



Iowa Department of Agriculture  
in conjunction with  
Iowa Farm Bureau Federation

R. H. Lounsberry  
Secretary

**CENTURY FARM APPLICATION**

1985

**Eligibility Requirements;**

1. Ownership within the same family for 100 or more years by July 4, 19<sup>85</sup> 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<sup>85</sup>

- 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

Carl S. Thorne

Address of Century Farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_ R.R., P. \_\_\_\_\_

Township Dayton Century Farm County WATERLOO

Number of acres in farm at present 160

Date your ancestors first purchased this land June 26 1882

Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation Dayton Review

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, or tax statement) The west half of the Northeast Quarter of section 36, Township 86, Range 28 west of the 5th R.M. Iowa

Containing 80 acres more or less according to government survey.

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

NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO PRESENT OWNER
I. M. Thorne	Grand father
C. A. Thorne	Father
Carl S. Thorne	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? C. J. & Anna S. Freed

How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 acres

What was the cost of land per acre? \$25<sup>00</sup> plus

Where was the first owner born? Sweden

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Marshalltown, Iowa

Was this a homestead? ?

Did the first owner farm the land? His son Carl A. Thorne did most of farming

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? Carpenter by Trade

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? In the late 1890's

What are the farm's crops or products? Corn & Soybeans at present

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

Carl S. Thorne  
(Signature(s) of Applicant(s))

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7 day of December 19 84.

My Commission expires  E. Alan Johnson  
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