



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 Craig Wilson

Address 1 Milton Iowa 52570
R.R. P.O. State Zip

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

Township Jackson County Van Buren

Number of acres in the farm at present 132 a. - Home farm

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1853, 1863, 1868, 1873

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, or tax statement) W 1/2 of SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Sec. 3; SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Sec. 4; E 1/2 of NE 1/4 of Sec. 9 (except 8A. - a strip of land 16 R. in width across S. end) - all in Twp. 68 R. 11 West of 5th P. M. - Van Buren Co. Iowa.

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

NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO PRESENT OWNER
<u>Philemon Wilson</u>	<u>Great-grandfather</u>
<u>Omer Wilson</u>	<u>Grandfather</u>
<u>James P. Wilson</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Craig Wilson</u>	<u>Present Owner</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____

Craig Wilson's son Jimmy + grandsons are farming this land now because Craig is retired, but living here still.

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? Elijah Samwell to Philemon Wilson - 1863 thence to Omer 1869; Geo. Smith to Philemon Wilson - 1853 thence to Omer in 1862; Saml Monjar to Omer Wilson in 1868 - last 20 a. from
 How many acres were in the original parcel? Geo. Hunter recorded 1873.

What was the cost of land per acre? Don't know, but when Omer died, James P. bought out heris in 1918 at \$20,000 per acre.

Where was the first owner born? Philemon Wilson - Hunterdon Co., N.J. - 6-1-4-1795
his son Omer Wilson - Dearborn Co., Ind. - 6-3-26-1836

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Philemon - farm in Dearborn Co., Ind. Bro't family to Lebanon, Van Buren Co., Iowa in 1851.

Was this a homestead? No. - Bought from several in small parcels

Did the first owner farm the land? Philemon's son farmed; he didn't live here. Omer bought the home 40a. in 1868 after returning from Civil War - other years
 Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? listed above

Family Cabinet making as well as farming

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? Probably not. Part of the shop is from the house before this one.

When was the present home built? about 1884 or 1885

What are the farm's crops or products? Corn, soybeans, oats, hay, cattle

Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation Van Buren Co. Register - Keosauqua

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

Craig Wilson
 (Signature(s) of Applicant(s))

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of May 1975.

My Commission expires Sept. 30, 1977
Ned Cook
 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

