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CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

1985

Eligibility Requirements;

1. Ownership within the same family for 100 or more years by July 4, 1985 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 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

GORDON MARTINSON

Address of Century Farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

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

Township LOST GROVE

Century Farm County WEBSTER

Number of acres in farm at present \_\_\_\_\_

240

Date your ancestors first purchased this land \_\_\_\_\_

March 17, 1885

Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation \_\_\_\_\_

GOWRIE NEWS GOWRIE, IA

50543

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, or tax statement) \_\_\_\_\_

The East half of the southeast Quarter of Section 22 in Township No. 86 North of Range No. 29 Containing Eighty (80) acres of land according to Government Survey be the same more or less.

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

NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO PRESENT OWNER
A.W. Castner	Grandfather
Mabel Martinson	Mother
Albert Martinson	Father
Gordon Martinson	Present owner

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? Martha M. Burns (formerly Newson) and her husband Philip Burns

How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 acres

What was the cost of land per acre? \$15.00 per acre

Where was the first owner born? Sweden (A.W. Castner)

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? 1 1/2 miles at neighbors 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? No

When was the present home built? 1940

What are the farm's crops or products? Corn, Soybeans, & oats

I (we), Gordon Martinson

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

Gordon Martinson  
(Signature(s) of Applicant(s))

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5<sup>th</sup> day of June 19 85.

My Commission expires  
July 11, 1987

Robert M. Anderson  
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