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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~~<sup>1978</sup> 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~~<sup>1978</sup>

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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 Mr. + Mrs. Melvin Poortinga

Address of Farm, i

Township EIK Creek R.R. \_\_\_\_\_ P.O. \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
County Jasper

Number of acres in the farm at present 50 acres

Date of land purchase by Ancestor first owning this farm April 22, 1876

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, or tax statement) The Northeast

Quarter of the Southwest Quarter and all that part of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest lying North and East of the public highway, all in Section 14, Township Seventy-eight North, Range Nineteen West of the 5th P.M. Jasper County Iowa

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

NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO PRESENT OWNER
<u>John A. Tool</u>	<u>Great Grand father</u>
<u>George A. Tool</u>	<u>Grand father</u>
<u>Floyd E. Tool</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Melvin and Karen Tool Poortinga</u>	<u>Daughter</u>

NOTE: Request for additional information on reverse side.

We are applying for the 50 acres that we own. My Mother, Mrs. Floyd Tool, owns the other 230 acres part of which was owned by a Great-great grandfather, James Tool.

**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? Almos Davis, M.A. Carnahan

How many acres were in the original parcel? 280

What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was the first owner born? Virginia

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? born in Virginia moved to Ill. then Iowa

Was this a homestead? Yes

Did the first owner farm the land? ?

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? On the other 230 acres is a remodeled home built around a log cabin that was there in 1880.

When was the present home built? 1905

What are the farm's crops or products? corn, oats, soy beans

Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation Newton Daily News It doesn't matter

I (we), Melvin Koorlinga and Karen Porting being duly sworn, depose and say that the statements on this application are true and correct with regard to the land described above.

Melvin Koorlinga Karen Porting  
(Signature(s) of Applicant(s))

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 19 78.

My Commission expires Sept 30, 1980  
John A. Cooper Sr.  
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