



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~~ Dec 31, 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 Ruth F. Thomas & John Van Ekeren

Address 1 Collins Iowa 50054  
R.R. P.O. State Zip

Address of Farm, if different from above 1/2 Mitchellville Iowa 50169  
R.R. P.O. State Zip

Township Washington County Jasper

Number of acres in the farm at present 110.0 acres

Date of original purchase by member of your family March 6, 1895

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, or tax statement) W 1/2 of NW. Corner SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 except the side way of the Chicago Rock Island Railroad and the Des Moines Central Iowa Railway all in sec 9 township 79 North Range 21 West. of 5th P. M. Jasper Co Iowa.

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

NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO PRESENT OWNER
<u>John A. Richey</u>	<u>Grandfather</u>
<u>Stella Richey</u>	<u>Daughter + Niece</u>
<u>Ruth + Harris Thomas</u>	<u>Son + Husband</u>
<u>Ruth Thomas</u>	<u>Owner</u>

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? William D. Hurst & Horton B. Hurst.

How many acres were in the original parcel? 120 Acres

What was the cost of land per acre? Don't Know.

Where was the first owner born? Indiania

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Colfax Iowa

Was this a homestead? no

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? no

When was the present home built? Isn't any.

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

Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation Altoona Herald, Colfax Indep. Altoona, Iowa Colfax

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

Ruth B. Thomas  
(Signature(s) of Applicant(s))

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of December 19 75.

My Commission expires Sept 30, 1977  
Shirley Gooden  
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

