



Iowa Department of Agriculture  
in conjunction with  
Iowa Farm Bureau Federation

R. H. Lounsberry  
Secretary

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**CENTURY FARM APPLICATION**

**Eligibility Requirements:**

1. Ownership within the same family for 100 or more years by July 4, 19~~83~~ 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~~83~~.

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 No. \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Name of Present Farm Owner MARGARET LEDFORD, DWIGHT J. + BERNADEEN LEDFORD

Add \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

R.R., P.O. \_\_\_\_\_

Township JOHNSON

Number of acres in farm at present 240

Date your ancestors first purchased this land June 1, 1883

Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation FORT DODGE MESSENGER

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, or tax statement) THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF THE NORTH WEST QUARTER AND THE NORTH WEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION THIRTY-THREE (33) IN TOWNSHIP EIGHTY-NINE (89) NORTH OF RANGE THIRTY (30) WEST OF THE 5" P.M. CONTAINING EIGHTY ACRES BY GOVERNMENT SURVEY.

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

See Statement Attached

NAME

RELATIONSHIP TO PRESENT OWNER

CORNELIUS LYNCH

UNCLE + GREAT UNCLE

NOTE: Request for additional information on reverse side.

John S.  
Mabel A.  
to  
Josiah  
34.

### 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? W.H. BARNUM + WIFE CHARLOTTE

How many acres were in the original parcel? ~~80~~

What was the cost of land per acre? ~~\$1500~~

Where was the first owner born? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Was this a homestead? \_\_\_\_\_

Did the first owner farm the land? \_\_\_\_\_

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than 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? 1928

What are the farm's crops or products? CORN + SOY BEANS

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

Mrs. Bernadeen Ledford  
(Signature(s) of Applicant(s))

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1 day of June 19 83.

My Commission expires  
9/30/85

June M. Lynch  
Notary Public in and for the

County of Webster State of Iowa

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