



Iowa American Revolution Bicentennial Commission



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 Asa D Zeitler and Ruby T Zeitler
 Address 1 Doubs Iowa 52581
R.R. P.O. State Zip
 Address of Farm, if different from above Same
R.R. P.O. State Zip
 Township Chequest County Van Buren
 Number of acres in the farm at present 103 +
 Date of original purchase by member of your family 7-21-1871

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, or tax statement) 1/2 of the S.E. 1/4 of Sec. 10, Twp. 64 North Range 11 West, 80 acres. That part of N.E. 1/4 of S.E. 1/4 of said Section 10 lying West of Chequest Creek, containing 17 acres, more or less, a right of way from the road on the north side of this tract of land to my timbered land on the S.E. 1/4 of the S.E. 1/4 of said section 10 on or near where where the road now runs is reserved.
 List all family owners, to present, beginning with original: (See bottom of this sheet)

NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO PRESENT OWNER
<u>Reuben + Ruth Ann Downing</u>	<u>Grandfather + Grandmother</u>
<u>Owen + Nora (Downing) Buckles</u>	<u>Father + mother</u>
<u>Ruby (Buckles) Zeitler</u>	<u>Daughter</u>
<u>Asa Zeitler - husband</u>	

also 10 acres off the west end of the S.E. 1/4 of the S.E. 1/4 of said Sec. 10 cut off by a right line running parallel with the West line of said S.E. 1/4 of the S.E. 1/4 of said Sec. 10, Twp 64 North Range 11 West.

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.

I inherited this farm from my father OWEN BUCKLES and mother NORA (Downing) Buckles. I am a granddaughter of Reuben + Ruth Ann Downing.
 From whom was the farm purchased? I have lived here since 1909

How many acres were in the original parcel? 103

What was the cost of land per acre? Entire cost \$ 1400.00

Where was the first owner born? not known

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? not known

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 cabin home, Grain house, well, one huge maple tree, which was set out by one of the Downing daughter over 100yr ago.

When was the present home built? we moved into it on March 20, 1975. Another family is living in the cabin. It has been added on to, through the years.

What are the farm's crops or products? several rooms + 2 closed porches, covered with siding corn - forage - Dairy - beef cattle, hogs + poultry

Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation Van Buren 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.

Ruby J Geitler
 (Signature(s) of Applicant(s))

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of June 19 75.

My Commission expires _____
Alous M. Blackburn
 Notary Public 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



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