



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Ownership within the same family for 100 or more years by July 4, 1976 of at least 80 acres of the original Iowa farmland.
2. Present owner must be related to original owner.
3. Application must be notarized and submitted by July 4, 1975.

One Century Farm marker per farm will be furnished by Iowa Farm Bureau. Additional markers may be purchased upon request.

One Century Farm Certificate will be awarded per farm by Iowa Department of Agriculture. Additional certificates may be requested.

Name of Present Farm Owner Ardis Louise (Remsburg) Beaver
 Address RR #1 Prairie City Iowa 50228
R.R. P.O. State Zip
 Address of Farm, if different from above _____
R.R. P.O. State Zip
 Township Des Moines County Jasper
 Number of acres in the farm at present 79

Date of original purchase by member of your family Feb 10, 1966 (1866)

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, or tax statement) From Homestead deed ->
West half of lots ~~10~~ (6) and ~~11~~ (9) in
section five (5) - Township no. 78 - N. of Range
Twenty (20) West of the 5th P.M.

List all family owners, to present, beginning with original:

NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO PRESENT OWNER
<u>1. Lem Remsburg ^{homesteaded in 1866} & wife at death</u>	<u>Frank Remsburg</u>
<u>At her death to 10 heirs -</u>	<u>Mary Remsburg</u>
<u>2. Charles Remsburg</u>	<u>Pitt Remsburg</u>
<u>3. Wm Remsburg</u>	<u>Sophia Fitch</u>
<u>3. Addie Farnsworth</u>	<u>All Remsburg</u>
<u>4. Ella Staalman</u>	<u>4. Bought from other heirs by Pitt Remsburg</u>
<u>George Remsburg</u>	<u>5. Bought by All Remsburg</u>

NOTE: Request for additional information on reverse side.
6. Inherited by Ardis R. Beaver

APPLICATION FOR CENTURY FARM MARKER AND CERTIFICATE

Information you may be able to add to this form, while not essential to Century Farm Certification, will be most valuable to future historians. The questions below are offered only as a guide, so please feel free to add any other data, especially family or pioneer stories concerning the farm and area around it.

From whom was the farm purchased? Homestead

How many acres were in the original parcel? 80

What was the cost of land per acre? ~~1.25~~ \$1.25

Where was the first owner born? I think Trivoli, Illinois

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? 1 mile E. of Prairie City

Was this a homestead? yes

Did the first owner farm the land? yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? Blacksmith

Had the first Blacksmith shop in Prairie City - owned in partnership with M.E. Menester.

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? no - first ^{home} was made from logs & burned to the ground.

When was the present home built? As nearly as I know - 1881

What are the farm's crops or products? beans & corn

Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation Prairie City News
Newton Daily News

I (we), _____ being duly sworn, depose and say that the statements on this application are true and correct with regard to the land described above.

Ardis Louise (Pembury) Beaver
(Signature(s) of Applicant(s))

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of June 1975.

My Commission expires 9-30-76
Lou Pearson
Notary Public in and for the

County of Jasper State of Iowa

Send to: Iowa Department of Agriculture
State House, Des Moines, Iowa 50319
Submit by July 4, 1975



August 5, 1975

James D. Melmain
Iowa Dept. of Agriculture
Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Sir,

I am sorry for writing 1966 instead of 1866. I went to the bank again today and got out the Homestead Deed.

Within the deed itself the record purchase date is Feb. 10, 1866. It is signed by W. M. Stone, Governor, and James Wright, Sec. of State. It is recorded in Vol. (1) one, page (12) twelve. The description of land is W half of lots (6) six and (7) seven, section (5) five, township 78, N of range 20, W of the 5th P.M. Evidently this decides where it is recorded in Des Moines. Vol 1 - pp 12.

On the back of the deed is written - recorded in Book 36, pp 221, fee 50¢, paid. Jasper County, signed by John C. Wilson, recorder, - so is recorded in Des Moines & Jasper Co.

Thank you for your extra trouble -

Ardis R. Beaver