United States Department of the Interior

National Park Service

National Park Service National Register of Historic Places Registration Form This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in Horizo Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bullatin 18A). Complete each item by marking "" in the appreciate boy or by

Register of Historic Places Registration Form (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

. Name of Property			
Historic name Gendro	on, O.J. , Ranch		
Other names/site number		·	
. Location			
street & number6702 Bell Road			not for publication
ity or town Moxee City	·	X	Vicinity
tate Washington code WA	county Yakima code 077	zip code	98901
State/Federal Agency Certification			
State or Federal agency and bureau	Date Date PAGENCAVATION OFFI		
In my opinion, the property meets do additional comments.) Signature of certifying official/Title State or Federal agency and bureau	es not meet the National Register criteria. (See conti	nuation she	et for
National Park Service Certification	100	A .	
hereby, certify that this property is:	(C) Dignature of the Keeper/		ate of Action
entered in the National Register. See continuation sheet	Colson H. Seal	1_	9/21/05
determined eligible for the National Register See continuation sheet			
determined not eligible for the National Register.			
removed from the National Register.			
other (evolain:)			

O.J. Gendron Ranch		TARIMA COUNTY, WA	Page 2 o	14
5. Classification				
Ownership of Property (Check as many boxes as apply) X private	Category of Property (Check only one box X building(s)	Number of Resou (Do not incl. previous Contributing		
public-local	district	8	0	buildings
public-State	site			sites
public-Federal	structure	1	0	structure
	object			objects
		9	0	Total
Name of related multiple property lie (Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a m		Number of contribution listed in the National		eviously
N/A		N/A		
6. Functions or Use				
Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)		Current Functions (Enter categories from in	structions)	
DOMESTIC: single dwelling	DOMESTIC: single dwelling			
AGRICULTURAL SUBSISTE	AGRICULTURAL SUBSISTENCE:			
Processing, animal facilities,	Processing, animal facilities, irrigation facility,			
agricultural field, agricultura	l outbuilding	agricultural field, agricultural outbuilding		
-				
7. Description				
Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)		Materials (Enter categories from in:	structions)	
Other		foundation Stone,	Concrete	
		walls Wood		
		-		
		roof Asphalt, Wo	od: shingle &	shake
		other	<u> </u>	

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property.)

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET

O.J.	Gendron Ranch	YAKIMA COUNTY, WA Page 3 of 4
Stat	ement of Significance	
pplic	able National Register Criteria	Areas of Significance
/lark " operty	x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the	(Enter categories from instructions)
	onal Register listing.)	AGRICULTURE
	Property is associated with events that have	
_ A	made a significant contribution to the broad patterns	
	of our history.	
В	Property is associated with the lives of persons	
_	significant in our past.	
_ C	Property embodies the distinctive characteristics	
	of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high	Period of Significance
	artistic values, or represents a significant	1884 - 1920
	and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.	
D	Property has yielded, or is likely to yield,	
_	information important in prehistory or history.	
riteri	a Considerations	Significant Dates
	x" in all the boxes that apply.)	1904,1920
roper	rty is:	
٨	owed by a religious institution or used for	
_ ^	religious purposes.	Cinnificant Barren
	• • •	Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)
_ B	removed from its original location.	(Complete ii Onteriori b is marked above)
_ c	a birthplace or grave.	Cultural Affiliation
D	a cemetery.	
 F	a reconstructed building, object, or structure.	
- -		·
_ r	a commemorative property.	Architect/Builder
G	less than 50 years old or achieving significance	Gendron, Joseph Sr. and Oryphre (Builders)
_	within the past 50 years.	
	ive Statement of Significance	THOM CANDE
	n the significance of the property.) SEE CONTINUA	HON SHEET
	jor Bibliographical References	
	graphy e books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form	n.) SEE CONTINUATION SHEET
revio	ous documentation on file (NPS):	Primary location of additional data:
	preliminary determination of individual listing	State Historic Preservation Office
_	(36 CFR 67) has been requested	Other State agency
	previously listed in the National Register	Federal agency
	previously determined eligible by the National Register	Local government University
	designated a National Historic Landmark	Other
	#	Name of repository:
	recorded by Historic American Engineering	
	Record#	

O.J. Gendron Ranc	h	YA	KIMA CC	UNTY, WA		Page 4 of 4
10. Geographical	Data		 			
Acreage of Proper						
UTM References (Place additional UTM	M References on a continuation sheet.)					
1 10 6 Zone East	980 72 51 593 73 ting Northing	3	10 Zone	69 8	81 81	51 593 74 Northing
2 10 6 East	980 78 51 592 29 ting Northing	4				
Verbal Boundary (Describe the boundary	·	ntinuat	ion she	et.		
D - 111						
Boundary Justific (Explain why the boundary)	_	ntinuat	ion she	et.		
11. Form Prepared	d By					
name/title Te	erri A. Towner					
)wner			date	April 200	5
street & number	680 Parish Rd.		to	elephone	(509) 697	
	Selah			WA		98942
city or town.	Delait		state	VVA	zip code	70742
Additional Docum	pentation	 				
	ems with the completed form:		-			
Continuation She	ets					
Maps	ann (7 E or 15 minuto corios) indicating	the pror	ortvia la	action		
A USUS III	nap (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating	tile brop	Jeity's IO	Callon.		
A Sketch r	map for historic districts and properties	having	arge ac	eage or nu	ımerous reso	urces.
Photographs						
Representa	ative black and white photographs o	f the pro	perty.			. •
Additional items						
	or FPO for any additional items.)					
Property Owner	(Complete this item at the request of the SHP	O or FPO	.)			
name Terri	& Kevin Towner					
street & number	680 Parish Rd.		telepho	ne (50	9) 697-3390	
	elah	state	WA		zip code	98942

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet - 0.3

O.J. GENDRON RANCH YAKIMA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Section number	 Page 1 of 6		

Narrative Description:

The O.J. Gendron Ranch lies on the southern side of the Moxee Valley, approximately one mile west of Moxee City and four miles east of the city of Yakima. The nominated property is a pie-shaped lot surrounded by hop fields to the west and east, and pasture to the north and south. The north side of the property is bounded by Bell road that runs west-east from Birchfield road all the way into Moxee City. The east side of the property is bounded by the Hubbard Irrigation Ditch, which is now part of the Selah-Moxee Irrigation District. The surrounding setting is rural agricultural development.

