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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 Rodger and Gwyneth Lewis

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

Township Fairview Century Farm County Jasper

Number of acres in farm at present 160

Date your ancestors first purchased this land September 12, 1881

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

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, or tax statement) \_\_\_\_\_

11-78-20                      11-78-20  
SE 1/4 SE 1/4                      NE 1/4 SE 1/4

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

NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO PRESENT OWNER
<u>W.D. Livingston and Mary J. Livingston</u>	<u>Great-Grandfather to Rodger and Great Grandmother Lewis</u>
<u>D.F. and Catherine Lewis</u>	<u>Grandparents to Rodger Lewis</u>
<u>Wm. and Martin Lewis</u>	<u>Father and Uncle to Rodger Lewis</u>
<u>Rodger and Gwyneth Lewis</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? Louis Hummel ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

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? In 1854 U.S. Country President Franklin Pierce

Did the first owner farm the land? yes deeded to Thomas Dowler, then to Louis Hummel

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? ? then to W.O. Livingston

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

Yes - the house we live in.

When was the present home built? 1888 - it was added to a much older house

What are the farm's crops or products? Corn, soybeans, oats, hay,  
cattle, including cow herd, hogs

I (we), RODGER N. LEWIS Gwyneth M. Lewis

being duly sworn, depose and say that the statements on this application are true and correct with regard to the land described above.

Rodger N. Lewis Gwyneth Lewis  
(Signature(s) of Applicant(s))

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 1991.

My Commission expires 12-10-92

Robert D. Gullberg  
Notary Public in and for the

County of Jasper State of Iowa

Send to: Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship  
Century Farms Program  
Wallace Building  
Des Moines, IA 50319