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Iowa Department of Agriculture
in conjunction with
Iowa Farm Bureau Federation

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Secretary

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Ownership within the same family for 100 or more years by July 4, 1977 of at least 80 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 December 31, 1976.

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 Bernard Zerley

Address of Farm, if d _____ R.R. _____ P.O. _____ State _____

Township Fairview County Jasper

Number of acres in the farm at present 52 Acres

Date of land purchase by Ancestor first owning this farm Dec. 13, 1867

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, or tax statement) E¹/₂ NE N of Road Sec. 23 Twp. 78 Rng. 20

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

NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO PRESENT OWNER
<u>Simon Zerley</u>	<u>Grandfather</u>
<u>W. Rae Zerley</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Bernard Rae Zerley</u>	<u>Son</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

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? Carry B. Shellady

How many acres were in the original parcel? 180 ?

What was the cost of land per acre? 100 Acres for \$2,175.00

Where was the first owner born? Jasper Co. On this farm

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

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? Yes

The new house was built using two rooms of the old house

When was the present home built? 1916 ?

What are the farm's crops or products? corn, beans, oats, hay, cattle & horses

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

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.

Bernard Zerley
(Signature(s) of Applicant(s))

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31 day of May 1977.

My Commission expires oct 1 1979
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