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**CENTURY FARM APPLICATION**

1986

**Eligibility Requirements;**

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

Tenus Nerhus Estate

Address of Century Farm, if different from above

Township Badger Century Farm County WEBSTER

Number of acres in farm at present 148

Date your ancestors first purchased this land Oct. 3 1882

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

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, or tax statement) SE 1/4 of section 4 township 90 North R 28

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

NAME

RELATIONSHIP TO PRESENT OWNER

Thomas Oaenson	Great-Grandfather
Andrew Nerhus	Grandfather
Tenus Nerhus	Father
Tenus Nerhus Estate	

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? Thomas Chantland

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160

What was the cost of land per acre? \$4400 total

Where was the first owner born? Norway

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

Was this a homestead? Humphery Blythe

Did the first owner farm the land? No

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? 1916

What are the farm's crops or products? CORN & Beans

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

Valdon e. Nerhus  
(Signature(s) of Applicant(s))

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25 day of April 19 86.

My Commission expires  
JEAN BAKER  
Notary Public in and for Webster County, Iowa  
Jean Baker  
Notary Public in and for the

My Commission Expires September 7, 1988

County of Webster State of Iowa

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