



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 Viola at Emerson Scoville Public side home

Address 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 Jefferson

Number of acres in the farm at present 89

Date of original purchase by member of your family Bennett Scoville July 15, 1853 John 1853  
Patent Dated July 15 1854 Signed by US President Franklin Pierce

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, or tax statement) \_\_\_\_\_  
NW 36 NE SW NE S 10 & NW NE SW  
Buena Vista County D408153 Section 4 Twp 79 Range 18 W of Interest  
Survey of S L P M Jaffe Co

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

NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO PRESENT OWNER
<u>Bennett Scoville</u>	<u>original owner</u>
<u>Joseph Robert Scoville</u>	<u>was brother of Bennett Scoville as grandfather of present owner Viola Scoville</u>
<u>Charles Bennett Scoville</u>	<u>of present owner Viola Scoville</u>
<u>Emerson at Viola Scoville</u>	<u>Emerson Scoville</u>
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_____	_____
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NOTE: Request for additional information on reverse side.

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? Government of U.S.A.

How many acres were in the original parcel? 20 called 80 a.

What was the cost of land per acre? ? no record.

Where was the first owner born? Meredith, New York.

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? \_\_\_\_\_

Was this a homestead? \_\_\_\_\_

Did the first owner farm the land? yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? Don't know he didn't live long after buying the land. <sup>dead as</sup> went to Civil War soldier & place bought from his estate by his wife Robert Scoville

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

Main Part of old Barn. Pin Frame

We think was built in 1876. Layer of Stone Foundation Pd by Perch measurement.

When was the present home built? 1902

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

Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation Newton Daily News, Newton Iowa

I (we), Viola Scoville

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

Viola Scoville

(Signature(s) of Applicant(s))

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June 19 75

My Commission expires

Roxann Dykstra

Notary Public in and for the

Sept. 1977

County of Jasper State of Iowa

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



Newton Iowa  
June 14 1975

Dear Sir:

This is a history of the farm owned by Emerson and Viola Scoville - brother and sister both unmarried. The major part so called 80 A. was purchased by our great Uncle Bennett Scoville in 1853. We do not know if he lived here for he owned other land and could have lived on that adjoining land. He died as Civil War soldier in 1863. Our grandfather Joseph Robert Scoville purchased the land from estate and moved here when our father Charles Bennett Scoville was approximately 5 year old. Because Correction line - earth is round not square and so Correction line. The original <sup>is</sup> was 75 A instead of 80. Grandfather bought adjoining land. Grandfather Joseph Robert Scoville died in 1884. Father Charles Bennett Scoville bought <sup>farm</sup> land from estate 161 Acres. Charles Bennett Scoville died Feb 1938 and when <sup>his</sup> the estate was closed Viola and Emerson Scoville acquired title to 125 A. To our great regret we had to sell 9 + A to Government for No 80 highway. That left 26 A on south side of the road and being quite inaccessible we sold those acres ~~and~~ that is the reason and only reason we sold any of the farm. We were born here. We will continue to live here as long as we are able to maintain a home. We don't think any one but Scoville lived on this farm if so only for short

home when belonged to Bennett. I could  
The are located north side of Buena Vista Township  
Gaspe County Town. The road is original old state  
road a much wider road than most. When the  
road was put to grade before gravel was put on there  
was no additional land taken for road, as <sup>it</sup> was found  
necessary in most <sup>such</sup> cases. There was a stage coach  
stop approximately  $1\frac{1}{2}$  mile east. The house built by  
grandfather was moved several feet and divided  
and used until 1940. The present house was built  
in 1902 by our father - it likely will be used for  
many more years. The house barn & <sup>main</sup> first yard built  
by grandfather 1876 and in early 1900 an addition was  
built. Some maple trees are still alive. Trees that  
were set out about a year after grandfather moved to the  
place. I do not know how many trees there were <sup>originally</sup>  
I do know June 1924. there were 30 or more in yard  
and just outside yard. A tornado or cyclone came early  
morning June 28 and all <sup>trees</sup> were badly damaged. Many  
have died but several <sup>trees</sup> still are alive.  
Our father loved the land and cared for it better  
than many. We learned that lesson well and we  
practice what we were taught and believe.

We do not do actual farming. We have an excellent  
renter who believes in using chemical fertilizer etc  
so farm land is kept in fine shape and continues to  
produce well. This is the neatest best kept farm yard

but land is well cared for.

Not too many farms have belonged to the same family  
100 year especially <sup>very</sup> few families have lived on the  
same farm. 100 year although land may have belonged to the  
family for that many years.

No doubt after death of Viola & Emerson Scoville  
the land will be sold to strangers.

Our father did a great deal to improve the land  
as conserve resources & keep land in good condition  
as we continue these things.

nw  $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec 4

S.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  nw  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec 4

Township 79 North Range 18

West of 5th P.M. Garfield Co

The description of land on abstract to Emerson & Viola  
Scoville as acquired in settlement of C. B. Scoville's estate.

We are very proud to live on a farm owned by the  
family for 100 years.

yours

Viola Scoville