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CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

1986

Eligibility Requirements;

1. Ownership within the same family for 100 or more years by July 4, 19⁸⁶ of at least 40 acres of 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, 19⁸⁶.

- 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 for each legal farm owner by the Iowa Department of Agriculture. Additional certificates may be purchased.
- A state-wide Century Farms Award Ceremony is held at the Iowa State Fair every year. You will receive notice as to the time and date of the ceremony in July. If you should have any questions, please call this office at (515)281-5323.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

(Print as you wish name to appear on certificate.)

Name of Present Farm Owner Jerry A. Ehler

Address of Centu

Township Mariposa Century Farm County Jasper

Number of acres in farm at present 40

Date your ancestors first purchased this land February 18, 1886

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

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, or tax statement) SW 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 23 Twp. 81 Range 18

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

NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO PRESENT OWNER
<u>Jurgen Ehler</u>	<u>Grandfather</u>
<u>Anna Ehler</u>	<u>Grandmother</u>
<u>Agnes Ehler</u>	<u>Aunt</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? Jerry A. Ehler inherited the farm from his aunt, Agnes Ehler

How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 acres

What was the cost of land per acre? _____

Where was the first owner born? Strukkamp, Fehmarn, Germany

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Rock Island, Illinois

Was this a homestead? Yes

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? No

When was the present home built? 1903

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

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.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of May 19 86
Jerry A. Ehler
(Signature(s) of Applicant(s))

My Commission expires 9/30/87
Richard J. Campbell
Notary Public in and for the

County of Des Moines State of Iowa

Send to: Iowa Department of Agriculture
Century Farms Program
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