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**CENTURY FARM APPLICATION** DEPT. OF AGRI.

**Eligibility Requirements;**

1. Ownership within the same family for 100 or more years by July 4, 1994 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, 1994

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 # \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Name of Present Farm Owner Eleanor L. and Mary Frances Wheeler

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

Township Palo Alto Century Farm County Jasper

Number of acres in farm at present 200 Acres

Date your ancestors first purchased this land November 23, 1893

Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation Newton Daily News, Newton, Iowa 50208

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, or tax statement) The East Half of the Northwest Quarter and the West Half of the Northeast Quarter and the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, all in Section 35 Township 79 North, Range 19 West of the 5th P.M. Jasper County, Iowa.

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

NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO PRESENT OWNER
John Bonaparte Wheeler	Grandfather
Ella Denniston - Agnes Lister	Aunts
Isaac Wheeler - F. M. Wheeler	Uncles
Tod Wheeler	Father - We bought out Agnes Lister (only surviving heir in 1960). Father died in

NOTE: Request for additional information on reverse side. 1946.

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? John C. and Mary Vanatta

How many acres were in the original parcel? 200 Acres

What was the cost of land per acre? don't know

Where was the first owner born? John Wheeler born in Licking Co., Ohio. Came to Iowa in 1856.

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Owned land on township line between Elk Creek and Buena Vista Townships

Was this a homestead? no

Did the first owner farm the land? Yes - for a short time. His son (F. M. Wheeler) farmed with him from 1893 - 1901. John B. (own grandfather) remarried in 1900, and moved to town the next year. The son moved to Kansas. The farm has been rented since that time. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? don't know

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? Possibly the center part of the barn is original. In recent years it was added to and interior changed. Possibly the cave is original - with new cave house built over it.

When was the present home built? 1920

What are the farm's crops or products? Corn, Soybeans and Oats. Alfalfa, Rye, Timothy and other grass seed for hay. Black Angus Cattle.

I (we), Eleanor L. Wheeler and Mary Frances Wheeler being duly sworn, depose and say that the statements on this application are true and correct with regard to the land described above.

Eleanor L. Wheeler Mary Frances Wheeler (Signature(s) of Applicant(s))

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of December 19 93

My Commission expires

Roxanna Ashby Notary Public in and for the (Roxanna Ashby)

December 10, 1995

County of Jasper State of Iowa

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