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IOWA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP

In Conjunction with Iowa Farm Bureau Federation

PATTY JUDGE
SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE

Century Farm Application Please Print or Type

FEB 21 2005
CENTURY FARMS

Have you or any family member applied for the Century Farm Award for this farm in the past? Yes No

Name(s) of All Present Farm Owner(s) Fred & Sheila Parsons
Bradley, Julia, Stephen, Joshua, Johanna 7^{adult} children

Township Van Buren Century Farm County Van Buren

You will be awarded a certificate at the Iowa State Fair in August. What name(s) would you like on this certificate?
Rigsby Hill Farm

Number of acres in the farm: Originally 106 Currently SAME

Date your ancestors first purchased this land 1906

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

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract or tax statement) or attach copy See attachments

List all previous ancestors who owned this land, beginning with the first owner to present:

Name	Relationship to Present Owner
<u>1- Fred, Clark, Marion, Zada Rigsby</u>	<u>Great uncle/aunt</u>
<u>2- Marjorie Rigsby Parsons + husband E.G. Parsons</u>	<u>Daughter of Fred Rigsby + parents of Fred G.</u>
<u>3- Fred G. + Sheila (spouse) and 5 children.</u>	

APPLICATION CONTINUED ON REVERSE SIDE

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 attach any other data, especially family or pioneer stories concerning the farm and area around it.

How did your family originally obtain the land? Gift Homestead Purchase Will

What was the original cost of land per acre? See attachment

Was your family the first owner/settler on the land? Yes No

Where was the first family owner born? _____

Is the original home or other original building still standing or in use? 1870 Barn

2nd barn home since 1976
2nd farmhouse - #1 was demolished when highway #1 was moved

What are the farm's crops or products? In forest program

AUTHORIZATION/NOTARY

I (We), Sparrons, Sheila K. Parsons

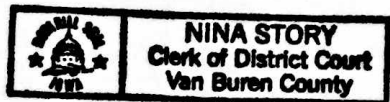
Being duly sworn, depose and say that the statements on this application are true and correct with regard to the land noted herein.

Sparrons
Signature(s) of Applicant(s)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of February, 2005.

My Commission Expires:

Nina J. Story
Notary Public



Please mail to:

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