



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 EARL FILSON

Address 2 Birmingham Iowa 52535
R.R. P.O. State Zip

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

Township Union County Van Buren

Number of acres in the farm at present 160

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1860

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, or tax statement) Prt SE 1/4 Sec 8 T-70
R 9 W + Prt SW 1/4 of Sec 9, T-70, R 9 W

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

NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO PRESENT OWNER
<u>Nicholas Bonnett</u>	<u>Great Grand Father</u>
<u>Lewis Bonnett</u>	<u>Great Grand Father</u>
<u>Mary E. Filson</u>	<u>Grand mother</u>
<u>EARL M. Filson</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.

From whom was the farm purchased? Barnett

How many acres were in the original parcel? 240

What was the cost of land per acre? 400

Where was the first owner born? _____

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? _____

Was this a homestead? _____

Did the first owner farm the land? _____

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

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

When was the present home built? _____

What are the farm's crops or products? _____

Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation _____

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.

Earl M. Gilson
(Signature(s) of Applicant(s))

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31 day of Dec. 1973.

My Commission expires _____

Hellie E. Math
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

