



Iowa Department of Agriculture
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Secretary

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Eligibility Requirements;

1. Ownership within the same family for 100 or more years by July 4, 1983 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, 1984.

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.

Phone No. ()

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Name of Present Farm Owner L.B. Ritter & Est. Lucille Ritter DENNIS - 1/2 ^{area} Robt L. Ritter 1/4 Jul D Ritter Jr. 1/4

Address of Century 1

Township Newton & Palo Alto Century Farm County Jasper ~~Adair~~ ~~Howe~~ ~~Stephens~~

Number of acres in farm at present Approx - 158

Date your ancestors first purchased this land 1883 or before.

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

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, or tax statement) 36-80-19-9920- S 1/2 SW 1/4 - SE 1/4
36-80-19-077300 - N 1/2 - SW 1/4 - SE 1/4 - 368019-77200 NW 1/4 - SE 1/4 - 3619-077300
36-80-19-077200 - N.W. 1/4 - SE 1/4 368019-059730 - SW 1/4 - SE 1/4
N 1/2 - SW 1/4

List all ancestors who owned this land, beginning with original:
1-79-19-0104. Lot 1 NW 1/4 NE NE 1/4 - 2-79-19-0700 Lot 1 NE 1/4 NE 1/4 - RR Right of Way
36-80-19-9910 - S.E 1/4 - SW 1/4 - 36-80-19-9900 - S.W 1/4 - SW 1/4 - 36-80-19
9920 - S 1/2 - SW 1/4

NAME

RELATIONSHIP TO PRESENT OWNER

L.B. Ritter & Minnie H. Ritter Father & Mother - GRANDPARENTS
L. DENNIS Robt & Jul D.

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 Hixon & don't know others

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 - added 40 A. at a time

What was the cost of land per acre? Est in Covered Wagon

Where was the first owner born? J.H.H. (grandparents) L.B. Ritter born in Newton 1855
Mrs " " " Germany 1864

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? AT. PARENTS. HOME IN NEWTON
from Massillon Ohio. Where now shopping Ctr. is now.

Was this a homestead? No

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? Yes

Original Home & Barn - We found the house was insulated
with - saw dust - that many years ago.

When was the present home built? Before 1883 - Home is still in use - has been

What are the farm's crops or products? CORN - BEANS - OATS - HAY Modernized in 1925
Modernized
Heard my father say he paid 10% interest a lot for those days.

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

Lucille Ritter Dennis
(Signature(s) of Applicant(s))

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

My Commission expires Aug 19, 1985
Willis Brown
Notary Public in and for the

County of Jasper State of Iowa

Send to: Iowa Department of Agriculture
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