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Iowa Department of Agriculture  
in conjunction with  
Iowa Farm Bureau Federation

R. H. Lounsberry  
Secretary

**CENTURY FARM APPLICATION**

**Eligibility Requirements:**

1. Ownership within the same family for 100 or more years by July 4, 1977 of at least 80 acres of the original Iowa farmland.
2. Present owner must be related to a person who owned the land at least 100 years ago.
3. Application must be notarized and submitted by December 31, 1976.

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 legal farm owner by Iowa Department of Agriculture. Additional certificates may be requested.

**PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE**

Name of Present Farm Owner WILLIAM STARK ATWOOD

Address of Farm \_\_\_\_\_  
R.R. \_\_\_\_\_ P.O. \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Township CLEAR CREEK County JASPER

Number of acres in the farm at present 80 ACRES

Date of land purchase by Ancestor first owning this farm SEPTEMBER 23, 1856 (120 years ago)

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, or tax statement) \_\_\_\_\_  
N 1/2 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 17, TWP. 81 N., RANGE 21 W.  
in Jasper County, Iowa.

List all Ancestors who owned this land, beginning with original:

NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO PRESENT OWNER
<u>WILLIAM SOUTHERN (of Ill.&amp;Virg.)</u>	<u>GREAT GREAT GRANDFATHER</u>
<u>DAVID H. &amp; WILLIAM J. SOUTHERN (sons)</u>	<u>- GREAT GRANDFATHER &amp; GG UNCLE</u>
<u>DAVID HENRY SOUTHERN</u>	<u>GREAT GREAT GRANDFATHER</u>
<u>DAVID H. SOUTHERN HEIRS</u>	<u>GREAT AUNTS &amp; UNCLE</u>
<u>JESSIE MABLE (SOUTHERN) ATWOOD</u>	<u>GRANDMOTHER - Mrs. Stark Atwood</u>
<u>FLOYD MILFORD ATWOOD &amp; BRO.,</u>	<u>FATHER &amp; UNCLE</u>
<u>LOWELL SOUTHERN ATWOOD</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? JACOB & RACHEL OSWALT, and land added to it from (all in 1856) PLEASANT & SARAH PARKER

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 ACRES

What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was the first owner born? \_\_\_\_\_

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? \_\_\_\_\_

Was this a homestead? (It was for Jacob & Rachel Oswalt bought from gov't. in 1852) HOME FOR "SOUTHERNS" IN 1856

Did the first owner farm the land? YES

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? \_\_\_\_\_

NOT SURE NOW

When was the present home built? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the farm's crops or products? CORN, SOY BEANS, & HAY

Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation "NEVADA JOURNAL", Nevada, Iowa, for Collins address-"JASPER CO. TRIBUNE", Colfax, Iowa, and "NEWTON DAILY NEWS" at Newton, Iowa, for fellow Jasper Co. people and Jasper Co. location.

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.

William S. Adams (Signature(s) of Applicant(s))

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of December 19 76.

My Commission expires

Betty A. DeRous (Signature) Betty A. DeRous Public In and for the

Sept. 30, 1977

County of Jasper State of Iowa

Send to: Iowa Department of Agriculture Century Farms Program State House, Des Moines, Iowa 50319