



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 Mrs. Leslie Gaston Dickson

Address Box #99, Keosauqua, Iowa 52565
R.R. P.O. State Zip

Address of Farm, if different from above R. R. #2, Keosauqua, Iowa 52565
R.R. P.O. State Zip

Township Henry County Van Buren

Number of acres in the farm at present 420

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1841

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, or tax statement) _____

The West Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 15, Township 68 North,
Range 9 West, Van Buren County, Iowa.

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

NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO PRESENT OWNER
<u>Eli Wright, Original grant</u>	<u>Maternal grandparents</u>
<u>Malinda Loder</u>	<u>" "</u>
<u>Iredill Wright</u>	<u>" "</u>
<u>Gidien Bailey, a/k/a G. S. Bailey</u>	<u>" "</u>
<u>William Gaston & wife Rachael Thomas</u>	<u>Grandfather</u>
<u>C. T. Dickson & wife Susie Allen</u>	<u>Father and mother</u>
<u>Leslie G. Dickson & wife Barbara F.</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? Iowa territory 1841

How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 acres

What was the cost of land per acre? \$1.00 per acre

Where was the first owner born? Penna.

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

Was this a homestead? Yes

Did the first owner farm the land? Yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? William Gaston & wife Rachael Thomas engaged in the following: Hunting and trapping. Ran two ferries across the Des Moines River at Vernon. Then they farmed this land.

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? One barn built in 1864.

When was the present home built? 1902.

What are the farm's crops or products? Corn, beans, hay, cattle, hogs and chickens.

Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation Van Buren Register, Keosauqua, Iowa.

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

Mrs. Barbara F. Dickson
Mrs. Leslie G. Dickson
(Signature(s) of Applicant(s))

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of May 19 75.

My Commission expires 9-30-76

James Earl Grant
Notary Public in and for the

County of Van Buren State of Iowa

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

