live on this farm.

Contact: Tammi Richards, 3905 W. Wild Rose Rd., Deer Park, WA 99006

The Lynch/Ratray Farm, est. 1880

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Current Owner: Lorraine E. Ratray

Relationship to 1989 Owner: co-owner, widow

Current Operator: Larry Ratray

Relationship to Owner: son

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	800	880	880	Grain, cattle	CRP, cattle grazing

Changes in the Past 25 Years: Clarence passed in February 2000. Some land is leased for pasture and some is enrolled in CRP program.

Additional Information: Lorraine is 93 years old and her driving force is to remain on the homestead and in her house.

Contact: Larry D. Ratray, 49168 Lake Mary Ronan Rd., Proctor, MT 59929

The John Muhs Farm, est. 1889

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This Centennial Farm left family ownership in 2009.

Is the Land Still Farmed? Yes. Tony Pizelo owns the farm and Lee Eickmeyer, a neighbor, farms wheat and alfalfa on the land. Mr. Pizelo has built a home on the farm and my daughter lives in one corner of the land. My sister still lives on the other 80 acres and her daughter lives in the house we grew up in. Not much on the farm has changed, but I have. I'm 95 years old, so have a lot of memories.

Contact: Betty Barnes, 5725 Upriver Dr., Spokane, WA 99217

Olson Farms, Ltd., est. 1877

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Current Owner: David and Barbara Olson

Relationship to 1989 Owner: two of the owners

Current Operator: Joe Schmitz

Relationship to Owner: second cousin

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
154	154	1,230	480	3,000	Grass seed, wheat, barley, oats, lentils, peas	Garbanzo beans

Changes in the Past 25 Years: Olson Farms Ltd. owned 790 acres, plus another 480 acres owned by the operators when the corporation disbanded in 2000. The land was divided three ways between the 1989

The Muhs Homestead, est. 1888

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Current Owner: Tammi Richards and Robert Losh

Relationship to 1989 Owner: children

Current Operator: Tammi Richards and Robert Losh

Relationship to Owner: same



owners Raymond Olson, David and Barbara Olson, and Laura Olson France. David and Barbara retained the Centennial Farm's original acreage.

Additional Information: Barb and Dave Olson live in the house rebuilt in the late 1800's after the first house burnt. The original barn is now used for storage.

Contact: Barbara Olson, 35127 S. Chapman Rd., Fairfield, WA 99012

The Ostheller Farm, est. 1889

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Current Owner: James Ostheller and Ethel Spielman Estate

Relationship to 1989 Owner: same

Current Operator: James and Neil Ostheller

Relationship to Owner: one of the owners and his brother

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	320	640	1,500	Wheat, barley, bluegrass, lentils	Wheat, barley, peas, lentils, bluegrass

Changes in the Past 25 Years: The house is updated. The barn was painted, and given a new roof.

Additional Information: Jim still lives in the house on the farm and actively uses it. The original barn is still used for hay storage and beef cattle.

Contact: Roberta Peters, 2012 N. Laura Rd., Spokane Valley, WA 99212

The Painter Farm, est. 1882

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Current Owner: Painter Ranch LLC (Julie, Charles and Justin Pittman), Janice Pittmann, Molly Painter Franz

Relationship to 1989 Owner: Janice and Julie are daughters of James and Jeanne Painter. Charles is Julie's husband and Justin their son. Molly is Clarence Painter's daughter.

Current Operator: Charles and Julie Pittmann Family, and Janice Pittmann

Relationship to Owner: same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	2000+	2,000	2,000	Wheat, cows, barley, peas, lentils, hay	Wheat, barley, alfalfa

Changes in the Past 25 Years: It hasn't changed much and the family is very proud of that fact. Farming equipment is getting larger, so the fences and gates have been enlarged or removed. A family and neighborhood reunion was held at the farm in 2004, with more than 200 attending. We dedicated a painting, by Dr. Nona Hengen, of the Painter family arriving here in 1882. Our farm was the subject of a Washington Wheat Growers Association video, and the barn was placed on the Heritage Barn Register in 2008.

Additional Information: At the 1989 Spokane County Centennial Farms celebration, our son, Justin Pittman, age 12, accepted the certificate with me. I remarked he would be the fifth generation we hoped would farm the Centennial ground. That hope became real after his college graduation and he returned to the farm, where he now lives and farms with us. Jeanne Painter passed away in 2004. Clarence Painter passed away in 1996.

Contact: Julie and Charles Pittmann, 1462 Waterman Rd., Rosalia, WA 99170



The Schmitz Farm, est. 1888

Current Owner: Joe and Jeanne Schmitz

Relationship to 1989 Owner: one of the owners and wife

Current Operator: Joe and Dan Schmitz

Relationship to Owner: same and son

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	273	not provided	not provided	Grains	Grains, peas, lentils, garbanzos

Changes in the Past 25 Years: The farm is a larger entity now than in 1989. Farm practices are more consolidated and refined and equipment has become bigger and more efficient. Joe and Dan have worked to ensure the sustainability of the farm and are being good stewards of the land. The farm utilizes conservation practices and strives to keep abreast of current cropping techniques and varieties. The farmhouse is currently undergoing restoration for use by another generation of family.

Additional Information: We are proud of the history of our farm and of each generation which has lovingly nurtured it. The legacy of caring for the Schmitz land continues to this day in son, Dan, who is fifth generation strong and likely will continue in grandson Brian, who at 16 has never wavered from his desire to join the farm. We now also own all of the 160 original acres of the Kirk/Hudson Centennial Farm ground except for the five acres that our son and daughter-in-law, Dan and Carissa, own. They possess a house and the original barn.

