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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

Area Code \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of Present Farm Owner(s) Thomas and Lena Merrill

Name(s) for Certificate Lena Hepperle Merrill

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
R.R., P.O. or Street                      Town                      State

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

Township Cooper                      Century Farm County Webster

Name of your local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation: Fort Dodge Messenger

Number of Acres in the Farm: Originally: 80                      Currently: 94

What was the original cost of land per acre? \$75/acre

Date your ancestors first purchased this land January 6, 1904

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

How did your family originally obtain the land? \_\_\_\_\_ Gift \_\_\_\_\_ Homestead \_\_\_\_\_ Purchase X

Where was the first owner born? Germany

Is the original home or other original buildings still standing or in use? yes, the house and barn

What are the farm's crops or products? Corn and soybeans

APPLICATION CONTINUED ON REVERSE SIDE

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

West 1/2 of SE 1/4 Section 1, Township 89 N, Range 28 West  
of the 5th PM containing 80 acres more or less except  
right of way to Chicago Great Western RR Company

List all family owners, beginning with the first owner to present:

NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO PRESENT OWNER
Charles Hepperle	Father of Lena Hepperle Merri
Lena Hepperle Merrill	

**AUTHORIZATION/NOTARY**

I (We), Thomas Merrill and Lena Merrill  
being duly sworn, depose and say that the statements on this application are true and correct with regard to the  
land noted herein.

Thomas Merrill Lena Hepperle Merrill  
Signature(s) of Applicant(s)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2004

My Commission Expires:  
12-7-04

Maureen Merrill  
Notary Public in and for the State of Iowa



**PLEASE MAIL TO:**  
Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship  
Attention: Century Farms Program  
Wallace State Office Building, 502 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Des Moines, IA 50319