The nominated site embodies the distinctive characteristics of a typical subsistence and hop farm during the early part of the 20th century. It contains a small farmhouse, hop kiln, large barn, washhouse, garage (farm shop), pigeon house/tack room, chicken coop, outhouse, and a potato/root cellar which has since been filled in. The entire Gendron family ranch originally totaled 40 acres. The nominated property includes 2 acres of an original 40-acre farmstead. The property and accompanying resources are now used as a hobby farm.

The configuration of the site though now small, reflects a much larger past. Entry to the property is via a gravel driveway on the northeast side of the lot. The road parallels the ditch and sits approximately 20 feet from the edge. The land between the driveway and the ditch was originally lined with large Silver and Black Cottonwoods, and one Box Elder Tree. All of the Silver Cottonwood trees were removed due to an infestation of boring caterpillars. However, the original Box Elder tree remains along the ditch while several new American Elm trees and a Black Cottonwood species original to the site, have been allowed to grow to replace some of those lost. On the west side of the driveway in the northeast corner of the yard stands an excellent specimen of an American elm tree original to the site, thus it survived the Dutch elm disease which killed most of the Yakima and Moxee Valley elm trees many years ago. The site also boasts two very old and large Sugar Maple trees on the east side of the farmhouse and Red maple on the northeast corner of the house. An old pink rambler-rosebush with fragrant triple blooms still thrives along the ditch bank. Surrounding the farmhouse is a picket fence, a ninety-foot long by three-feet tall privet hedge and cement walkways. Other fence designs enclosing various agricultural spaces include post and rail fences and wire fences.

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet - 0.3

O.J. GENDRON RANCH YAKIMA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Section number	 Page 2 of 6	•	

House

Constructed circa 1904, O.J. Gendron farmhouse is a modest one-story dwelling with a side-facing gable roof and several additions. Reportedly, the building was originally a one-room wood frame building measuring 20' x 17'. The structure rests on a sandstone foundation now sheathing in concrete. The exterior walls are clad in drop shiplap siding with a 4" exposure. The home has two small four-pane hinged windows in the gable ends, a variety of one-over-one double hung windows and one aluminum siding window on the east façade. The two chimneys original to the home have temporarily been removed to accommodate roofing construction. One chimney accommodated the kitchen wood stove while the other accommodated a Spark oil stove. The spark oil stove remains, still heating the home today.

As the family grew, the building was expanded. To the rear is a full width shed roof addition that housed two bedrooms. Later the shed roof addition was expanded further to the west for an indoor bathroom. On the main façade is a hip roof addition that houses a small entry and enclosed sun porch. Per historic images the porch was originally screened, but now boasts rows of one-over-one double hung wood windows. At the southwest corner of the building a small kitchen space was added (date unknown).

Inside the dwelling boasts its original kitchen cabinets, fir flooring, and a combination of bead boards walls and Insulite covered walls. A small cellar is located underneath living room of the house and houses a large steam boiler. Many of ceilings within the home curve gently downward as they reach the outside walls.

Washhouse

Located adjacent to the home at the southwest corner, the washhouse is the closest outbuilding to the main dwelling. The building has a front facing gable roof covered with wood shingles. On this façade a single plank door allows access to the interior space. On the east façade are two four pane square windows. Also on this façade is the original clay tile chimney that accommodated a woodstove. On the west façade is one four pane square window. The building is of solid double wall construction to accommodate its sawdust insulation. The building is clad with 4" wooden shiplap.

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet -

O.J. GENDRON RANCH YAKIMA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Section number		Page 3 of 6
----------------	--	-------------

Farm Shop/Garage

The farm shop/garage building is a simple front facing gable structure. Devoid of ornamentation, the building has a large sliding door on the main façade, and two single pane wood windows. The garage first housed a horse buggy, and then a car. Physical evidence from the building indicates that it was expanded in length, most likely to house a longer car, sometime in its history. The building is clad in beveled shiplap siding.

Pigeon House / Tack Room

The Pigeon House/Tack room is a one-room building located immediately south of the garage. The gable front building distinguishing features are it's round holes and perches in the upper portion of the gable end of the main façade. The area housed O.J. Gendron's prized pigeons. Below is a five paneled entry door which allows access to the interior space. Used as a Tack room, the building is a single room with a variety of shelving. The roof is clad with cedar shakes and the exterior walls are sheathed with board and baton siding. The structure has two wooden windows, one on the west and one on the north facade.

Outhouse

Located directly east of the pigeon house, across the driveway is an outhouse. The building has a shed roof with exposed rafters and is covered with corrugated metal. The stick frame, two-seat outhouse is clad with 2' clapboard siding, except for the lower portion of the rear of the outhouse covered with a "Crown Royal Cola" sign. On the main façade, facing west, is a large screened window and entry door.

Barn

To the rear of the property, near the apex of the triangular shaped lot, is a large gambrel roof barn. Constructed circa 1912, the barn rests on a stone foundation and is clad with shiplap siding. The roof, with its boxed eaves, is covered with cedar shakes. Centered on the roof is a simple, vented cupola with a side facing gable roof. Attached to the south façade of the barn is a loafing shed. The stick frame addition is clad with vertical boards and boasts a shed style roof capped with corrugated aluminum sheeting.

The eastside of the barn has an exterior hoist at the apex of the gable. Hay bails and other heavy objects entered the barns upper loft space through a large door

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet - 0.3

O.J. GENDRON RANCH YAKIMA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Section number	 Page 4 of 6		

(which slides up and down by manual manipulation of heavy weights on the inside) in the gable end. Inside the loft extends to the middle section of the barn. On the loft is a round granary is situated in the northwest corner. A hay chute is found in the southwest corner.

