



Iowa Department of Agriculture  
in conjunction with  
Iowa Farm Bureau Federation

R. H. Lounsberry  
Secretary

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

1984

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. Additional certificates may be purchased at a cost of \$1.00 per certificate from the Iowa Department of Agriculture.

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PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Name of Present Farm Owner Dorothy Richardson

Address of Cent

Township Richland Century Farm County Jasper

Number of acres in farm at present 178

Date your ancestors first purchased this land November 7, 1882

Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation \_\_\_\_\_

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, or tax statement) Erl. S.W. 1/4 Section 18

Twonship 79 Range 17 West of the 5th P.M., Jasper County, Iowa

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

NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO PRESENT OWNER
George C. Richardson	Uncle of Fred Richardson Ralph (deceased spouse) father
Martha J. & Levi Richardson	Martha, Aunt of Fred Richardson Levi, Cousin of Fred Richardson
James Richardson, Mary Swaney, Henry G. Richardson	
Gertrude Clark,	Aunt of Fred Richardson
Levi, Charles M. Clark, Elsworth, Alta, Walter G. Richardson	Fred's Brothers & Sisters
Mary Swaney and Alta Hallack	
Fred Richardson	Ralph's Father

NOTE: Request for additional information on reverse side.

Harold E. Richardson, Ralph Richardson, Irma V. Sharp & Esther G. Sharp - Brother & sisters of Ralph

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? \_\_\_\_\_

How many acres were in the original parcel? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Where was the first owner born? \_\_\_\_\_ Pella \_\_\_\_\_

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? \_\_\_\_\_

Was this a homestead? \_\_\_\_\_

Did the first owner farm the land? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_

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? yes yes

When was the present home built? \_\_\_\_\_ Approximately 100 years ago \_\_\_\_\_

What are the farm's crops or products? \_\_\_\_\_ Corn, beans & hay \_\_\_\_\_

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

Dorothy Richardson  
(Signature(s) of Applicant(s))

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of May 19 84.

My Commission expires  
8-18-86

Paul B. Caldwell  
Notary Public in and for the

County of JASPER State of IOWA

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