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Dale M. Cochran
Secretary of Agriculture

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

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Eligibility Requirements;

1. Ownership within the same family for 100 or more years by July 4, 1997 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, 1997.

- 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.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Phone

area

Name of Present Farm Owner James Harley McIirath SR.

Address of Century F

R.R., P.O. or Street

Town

State

Zip

Township Hickory Grove

Century Farm County Jasper

Number of acres in farm at present 80 Acres

Date your ancestors first purchased this land Jan 6 1897

Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation Grinnell Herald Grinnell Iowa

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, or tax statement) The west half of the north west quarter of section 22 in Township 81 north of Range Seventeen west of the 5th P.M. in Jasper Co.

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

NAME

RELATIONSHIP TO PRESENT OWNER

James Paul McIirath

FATHER

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? Robert Rowe

How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 Acres

What was the cost of land per acre? \$ 45.00

Where was the first owner born? County Amtrim Ireland

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? South of Gilman Iowa

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? _____

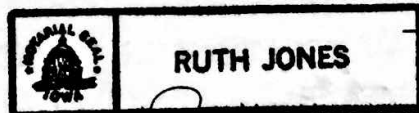
What are the farm's crops or products? CORN and soybean rotation

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

J. Harley McElroath
(Signature(s) of Applicant(s))

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of May 1997.

My Commission expires
5/8/98



Ruth Jones
Notary Public in and for the

County of Pawnee State of Iowa

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