



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 Dennis Verbe and Shirley Jo Topping

Address #1 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 86 3/4

Date of original purchase by member of your family July 15, 1847

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, or tax statement) Northeast 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 30, Township 70 North, Range 9 West containing 40 Acres also 46 3/4 acres off the North end of the West half of the Southwest 1/4 of same section, Township and Range.

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

NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO PRESENT OWNER
<u>James Robison - July 15, 1847</u>	<u>Great-Great Grandfather</u>
<u>George W. Robison - July 15, 1854</u>	<u>Great Uncle</u>
<u>James T. Robison - Mar 12, 1879</u>	<u>Great Grandfather</u>
<u>Paul W. and Veda B. Topping - Mar 15, 1934</u>	<u>Grandfather and Grandmother</u>
<u>Dean W. and Rex R. Topping - May 11, 1967</u>	<u>Father and Uncle</u>
<u>Dennis Verbe and Shirley Jo Topping</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? United States Government by John Frank
 How many acres were in the original parcel? 164⁶⁴/₁₀₀ at \$1.25 per acre (\$205.80 paid in full)
 What was the cost of land per acre? James Robison - 86³⁴/₁₀₀ acres for a total of \$400.⁰⁰
 Where was the first owner born? Wayne County, Ohio - moved to Iowa 1839
 Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? with his parents on their farm across the road.
 Was this a homestead? _____
 Did the first owner farm the land? Great Great Grandfather did and all others since
 Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? not that we know of

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? 1900
 What are the farm's crops or products? corn, hay and pasture
 Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation Fairfield Daily Ledger & Van Buren Co. Register weekly

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.

Mrs. Dennis V. Topping
 (Signature(s) of Applicant(s))

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of April 1975
Richard W. Corney
 Notary Public in and for the _____
 My Commission expires Sept. 30 1977
 County of Van Buren State of Iowa

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

