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Iowa Department of Agriculture
in conjunction with
Iowa Farm Bureau Federation

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Secretary

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Ownership within the same family for 100 or more years by July 4, 1977 of at least 80 acres of the original 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 December 31, 1976.

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 per legal farm owner by Iowa Department of Agriculture. Additional certificates may be requested.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Name of Present Farm Owner WILFORD WILKINSON

Address of farm, if different from above _____
R.R. _____

Township Howrie County Webster

Number of acres in the farm at present 28^d

Date of land purchase by Ancestor first owning this farm June 22nd, 1976

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, or tax statement) ORIGINAL DEED COVERED:
NE 1/4 & SW 1/4 Section 21 - 86 North, Range 30 West of 5th PM
Webster County, Iowa (PRESENT OWNER OWNS): Northeast
Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section 21, Township 86N, Range 30 West of
5th PM Webster County, Iowa

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

NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO PRESENT OWNER
<u>Anthony Wilkinson</u>	<u>Great Grandfather</u>
<u>Albert Wilkinson</u>	<u>Grandfather</u>
<u>Ralph Wilkinson</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Wilford Wilkinson Life Estate</u>	<u>Present owner</u>

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? Iowa Rail Road Land Company

How many acres were in the original parcel? 320

What was the cost of land per acre? Total cost \$2204.00 was paid

Where was the first owner born? Ireland

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

Was this a homestead? yes

Did the first owner farm the land? yes with his son Albert Wilkinson

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? He was in the Mexican War ~~the~~ afterwards received land grants.

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? one of the barns is original.

When was the present home built? 1889

What are the farm's crops or products? Corn, oat Hay Beans

Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation Gowrie News

I (we), WILFORD WILKINSON

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

Wilford Wilkinson
(Signature(s) of Applicant(s))

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of December 1976.

My Commission expires

Dean J. Erb
Notary Public in and for the

9-30-77

County of Webster State of Iowa

Send to: Iowa Department of Agriculture
Century Farms Program
State House, Des Moines, Iowa 50319