

clackamas County Heritage Tree

Kraft-Brandes-Culbertson Farmstead Collection of Heritage Trees

American elm, Birch, Douglas fir, English Horse-chestnut, English walnut, Chinese fir

 **Location:** 2525 N Baker Drive, Canby, Oregon





American elm (*Ulmus americana*)



Measurements (approximate)

Height: 75' – 85'

Circumference at 4 ½': 16'

Crown spread: 82'

Age: 110 + years

Birch (*Betula papyrifera*)



Measurements (approximate)

Height: 55'- 60'

Circumference (at 4 ½ feet) 14' 4"

Crown spread: 80'

Douglas fir ((*Pseudotsuga menziesii*))



Measurements (approximate)

Height: 90'

Circumference (at 4 ½ feet) 18' 5"

Crown spread: 190'

English Horse-chestnut (*Aesculus hippocastanum*)



Measurements (approximate)

Height: 80'

Circumference (meas. at 4 ½'): 14' 6"

Crown Spread: 52'

English walnut (*Juglans regia*)



Measurements (approximate)

Height: 45'

Circumference (meas. at 4 ½'): 10'

Crown Spread: 72'

Chinese fir (*Cunninghamia lanceolata*)



Measurements (approximate)

Height: 80'

Circumference (meas. at 4 ½'): 6'

Crown Spread: 36'

 **Significance:** *Specimen trees and Historic Association:* “Three Rivers Farm”, Kraft-Brandes-Culbertson Farmstead, National Register of Historic Places, and Clackamas County Historic Landmark. Trees recognized by virtue of their age, association with or contribution to a historic structure or with noted persons.

 **Dedication Ceremony:** May 1, 2008

 **Additional Information:** The 16 ¼ acre Kraft-Brandes-Culbertson Farmstead occupies a partially-wooded knoll. It is known as the “Three Rivers Farm” and includes a Craftsman style farmhouse and pump house, built in 1909-1910 and a large Western barn, built in 1904. The farm today comprises agricultural pastures and wooded areas, with many old horticultural and native trees. The Farm is a focal point of the community as it can be recognized from a distance both by the farmstead buildings as well as the Heritage Trees.

The Kraft-Brandes-Culbertson Farmstead is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is a Clackamas County Historic Landmark. The German-speaking Peter and Elizabeth Kraft family developed the original farm in the early 1900s. At that time the farm comprised 290 acres on land situated less than half a mile east of the confluence of the Pudding and Molalla Rivers.

In 1908 the farm was sold to Carl A. Brandes, also a German-born Portlander. He tore down the Kraft house and built the present house, “the big house”, on the same site in 1909-1910. It is believed that most of the landscape plantings surrounding the house were planted during this time.

In 1920 Brandes sold to W.C. and Katherine Bateson Culbertson, wealthy hotel owners and owners of the Canby Herald Newspaper.

The present owners, Oregon State Senator Kurt Schrader and Clackamas County Commissioner Martha Schrader have owned the property since 1982. It has been maintained as a working farm and wildlife habitat. In addition to the Heritage Trees named as a part of this collection are other species including: Port-Orford cedars, holly, oak, and laurel, Japanese quince, and fruit trees from remnant orchards.