



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. *Dec 31*
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 Reuben E. L. Nelson

Address Box 364 Gowrie Iowa 50543
R.R. P.O. State Zip

Address of Farm, if different from above #2 Gowrie Iowa 50543
R.R. P.O. State Zip

Township Clay County Webster

Number of acres in the farm at present 80

Date of original purchase by member of your family June 3, 1875

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, or tax statement) West Half (W $\frac{1}{2}$) of Southeast Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 33, in Township 87 North of Range 29 West of the 5th P. M., Webster County, Iowa

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

NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO PRESENT OWNER
<u>Charles G. Nelson</u>	<u>Grandfather</u>
<u>Lisa G. Nelson</u>	<u>Grandmother</u>
<u>Andrew A. Nelson</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>John N. Nelson</u>	<u>Uncle</u>
<u>Augusta Amelia Nelson</u>	<u>Mother</u>
<u>Carl Victor LeRoy Nelson</u>	<u>Brother</u>
<u>Edna Christina Nelson</u>	<u>Sister</u>
<u>Reuben E. L. Nelson</u>	<u>Present owner</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? Iowa Homestead Company

How many acres were in the original parcel? 80

What was the cost of land per acre? \$6.00

Where was the first owner born? Sweden

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Wapello County, Iowa

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? _____

Original barn only

When was the present home built? 1965

What are the farm's crops or products? corn, beans and wheat

Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation The Gowrie News, Gowrie, Iowa 50543

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

Reuben E. L. Nelson
(Signature(s) of Applicant(s))

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of December 19 75.

My Commission expires

Sept. 30, 1976

[Signature]
Notary Public in and for the

County of Webster State of Iowa

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

Dec 31

