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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 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.

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 MERRILL M. KNIGHT

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 320

Date of land purchase by Ancestor first owning this farm OCT. 21 - 1865 DATE OF INST. OCT. 30, 1865 DATE OF FILING

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, or tax statement) _____
NORTH EAST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, AND THE NORTH WEST QUARTER OF SECTION 22, ALL IN T¹P. 81 N. R. 18 WEST OF 5TH P.M. IOWA.

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

NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO PRESENT OWNER
<u>SAMUEL KNIGHT</u>	<u>GRAND FATHER</u>
<u>DAVID R. KNIGHT</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
<u>MINNIE E. KNIGHT</u>	<u>MOTHER</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 H. COOVER - 7/1/1854 GRANT OR UNITED STATES

How many acres were in the original parcel? 120A. S 1/4 NE 1/4 AND N 1/2 SE 1/4 - SEC. 24

What was the cost of land per acre? _____

Where was the first owner born? _____

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? MOSCOW IOWA. (RURAL)

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? HOUSE

When was the present home built? 1871

What are the farm's crops or products? CORN - BEANS

Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation NEWTON DAILY NEWS

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

Merrill M. Knight
(Signature(s) of Applicant(s))

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of May 1977.

My Commission expires Sept. 30, 1978
Ray Lee Coe
Notary Public in and for the

County of Jasper State of Iowa

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