The lower east side of the barn, below the loft, housed the workhorse team and milk cow. The flooring of this area is thick planks of wood. Each stall has an individual feed trough that can be accessed on the west from a walkway on the other side of the stalls, through hinged doors (three feet from the floor) that lift to expose the front portion of the feed trough and stall. The west end of the barn is open construction from dirt floor to the roof. It housed great quantities of loose hay, provided protection for animals during the winter, and was a safe foaling stall for a pregnant mare. A large loafing shed adjoins three fourths of the south side of the barn and opens up into a very large corral that extends to the most southern portion of the property. It has a wooden walkway and full length feed trough. Reportedly the frame of the feed trough is composed of rails used in the coal mines of Cle Elum, WA.

Chicken Coop

The chicken coop is west of the barn. It has a gable roof with lean-to style shed adjoining the south facade. The structure is clad with board and baton siding and has a corrugated metal and cedar shingle roof. Inside, are a variety of wooden nesting boxes. To the north and adjacent to the chicken coop were pens used for housing sheep and pigs. Due to deterioration the pens were removed.

Hop Kiln

Completed in 1920, the hop kiln sits in the northwest corner of the property perpendicular to Bell Road. On the north face of the kiln is a ghost sign, painted with the name "O.J. Gendron Ranch" in the gable end. The building measures 60'x 40' and has a side facing gable roof covered with wooden shingles. The siding is original shiplap. The kiln is composed of only one drying unit unlike many, which house two (see attached perspective cut-away drawing). The kiln has a cement foundation with several large barred ventilation openings on each side to create the necessary draft to dry hops quickly. Per historic images, originally the kiln was built with a very tall cupola, which acted as a chimney to draw air up and through the kiln. However, when electricity became available, fans were installed to draw the air up and out. By

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet -

O.J. GENDRON RANCH YAKIMA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Section number	 Page 5 of 6		

1934 the cupola had been drastically shortened and today is capped with a gable roof. Near windowless, the kiln contains eleven small square windows. Attached to the northeast side of the building is a covered storage area and processing platform. At the second floor level, a door allows access to the dryer and kiln.

From the exterior, bags of hops would be loaded onto an elevator directly from a truck and lifted to the deck twenty feet above the ground. The doors to dryer floor of the kiln are found here. Inside, the dryer floor at the second floor level is composed of slatted wood covered with burlap to allow ventilation and yet keep the hops from falling onto the pipes and furnaces of the kiln. The cupola is directly above the dryer area. Hops were layered approximately 15 inches deep. Below at the first floor level is the furnace or drying oven. Slab wood seven feet long was used to fire the kiln furnaces. The pipes from the furnaces circle upward parallel to the dryer floor to release as much heat as possible. To maximize heating efficiency, the furnace area of the kiln is enclosed with a wooden V-shaped structure from the ground to the dryer floor. The V-shaped structure is lined with sheets of tin on the interior, which faces the furnaces and pipes to keep the wood from catching fire. Inside the furnace area is a cast pot suspended above fire. The pot is filled with elemental sulfur to give the hops the color buyers were looking for.

The south end of the building was utilized for cooling and bailing the hops. At the second floor level are catwalks, which run from the dryer to the south end of the building. These catwalks were utilized when the newly dried hops were pushed from the dryer to the cooling rooms of the second floor. Once the hops cooled, they were ready to bale. The bailing press is located on the south end of the building. Spanning two floors, the baler was powered by a team of workhorses. The cable and pulley system lies outside the building and is circular in shape.

Hubbard Ditch

The Hubbard ditch, which borders the eastern side of the property, was built and completed between circa 1884. The Hubbard ditch is named after Gardiner Hubbard, father-in-law to Alexander Graham Bell. He was the founder of the National Geographic Society and was co-owner with Bell in an experimental irrigation farming project which encompassed 6,400 acres in the Moxee Valley. When the company was disbanded in the late 1890's the property was sold off in 50 acre tracts to Dutch and French-Canadian immigrants. The irrigation ditch has provided water to the

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet – o.:

O.J. GENDRON RANCH YAKIMA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Section number	 Page 6 of 6		

Gendron Ranch since its establishment. The agricultural fields of the ranch were originally flood irrigated by a pipe located on the north side of the barn. The Gendron hops were also flood irrigated for many years till electricity and electric motor were available for irrigation purposes. The portion of the Hubbard which flows through the Gendron property is very slow moving, only being approximately four feet deep in most spots and twenty feet wide. The O.J. Gendron Ranch is near the end of the Hubbard Ditch where it drops into the Moxee drainage ditch. Water flows in the Hubbard Ditch between April and September and is a "Senior" water rights ditch.

NPS Form 10-900a (Rev. 8-86)

United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet - 0.3

O.J. GENDRON RANCH
YAKIMA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Section number	8	Page 1 of 5		

Narrative Statement of Significance:

The O.J. Gendron Ranch is historically significant under Criterion A for its direct association with hop farming within the Yakima and Moxee Valleys. The ranch's period of significance begins in 1884 with the construction of the Hubbard Irrigation canal/ditch, and continues to 1920 when Orphyre J. Gendron built and completed a hop kiln. The ranch is one of the last extant examples of the many hop ranches that made the Moxee Valley into the "Hop Capital of the world" by 1930. Today the Yakima & Moxee Valleys continue to be the largest producer of hops within the United States, producing 20% of the world's hops and 75% of the nation's total production.

Hops were first cultivated profitably in Washington State beginning in 1865 in the Puyallup Valley. The valley continued production until 1891 when hop aphid infestations and powdery mildew devastated the valley's entire crop. These problems forced farmers to plant other types of crops, thus bringing hop farming in the Puyallup Valley to a close.

Around the same time that hops were being cultivated in Puyallup, hops were introduced to the Yakima Valley in Central Washington. One of the earliest farmers was Charles Carpenter in Ahtanum, who in 1868 planted hop roots that had been cultivated from his father's farm in New York. The climate in the Yakima Valley, with its long abundant days of warm sun and rich volcanic soil, proved perfect for hop cultivation. By the mid 1880s, most hop farms were located in the Ahtanum Creek Valley, just southwest of Yakima. However, with the completion of the railroad in the late 1890's, the Moxee area began to see a surge of new hop farms.

