



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 Johannie I. & Evelyn J. Williams
 Address #1 Libertyville, Iowa 52567
R.R. P.O. State Zip

Address of Farm, if different from above _____
R.R. P.O. State Zip
 Township Village County Van Buren

Number of acres in the farm at present 113

Date of original purchase by member of your family April 1, 1857

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, or tax statement) Northeast quarter of the South ~~East~~ quarter of Section 2, and the Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter of Section 1, all in Township 20, Range 11.

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

NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO PRESENT OWNER
<u>Joshua Williams</u>	<u>Great Grandfather</u>
<u>John L. Williams</u>	<u>Grandfather</u>
<u>Frank Williams</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Johannie I. Williams</u>	<u>Present Owner</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? United States to Elias Beck 1848 - Beck to Ross Thomas - 1854 - Thomas to Joshua Williams 1857 no price listed

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160

What was the cost of land per acre? Beck to Thomas - total \$400.

Where was the first owner born? Joshua Williams came from Ohio

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

Was this a homestead? Yes

Did the first owner farm the land? Joshua Williams did

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? The original home was a log cabin, gone - the barn is original and still in use

When was the present home built? 1874

What are the farm's crops or products? Corn, beans, hay

Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation Fairfield Ledger, Van Buren Co Register - Keosauqua
Ottumwa Courier

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.

Johnnie J. Williams
(Signature(s) of Applicant(s))

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of May 1975.

My Commission expires
Sept. 30, 1976

Evelyn L. Nelson
Notary Public in and for the

County of Jefferson State of Iowa

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

