

Iowa Department of Agriculture  
in conjunction with  
Iowa Farm Bureau Federation

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Dale M. Cochran  
Secretary

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Eligibility Requirements;

1. Ownership within the same family for 100 or more years by July 4, 1987 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, 1987.

- 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 the Iowa Department of Agriculture. 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.

Phone No

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

(Print as you wish name to appear on certificate.)

Name of Present Farm Owner Helen Hall

Township Douglas

Century Farm County webster

Number of acres in farm at present 85 Acres

Date your ancestors first purchased this land June 3, 1887

Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation Fort Dodge Messenger , Gowrie News

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, or tax statement) North West Quarter of Section 36,  
Township 89, Range 29 Douglas Township

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

NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO PRESENT OWNER
<u>Anton Alpers</u>	<u>Great Grandfather</u>
<u>J H (Anton)Alpers</u>	<u>Grandfather</u>
<u>Elsie Bothe &amp; H F Bothe</u>	<u>Mother and Father</u>
<u>Arthur Alpers</u>	<u>Uncle</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? John Garaghty & Thomas & Michael Harper who had purchased it from the U S Government

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 Acres

What was the cost of land per acre? \$ 15.00 per Acre Purchase price was 2400.00

Where was the first owner born? Germany

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Anton Alpers had purchased some land in 1858 around Witchita, Kansas, but sickness had strucked the family so he moved east to Bloomington Illinois.

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, but J H (Anton) Alpers did work as a harness maker in addition to farming

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? Around 1905 or 1906

What are the farm's crops or products? At the present time it is corn and beans

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

Selen Zell  
(Signature(s) of Applicants(s))

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 19 87.

My Commission expires  
9-7-89

Lyncha J. Hinks  
Notary Public in and for the

County of Webster State of Iowa

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