Many of the farms during this time were developed by newly arrived French-Canadians. This group was targeted for settlement by land promotions from the Moxee Company and the railroad. The Moxee Company was owned by Alexander Graham Bell, and his father-in-law, Gardiner Greene Hubbard. Hubbard, a lawyer, financier, and philanthropist helped found a school for the deaf and promoted the experiments of his son-in-law, Alexander Graham Bell. He was also the first president and founder of the National Geographic Society. Together they started a 6,400-acre experimental farm in the Moxee Valley in 1886. The farm was developed

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet - 0.3

O.J. GENDRON RANCH
YAKIMA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Section number	8	Page 2 of 5		

chiefly for experimental purposes, to test the adaptability of the soil and climate to the production of crops not usually grown in this latitude, such as tobacco, cotton, corn, and sugarbeets. The company also planted Johannisberg Riesling and Mission grapes with cuttings brought from California. The company was initially run by William Kerr, who left the Yakima Valley in 1902. As part of the farm, the company developed an extensive system of canals, one of which ran directly through the Gendron Ranch.

Among the French-Canadian settlers were the LaFramboise family and the Gendron family. The Gendron family settled in the Moxee Valley in 1899. The LaFramboise family moved to the Moxee Valley in 1904. Both families were from Gentilly, Minnesota and were related by marriage. The LaFramboise's most likely moved to the valley at the urging of their sister Eugenie, who was married to Joseph Gendron.

The couple traveled to the Moxee Valley with their son Orphyre J. and two daughters, Aurora and Luella. Upon their arrival, Joseph (age 27) and Eugenie (age 25) bought two adjoining 40-acre tracts of land on "Bell Road" from the Moxee Company. The tracts began at the corner of Bell and Beaudry Roads, and continued west down Bell road to the drainage ditch. On the westernmost 40-acre tract, Joseph built a washhouse and barn in 1901. Reportedly while living in the washhouse, Joseph built the first story of the large family home while farming hops, alfalfa and corn. Then in 1902 after moving into the first floor, he began the second story of the house, completing the American Foursquare style home in 1905.

At age 19, their son Oryphre J. married Stella "Mimmie" (age 19) in 1914. Their only child, Harry, was born in 1916. The couple also raised one girl, Irene, who was a distant relative.

In January of 1920, Oryphre, by then age 25, purchased the adjacent 40-acres parcel of land from his uncle Hugh LaFramboise. At this time it is unclear which buildings existed on the site at the time of purchase. From historic images however, it appears that Oryphre and his wife resided in the dwelling prior to 1915 and that at least the house and gambrel roof barn were constructed prior to this date.

The property had previously passed through several members of the LaFramboise family and the water rights date back to 1901. It was in this year that Lee Title

NPS Form 10-900a (Rev. 8-86)

United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet -

O.J. GENDRON RANCH
YAKIMA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Section number	8	Page 3 of 5
Occion nambor	0	i ago o oi o

purchased water rights for the 40 acre parcel directly from the Moxee Company. In 1904 Antoine LaFramboise had purchased the 40-acre plot of land from the Lee Title. Family history notes that it was Antoine who built the house, but this has not been verified through historical records. By 1908 the property was transferred to Antoine's brother, Joseph. Based on the design of the barn, it is believed that Joseph constructed the barn during his years of ownership. In 1915 Joseph officially transferred the farm acreage to his other brother Hugh. Historically images note that Joseph may have never resided on the farm.

Regardless of the chain of title, the farm acreage continued to be cultivated and worked by members of the same family. Benefiting the value of the property was it's location directly next to the Hubbard Irrigation Ditch, which flowed lengthwise across the property in a north-south direction. Quickly Oryphre's farm prospered in the rich irrigated soil. Together with his father, he constructed a large wooden hop kiln on the property in 1920.

As the month of August approached, hop farmers would ready their places for the upcoming harvest. Oryphre was no different. Hops were a very labor-intensive crop. It is estimated that a workforce of as many as 12,000 pickers were employed in the Moxee area during this time. Many of the pickers would bring their own tents, while many farmers like Oryphre provided some housing for workers. Reportedly, Orypher had three picker houses along the Hubbard ditch (these no longer are extant).

Each year at harvest time workers would ride in on the train in search of work. The man who ran the furnaces of the Oryphre's hop kiln was a migrant worker named Charlie Sumner. Reportedly Oryphre would go to the train every day during the last to weeks of August to pick him up.

Like most farmers of his day, Oryphre grew or raised all that his family would need. Work horses were the farm's main source of power. Oryphre had two teams and rotated them to allow them rest and thus keep their good-natured dispositions. Bill and Sig were Oryphre's first team. They pulled plows, hay cutters and hay wagons. They hauled supplies, ran the hop kiln press, pulled hay up into the barn using the hoist or hay derrick, and completed many other tasks where great strength was needed. On his farm Oryphre grew hops, spuds, and alfalfa. Alfalfa was needed to feed his cows, sheep and horses.

NPS Form 10-900a (Rev. 8-86)

United States Department of the Interior National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet - 0.3

O.J. GENDRON RANCH
YAKIMA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Section number	8	Page 4 of 5	

In addition to his day-to-day activities of maintaining his farm, O.J. became active in outside interests. Between 1915 and 1960, Oryphre was the Water Master for the Hubbard ditch and Selah-Moxee Irrigation district. An important job, O.J.'s responsibilities included driving the length of the canals to make sure there were no animal holes or furrows where water might wash away crops. Perhaps due to O.J.s' position and his desire to have more land, the road which follows the ditch from headwater to drainage ditch is on the wrong side of the ditch when it passes over the Gendron Ranch. This is an inconvenience for current ditch riders as they have to travel the wrong direction along the property to view the ditch from their pickup.

Oryphre was also the local veterinarian. Self-taught, many nights he would be called out to pull a calf or foal. He gave injections, castrated, dehorned, and doctored all of the animals for neighbors near and far. His grandson, Joseph Gendron, currently retains all of Oryphre's veterinary equipment. Joseph tells of his grandpa's great love of animals.

