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in conjunction with
Iowa Farm Bureau Federation

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CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Ownership within the same family for 100 or more years by July 4, 1977 of at least 40 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 June 1, 1977. 1981.

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 Steven and Ingrida Benskin

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

Township Mariposa County Jasper

Number of acres in the farm at present eighty (80) acres

Date of land purchase by Ancestor first owning this farm Warranty deed dated and filed June 10 1881

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, or tax statement) The west half of the south west quarter of section ten-Township eighty one (81) north range eighteen (18) west of the 5th P. M. Jasper County Iowa.

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

NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO PRESENT OWNER
<u>William John Paul</u>	<u>Great Great Grandfather</u>
<u>James Paul</u>	<u>Great Grandfather</u>
<u>Merle E. Paul</u>	<u>James son and brother of Wendells Mother.</u>
<u>Wendell Benskin</u>	<u>Merles nephew and Great Grandson of William John Paul and Father of Steve</u>
<u>Steven Benskin</u>	<u>Son of Wendell Benskin and Great Great Grandson of William John Paul</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? Moses Brumbaugh and C. T. Shoemaker

How many acres were in the original parcel? one-hundred sixty acres (160)

What was the cost of land per acre? _____

Where was the first owner born? County Antrim Ireland

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? This farm was very close to my Great **GREAT** grandfather William J. Pauls home farm.

Was this a homestead? No.

Did the first owner farm the land? No- he bought it for his oldest son to farm James Paul and James was my Mothers father.

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? No. **GRAND**

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

The original house that is one hundred years old is still standing but is not being used.

When was the present home built? It was there when the farm was purchased 100 years ago.

What are the farm's crops or products? corn- soybeans- oats- alfalfa- red clover

Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation Newton Daily News
Newton, Iowa
50208

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

Ingrida Benckin
Steven Benckin
(Signature(s) of Applicants(s))

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of May 19 81.

My Commission expires _____
Randal B. Caldwell
Notary Public in and for the

Sept 30, 1983
County of Jasper State of Iowa

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