



Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship  
in conjunction with  
Iowa Farm Bureau Federation

1999

PATTY JUDGE  
SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

# CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

**Eligibility Requirements;**

1. Ownership within the same family for 100 or more years by July 4, 19\_\_ 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, 19\_\_.

- 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 Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship. 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.

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ area \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Name of Present Farm Owner Charles L. and Mary Jane Gardner

Address of Century Farm \_\_\_\_\_

Township Independence R.R., P.O. or Street \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_  
Century Farm County Jasper

Number of acres in farm at present 129

Date your ancestors first purchased this land November 9, 1886

Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation Jasper County Tribune or <sup>Newspaper</sup> Daily News

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, or tax statement) Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) and the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4) of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section Nineteen (19), Township Eighty one (81) North, Range Twenty (20) West of 5th P.M.

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

NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO PRESENT OWNER
<u>E. H. Westbrook and Uretta Westbrook</u>	<u>Great grandfather and Great grandmother</u>
<u>Mary E. Westbrook Harsha</u>	<u>Grandmother</u>
<u>F. L. Harsha</u>	<u>Grandfather</u>
<u>Oma Harsha Gardner</u>	<u>Mother</u>
<u>Fred F. Gardner</u>	<u>Father</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? William Koon and Susan Koon

How many acres were in the original parcel? 50

What was the cost of land per acre? \$8.00 plus a life estate for the previous owners.

Where was the first owner born? Ohio

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Washington County, Ohio

Was this a homestead? No

Did the first owner farm the land? yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? He was a lay minister, a circuit rider

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? The house that Mr. and Mrs. Westbrook lived in burned in the 1940s.

When was the present home built? 1902 or 1903

What are the farm's crops or products? Corn, soybeans, oats

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



Mary Jane Gardner  
Charles L. Gardner  
(Signature(s) of Applicants(s))

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of May 1999.

My Commission expires

6-6-2000

Karen G. Payne  
Notary Public in and for the

County of MADISON State of NORTH CAROLINA

Send to: Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship  
Century Farms Program  
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