At one point, the farm was like a zoo; O.J.'s favorites were sheep, horses and pigeons. He raised Suffolk and Columbia sheep; he did his own shearing while his grandsons Joseph, Jerry and Bennet stomped the bags of wool. The ring for holding bags of wool still remains in the barn, as does the milking T, a seat used when milking the cow. Oryphre raised horses for both racing and buggy pulling. Each year he organized the horse races for the Moxee Hop Festival, held in August just before hop harvest. Many pictures were taken of Oryphre with his horses. Oryphre's Tumbler and Fantail pigeons were his prized possessions. This legacy continues today with valley residents who are now 80 years old or older, and still raising pigeons. They remember collecting pigeons from under the Oryphre's hop kiln in the late evening.

In 1953, Oryphre's hop kiln was retired. The wooden hop kiln, having served its purpose, gave way to newer, more efficient technology, thus relegating wooden kilns obsolete. The family still farmed hops, but had others pick and process their crop. Oryphre continued to farm until his death in 1968. His widow, Stella, lived to age 95, passing away in 1990.

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet - 0.1

O.J. GENDRON RANCH YAKIMA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Section number	8	Page 5 of 5	

As home to one of the last remaining hop kilns in the Moxee Valley, the O.J. Gendron Ranch is historically significant for its direct association with hop farming. During the peak of production, a kiln could be found for every forty acre, however today the Gendron hop kiln is the last extant example from the 1920s. The ranch is a testament to the efforts that made the Moxee Valley into the "Hop Capital of the world" by 1930.

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet - 0.3

O.J. GENDRON RANCH
YAKIMA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Section number	9	Page 1 of 4	•	

Bibliography:

Assink, Gene. Personal interview. 12 Feb. 2005.

Becker, Paula. "Charles Carpenter Plants Hops in Ahtanum near Moxee in 1872."

<u>History Link.org</u>. 23 Feb. 2003. The Online Encyclopedia of Washington State History.

19 Mar. 2005 http://www.historylink.org/essays/output.cfm?file_id=5274.

Belair, Victor W. Personal interview. 26 Mar. 2005.

- Bork, Janie M. "The Moxee Company, Yakima County, Washington." <u>The History of the Pacific Northwest, Washington & Oregon 1899, Volume II Page 646 659</u>. 1999 2003. 19 Mar. 2005 http://www.usgennet.org/US/or/county/union1/1889vol12/volumneIIpage646-659.htm.
- Brown, Patricia. "Moving to Moxee Meant Outdoor Life for Cornelia W. Gerritsen."

 Remembering Yakima: by Those Who Were There. Ed. Gary L. Jackson. 1st ed. Vol. VI. Yakima, Us: Golden West Publishing, 1996. 78 79. VI vols.
- <u>Diamond Jubilee, 1900 1975, Holy Rosary Parish</u>. 1st ed. Moxee, Us: Holy Rosary Parish, 1975.
- Fritz, Marlene. "Scientists Brew Up New Ways to Manage Pests in Hops." Agriculture

 Resource News, University of Idaho 120497ap.doc (Winter 1997): 1-2.

 http://info.ag.uidho.edu/Resources/News/120497ap.doc.>

Gamache, Jeffrey J. Personal interview. 26 Mar. 2005.

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet - 0.3

O.J. GENDRON RANCH YAKIMA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Section number	9	Page 2 of 4	•		

Garner, Teresa. "Hops." <u>Hops, Food Resource, Oregon State University</u>. Oregon State

University. 19 Mar. 2005 < http://food.oregonstate.edu/p/hops.html>.

Gendron, Juliette J. Personal interview. 26 Feb. 2005.

Gendron, Joseph H. Personal interview. 26 Feb. 2005.

Gibson. "No Title." <u>Yakima, Washington</u>. 9 Sept. 2001. aol. 19 Mar. 2005 http://members.aol.com/Gibson0817/yakima.htm>.

Greater Yakima Chambers Of Commerce. "A History of Yakima and the Valley."

<u>rootsweb.com</u>. Greater Yakima Chambers of Commerce. 20 Mar. 2005 < http://www.rootsweb.com/~wayakima/history.html.

Heath, M. Ferne. Personal interview. 12 Feb. 2005.

Heath, Walter T. Personal interview. 12 Feb. 2005.

Hallman, Donald G. Personal interview. 12 Feb. 2005.

Jackson, Gary L. "F. Mortimer Thorp Could Not Have Known What the Moxee Held in Store."

Yakima's Past: Remembering the Yakima Valley. Ed. Gary L. Jackson. 1st ed. Vol. III.

Yakima, Us: Golden West Publishing, 1977. 14 - 15. 6 vols.

Janovich, Andrianna. "Gamache Roots Run Deep in Moxee's Hop's." Yakima Herald Republic

[Yakima] 24 Mar. 2004: 1-3.19 Mar. 2005 < http://www.yakima-herald.com/annual/

moxee.pdf>

Janovich, Andrianna. "Many in Moxee Trace Ancestry to France." Yakima Herald Republic

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet - 0.3

O.J. GENDRON RANCH
YAKIMA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Section number	9	Page 3 of 4		

[Yakima] 24 March 2004.1-3. 19 March 2005 < http://www.yakima-herald.com/ annual/moxee.pdf>

- Lange, Gregg. "Online Encyclopedia of Washington State History." Hops grown in Western

 Washington including King County become an important world crop by 1882. 2001.

 The Online Encyclopedia of Washington State History. 19 Mar. 2005 < http://www.historylink.org/essays/output.cfm?file_file_id2003.
- Schreiner Title Co. "Legal Property Title." <u>Policy of Title Insurance</u>. Yakima, US: May 18, 1984.
- Toupin, Alice M. <u>Mook-See, Moxie, Moxee: The Enchanting Moxee Valley, It's History and Development</u>. 1st ed. Yakima, Us: Alice M. Toupin, 1974.
- Unknown. "Holy Rosary School, Moxee, Washington, Collections Inventory 1912 1980."

