



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 Richard Fordyce Silver, Col. USAF (Ret.)
 Address Apt. 11E, 420 E. 51st St., New York, N.Y. 10022
R.R. P.O. State Zip
 Address of Farm, if different from above P.O.#1, Stockport, Iowa 52651
R.R. P.O. State Zip
 Township Union County Van Buren
 Number of acres in the farm at present 180

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1838 - filed for homesteading.

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, or tax statement) Portions of Sections 25 and 26, TWP 70, Range 9, Union TWP, V, B.C. - per tax statement.

Note: On deed, 1841 Tairius purchased 80 acres, his son another 80, his son's brother-in-law (Alexander) another 80, a friend Okey another 80 acres.

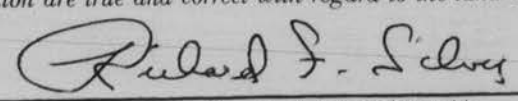
The following June his son Seth acquired all four 80 acre tracts for a total of 440.
List all family owners, to present, beginning with original:

NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO PRESENT OWNER
<u>Tairius Fordyce</u>	<u>Great Great Grandfather</u>
<u>Seth S. Sil Fordyce</u>	<u>Great Grandfather</u>
<u>Laura Fordyce Silver</u>	<u>Grandmother</u>
<u>Jacob Chester Silver</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Richard F. Silver</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? Government Land Office at Burlington, Iowa
 How many acres were in the original parcel? Homestead 120 ~~440~~ acres which grew to 440 acres.
 What was the cost of land per acre? I do not know, \$1.25 an acre.
 Where was the first owner born? James Fordyce was born in Pennsylvania, 26 July 1788
 Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Wabash County, Illinois. He crossed the Mississippi,
 Was this a homestead? Yes ~~No~~ (October 5, 1837), settled on farm January 17, 1939, died July 22, 1940.
 Did the first owner farm the land? Yes, together with his son Seth.
 Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? He was a veteran of the
Battle of Tippecanoe in Indiana.
 Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? A log cabin
was built originally, the hearthstone remains. The west half of the present
house was built in 1841. A timbered frame bank barn is still in use. (X)
 When was the present home built? Remodelled in wood to present form in 1854.
 What are the farm's crops or products? Corn, oats, soybeans, and Angus cattle.
 Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation Van Buren Register, Keosauqua, Iowa

I (we), Richard Fordyce Silver
 being duly sworn, depose and say that the statements on this application are true and correct with regard to the land described above.

 (Signature(s) of Applicant(s))

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of AUGUST 19 75.
 JOYCE A. EDWARDS
 My Commission expires MARCH 30, 1977
 Notary Public, State of New York
 No. 30-1080280 Qualified in Nassau Co.
 Certificate filed in New York County
 Commission Expires March 30, 1977
 County of NEW YORK State of NEW YORK

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

(X) The Bethany Christian Church was organized there on February 19, 1854. The church building is now gone but the Fordyce cemetery remains.
 Family



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