



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 W. Keith Gaston

Address Keosauqua Iowa 52565
R.R. P.O. State Zip

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

Township Vernon County Van Buren

Number of acres in the farm at present 400

Date of original purchase by member of your family August 23, 1866

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, or tax statement) The south half of the
northeast quarter of section number twenty nine (29) township number sixty eight (68)
north of range number nine (9) west containing eighty acres more or less in
Van Buren County Iowa.

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

NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO PRESENT OWNER
<u>George DeHart</u>	<u>great grandfather</u>
<u>Millie S. DeHart & William L. Gaston</u>	<u>grandmother & grandfather</u>
<u>W. Keith Gaston & Ruth Wells Gaston</u>	<u>father & mother</u>
<u>Ned H. Gaston & Lorene Umphrey Gaston</u> <u>(by contract)</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? Andrew & Edward Jones

How many acres were in the original parcel? eighty (80) acres more or less

What was the cost of land per acre? \$5.56½ (total: \$445.00)

Where was the first owner born? near Vernon, Iowa, Van Buren County

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? adjacent farm with parents

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? yes

the original home is still in use, also a original barn

When was the present home built? 1868

What are the farm's crops or products? corn & hay; cattle & hogs

Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation Van Buren County Register

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.

W. T. Smith Gaston
(Signature(s) of Applicant(s))

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21 day of Nov, 1975.

My Commission expires _____

Hallie M. West
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