 <u>Collections</u>. Sisters of Providence. 19 Mar. 2005 www.providence.org/phs/ARCHIVES/collections/Moxee.htm.
- Unknown. "North West Hop History." <u>American Hop Museum</u>. 19 Mar. 2005 http://www.americanhopmuseeum.org/history.htm>.
- Unknown. "Welcome to Moxee." <u>Tourism</u>. Washington State Tourism Commission. 19 Mar. 2005
 - http://www.tourism.wa.gov.city C234.html>.
- Usahops.org. "Harvest." <u>Farming-Harvest</u>. usahops.org. 10 Apr. 2005 < http://www.usahops.org/english/farm har.asp>.

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet - 0.3

O.J. GENDRON RANCH YAKIMA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Section number	9	Page 4 of 4		

Warren, Cindy. "The Beaulaurier Family Left Blizzards Behind and Came to the Yakima Valley." People Who Made Yakima History. Ed. Gary L. Jackson. 1st ed. Vol. IV. Yakima, Us: Golden West Publishing, 1978. 14 - 15. VI vols.

Wilbur, Yvonne. Telephone interview. 23 March 2005

Winship, Kihm. "Hops: a Brief History." <u>History of Hops</u>. First published 1990. 2003.

Earthlink. 19 Mar. 2005 < http://home.earthlink.net/~qqqhostie/hophistory.html>.

Yakima County, Washington Township 12 N., Range 19 E.W.M. Map. 514 S.W. Oak St., Portland, Oregon, Us: Metsker, Chas. F. Civil Engineer, 1934.

NPS Form 10-900a (Rev. 8-86)

OMB No. 1024-0018

United States Department of the InteriorNational Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet - 0.1

O.J. GENDRON RANCH YAKIMA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Section number

10

Page 1 of 1

Geographical Data

Verbal Boundary Description (Describe the boundaries of the property)

The property is a pie-shaped lot identified as Lot 1 of Short Plat filed in book "J" of Short Plats, Page 36, under Auditors File No. 2447805, records of Yakima County, Washington; (Parcel 1 Book J-0036: Parcel # 191202314011) Township 12N, Range 19E, Section 02, occupied by Tax Parcel 31401.

Boundary Justification (Explain why the boundaries were selected)

The nominated property encompasses 2 core acres of the original (120 acre) Gendron Ranch, including all extant buildings (home, washhouse, garage, pigeon-house, out-house, barn, chicken coop, hop kiln) and adjacent agricultural field.

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet - 0.1

O.J. GENDRON RANCH YAKIMA COUNTY, WASHINGTON

Section number	Page 1 of 1		

Photograph Index

O.J. Gendron Ranch 6702 Bell Rd., Yakima, WA 98901 Yakima County, Washington State Photographer: Terri Towner

Date March 9, 2004

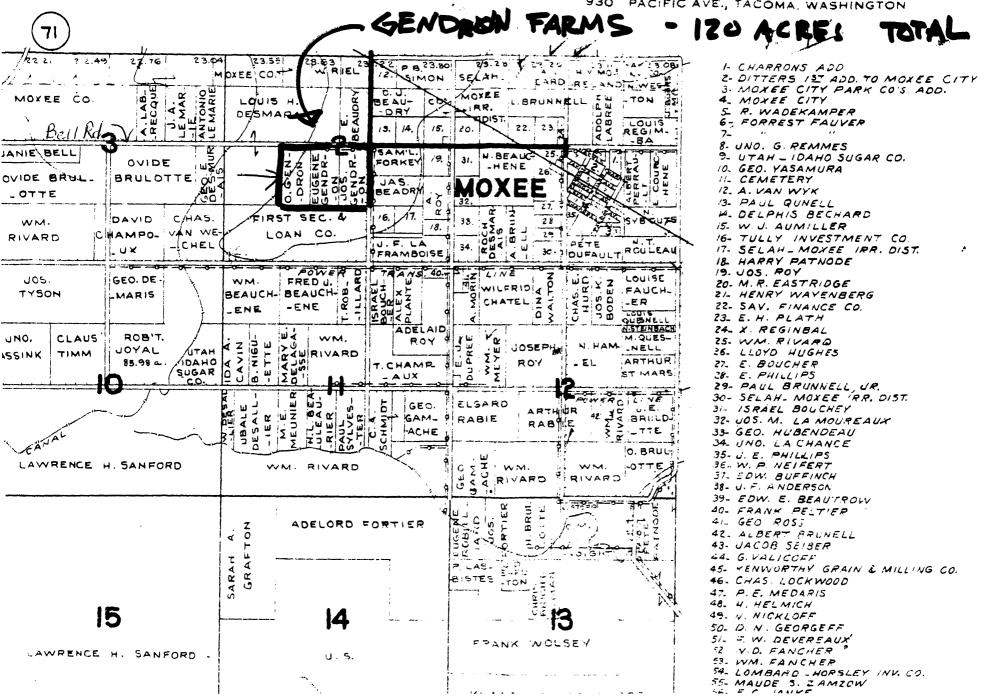
Location of Negatives: Terri Towner-680 Parish Rd. Selah, WA 98942

