



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 Lester E. Davis

Address R.F.D. #4 NEWTON, IOWA 50208
R.R. P.O. State Zip

Address of Farm, if different from above _____
R.R. P.O. State Zip

Township BUENA VISTA County JASPER

Number of acres in the farm at present 109

Date of original purchase by member of your family January 23 - 1869

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, or tax statement) South half of the Southwest Quarter, and the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, all in Section 4, Township 79 North Range 18 west of the 5th P.M., Jasper County, Iowa.

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

NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO PRESENT OWNER
<u>United States to Nathan Pusay</u>	<u>Original Entry - Oct 2 - 1854</u>
<u>William H. m Pusay + Wife Sarah Ellen</u>	<u>to James F. Cox - June 11 - 1855</u>
<u>James F. Cox + Wife Sidney Cox</u>	<u>to John A. Seaton - Feb 13 - 1868</u>
<u>John A. Seaton + wife Elma B. Seaton</u>	<u>to John Davis - Jan 23 - 1869</u>
<u>John Davis to Josephine to Nellie</u>	<u>to Charles H. Davis - father of</u>
_____	<u>Lester E. Davis (Present owner)</u>
_____	_____

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.

Abstract of Title to following: United States to John Alloway (6-3-1849)
Nelson Alloway (9-5-1850)
John Davis (6-2-1853) - Charles Davis - 1910 to
Lester E. Davis - 1944

From whom was the farm purchased? _____

How many acres were in the original parcel? 120 A

What was the cost of land per acre? _____

Where was the first owner born? (John Davis Jr.) Montgomery County, Kentucky July 7-1819

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? moved to Indiana - 1835 with father Nathan Davis

Was this a homestead? 1854 John Davis Jr. moved to Jasper Co. Iowa (Homesteaded)
R.F.D. #4 Buena Vista Township

Did the first owner farm the land? yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? no

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? Part of the
farm

When was the present home built? 1906

What are the farm's crops or products? Corn, Beans, Oats - Hay

Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation North 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.

Lester E. Davis
(Signature(s) of Applicant(s))
Berniece C. Davis

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of December 19 75.

My Commission expires 9.30.77
P. L. Sutcliffe
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