Contact: Joe and Jeanne Schmitz, 9020 E. Irving Rd., Rosalia, WA 99170

The Schoedel Farm, est. 1884

Current Owner: Gordon and Anne Schoedel

Relationship to 1989 Owner: same

Current Operator: Emtman Farms

Relationship to Owner: neighbor

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
70	70	1,200	400	400	Wheat, barley, lentils, grass seed	Canola, hay

Changes in the Past 25 Years: The owners have retired and lease out the land. The barn, built in 1903, was converted to a home and art studio.

Additional Information: The farm was purchased by my grandfather in 1883. Although it will not be farmed by the Schoedel family in the future, it will be owned by the Schoedel family.

Contact: Gordon Schoedel, 17275 N. White Tank Vista, Surprise, AZ 85374

The Samuel Showalter Farm, est. 1881

Current Owner: Thomas Showalter

Relationship to 1989 Owner: one of the owners

Current Operator: Ron McKinley

Relationship to Owner: cousin

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
160	160	6,000	1,200	1,200	Grain, cattle	Wheat, barley, hay, cattle

Changes in the Past 25 Years: The 1989 Centennial Farm profile included both the 1,200 acres I own and the approximately 4,800 acres owned by my Aunt Ida's side of the family. This acreage was split up even more on her death in 2004, with the land going to her children. I still own the original quarter-section homesteaded by Samuel Showalter.

Contact: Tom Showalter, 10825 Jensen Rd., Cheney, WA 99004



The Tucker Farm, est. 1881

Current Owner: Daniel and Robbin Moriarty, and Patricia Borden

Relationship to 1989 Owner: same

Current Operator: Daniel Moriarty

Relationship to Owner: one of the owners

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
151	151	400	400	405	Wheat, barley, alfalfa	Grain, hay, Appaloosa horses

Changes in the Past 25 Years: The circa 1900 barn still stands. We built an indoor horse arena in 1992.

Contact: Daniel Moriarty, 26728 W. Tucker Prairie Rd., Cheney, WA 99004

STEVENS COUNTY

The Carter Farm, est. 1889

Current Owner: Barbara Carter Loven Scott

Relationship to 1989 Owner: same

Current Operator: Barbara Carter Loven Scott

Relationship to Owner: same

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
100	100	300	About 400	About 400	Hay, pasture land	Alfalfa, livestock pasturage

Changes in the Past 25 Years: The house, garage, shop, cellar and milk house still stand. The farm is still in crops and cattle land, timberland.

Additional Information: The same family descendants have owned this land since it was homesteaded in the 1880s.

Contact: Barbara Scott, 1745 E. Ivy Ave., Colville, WA 99114

The Waitt Farm, est. 1873

Current Owner: Robert K., Maurice G., and Robert P. Waitt

Relationship to 1989 Owner: Robert K. and Maurice G. are sons of Charles K. and Willa Waitt; Robert P. is the son of Robert W. Waitt

Current Operator: Gary Skok and Robert K. Waitt

Relationship to Owner: Gary is a neighbor and member of the Skok family, whose relationship with the Waitt family goes back over 100 years. Robert is one of the owners.

Original Acres Retained		Acres			Crops or Livestock Raised	
1989	2014	Farmed	Owned	Operated	1988	2014
120	120	160	161	121	Hay, grain	Grains, cattle

Changes in the Past 25 Years: Thankfully, not one bit! We keep the home, outbuildings, and property in good condition.

Additional Information: Willa E. Waitt gifted and transferred her half-interest in the farm to her sons, Maurice G. and Robert K., in 1991. Robert P. Waitt inherited his father's (Robert W.) half-interest in the farm in 2005. Robert K. Waitt wrote a book, *In the moccasin tracks of... The Waitt Family of Valley, Washington...1768-2008, Chronicles of the Life, Times, Memories, History and Assorted Yarns, as I Knew it*. He printed it in 2008 and gave it to family members, the Chewelah Historical Museum, Colville Historical Society and Valley Historical Society. According to historical records, Centennial Farm founder George Waitt built a cabin in 1860 on the land that he eventually received under the Homestead Act. In his original water rights claim, Centennial Farm founder George Waitt stated he had been irrigating land since 1867 from the outlet creek from Waitts Lake.

Correction to 1989 Book: Charles Waitt owned the farm 1898-1952; his widow Anna owned it 1952-1965. Their son, Charles K. Waitt, was an owner 1965-1971 and Charles' widow Willa was an owner 1971-1991.

Contact: Robert K. Waitt, 3815 E. Lake Sammamish Shore Ln. SE, Sammamish, WA 98075



Non-Participating Farms

The following 12 farms in the Northeast Washington region did not participate in the 2014 project to reconnect with Washington's Centennial Farms. This list notes the year the farm was established and the page it appears in the 1989 Centennial Farms book.

Spokane County

- The Bliesner Farm, est. 1887, p. 181
- The Brischle Farm, est. 1881, p. 196
- The Claus Carstens Farm, est. 1884, p. 192
- The Eickmeyer Farm, est. 1884, p. 194
- The Jarvis Farm, est. 1886, p. 189
- The Judkins Farm, est. 1880, p. 180
- The Leitz Farm, est. 1889, p. 182
- The Muehle/Coldsnow Farm, est. 1888, p. 197
- The Peterson/Ostby Farm, est. 1883, p. 197
- The Smallwood/Keno Farm, est. 1879, p. 180
- The Suksdorf Farm, est. 1881, p. 185

Stevens County

- The Hidden Meadows, est. 1889, p. 176