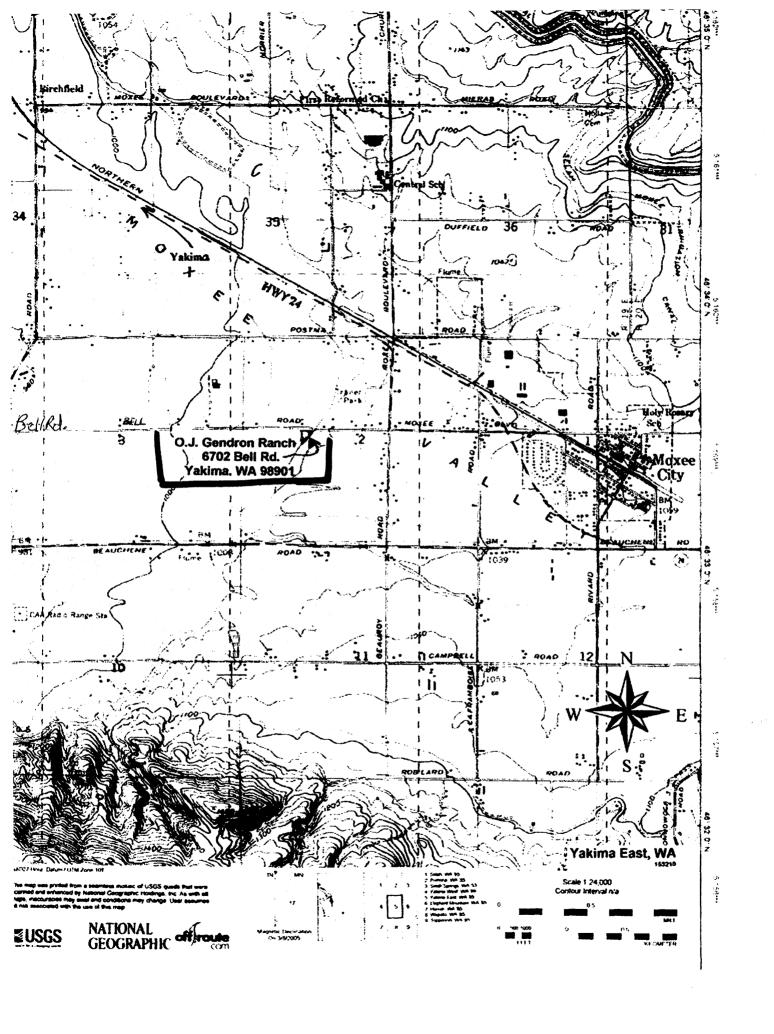
Print

- 1. Hop Kiln (northwest corner)
- 2. Hop Kiln (southeast corner)
- 3. Garage/Shop (east side) & Pigeon House/Tack Room (east side)
- 4. Barn (east end), Chicken coop-Front (east side)
- 5. Barn/Hop Kiln/Loafing Shed and Corrals on southeastern side
- 6. Chicken-Coop southwest corner
- 7. Barn (west end) and loafing shed
- 8. House (west side)
- 9. Wash House/Guest House (north side)
- 10. House from northeast corner
- 11. House (south side)
- 12. Pigeon Coop/Tack Room (west side)
- 13. Out-House (west side)
- 14. Property from northeast corner (house, washhouse, garage, pigeon house & barn)
- 15. Property from southeastern corner (barn & loafing shed, pigeon house, hop kiln, garage)
- 16. Property from East (out-house, pigeon house, garage, & hop kiln)

