



Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship
in conjunction with
Iowa Farm Bureau Federation

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PATTY JUDGE
SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

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 and Land Stewardship. Additional certificates may be purchased.
- A state-wide Century Farms Award Ceremony is held at the Iowa State Fair every year. You will receive notice as to the time and date of the ceremony in July. If you should have any questions, please call this office at (515) 281-5323.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Name of Present Farm Owner James H. Mathias and Donna Lee Mathias

Address _____
R.R., P.O. or Street Town State Zip
 Township Lick Creek Century Farm County Van Buren

Number of acres in farm at present 60

Date your ancestors first purchased this land March 1, 1852

Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation Van Buren Register

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, or tax statement) The Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, and the West half of the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter, all in Section 16, Township 20 North, Range 10 West, containing 60 acres, more or less, Subject to Easement of Record.

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

NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO PRESENT OWNER
<u>Lewis E. Mathias</u>	<u>Great Grandfather</u>
<u>Leonard M. Mathias</u>	<u>Grandfather</u>
<u>Harold L. Mathias</u>	<u>Father</u>

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? 40

What was the cost of land per acre? _____

Where was the first owner born? Van Buren Co.

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Van Buren Co.

Was this a homestead? _____

Did the first owner farm the land? yes

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

Manager of Barr Coal Mine

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? NO

When was the present home built? 1958

What are the farm's crops or products? Corn, beans, cattle, Hay

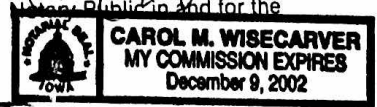
I (we), _____
being duly sworn, depose and say that the statements on this application are true and correct with regard to the land described above.

Jean H. Nathan
(Signature(s) of Applicants(s))

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of March 31st 2000.

My Commission expires
Dec. 9, 2002

Carol M. Wisecarver
Notary Public in and for the



County of Jefferson State of Iowa

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