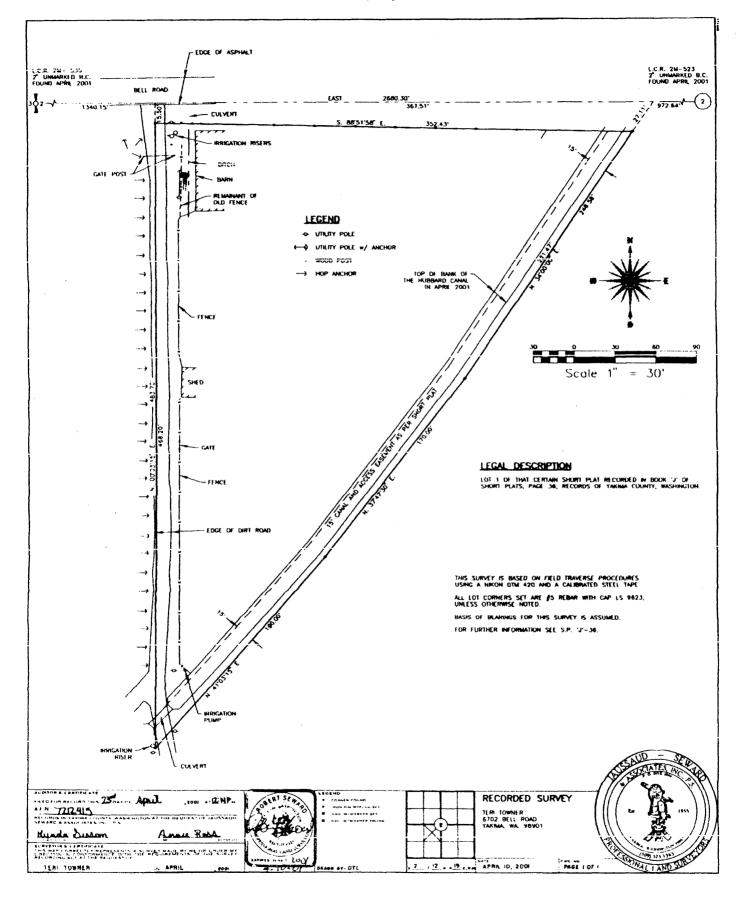
MA COUNTY, WASHINGTON 1934

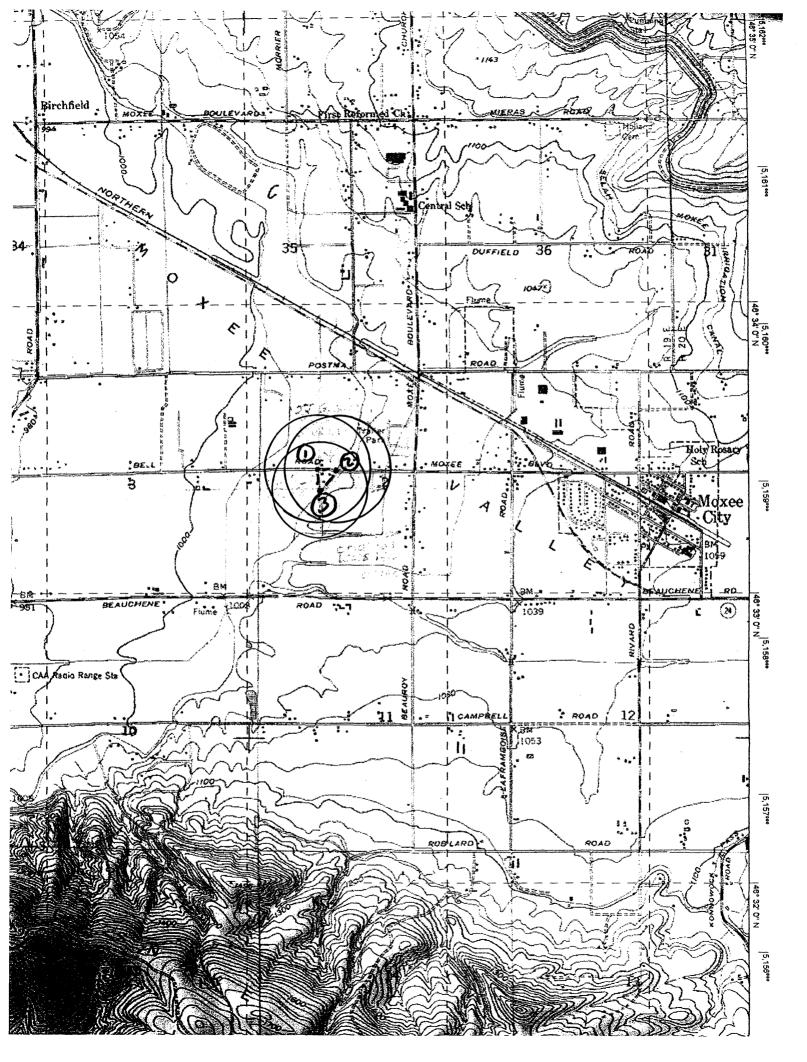
CHAS. F. METSKER, CIVIL ENGINEER 514 S.W. OAK ST., PORTLAND, OREGON 930 PACIFIC AVE., TACOMA, WASHINGTON



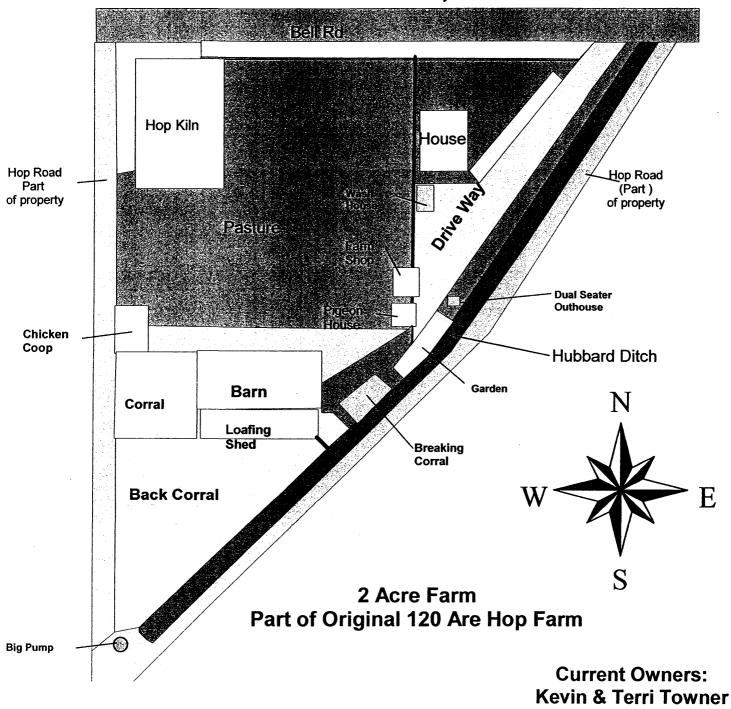


SUR 7212415



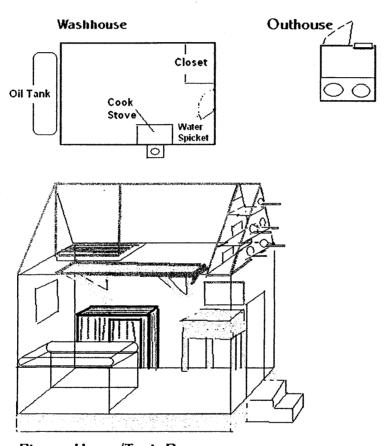


Site Plan: O.J. Gendron Ranch 6702 Bell Rd. Yakima, WA 98901

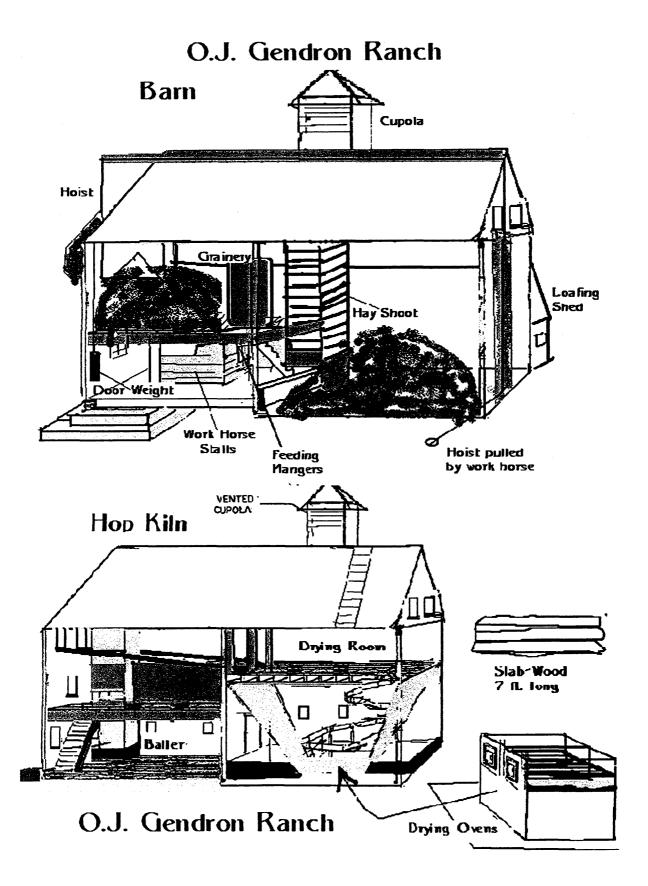


Kevin & Terri Towner 680 Parish Rd. Selah, WA 98942

O.J.Gendron Ranch



Pigeon House/Tack Room



O.J. Gendron Home

