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CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

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, 1985

- 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. (319) 293-3360
area

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

(Print as you wish name to appear on certificate.)

Name of Present Farm Owner Cecil Otto Thomas

Address RR #1, Box 139, Keosauqua, Iowa 52565
R.R., P.O. or Street Town State Zip

Address of Century Farm, if different from above
R.R., P.O. or Street Town State Zip

Township Von Buren Century Farm County Von Buren County

Number of acres in farm at present 90

Date your ancestors first purchased this land 26 December 1881

Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation The Von Buren Register

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, or tax statement) See attached

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

NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO PRESENT OWNER
<u>Daniel^m Thomas</u>	<u>Great Grandfather</u>
<u>Reuben R. Thomas</u>	<u>Grandfather</u>
<u>Otto Thomas</u>	<u>Father</u>

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? Wm H Boyd & Wife; Mary ReKette

How many acres were in the original parcel? _____

What was the cost of land per acre? _____

Where was the first owner born? _____

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

Was this a homestead? _____

Did the first owner farm the land? yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? Hunting & Carpenter

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? _____

Portion of log cabin left - mostly destroyed by tornado

When was the present home built? 1925

What are the farm's crops or products? alfalfa, corn, oats, beef cattle, hogs, sheep

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

Cecil O. Thomas
(Signature(s) of Applicants(s))

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21 day of May 19 85.

My Commission expires _____
Notary Public in and for the



County of Van Buren State of Iowa

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

WARRANTY DEED.

Acres, Blackmar & Co., Printers, Burlington.

Know all Men by these Presents:

That I Daniel M Thomas of Van Buren County, and State of Iowa in consideration of the sum of Four Hundred & Twenty five DOLLARS, in hand paid by Reuben C Thomas of Van Buren County, and State of Iowa do hereby SELL AND CONVEY unto the said Reuben C Thomas

the following described premises, situated in the County of Van Buren and State of Iowa, to-wit:

Thirty six acre off of the South Side of the South Half of the South West Quarter of Section Four (4) Township Sixty Eight (68) Range Ten (10) West.

And I hereby covenant with the said Reuben C Thomas that I hold said premises by title in fee simple; that I have good right and lawful authority to sell and convey the same; that they are free and clear of all liens and incumbrances whatsoever. And I covenant to WARRANT AND DEFEND the said premises against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever. And the said Daniel M Thomas is unmarried and hereby relinquish right of dower in and to the above described premises.

Signed this 15th day of October A. D. 1889

IN PRESENCE OF

Attest Robert Stone

Daniel M Thomas Mark

STATE OF IOWA.

Van Buren County

WARRANTY DEED.

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Know all Men by these Presents:

That we Mary E. Ricketts and Jas M. Ricketts of Vanburen County, and State of Iowa in consideration of the sum of one hundred and five (\$105.00) DOLLARS, in hand paid by Ruben Thomas of Vanburen County, and State of Iowa do hereby SELL AND CONVEY unto the said Ruben Thomas

the following described premises, situated in the County of Vanburen and State of Iowa, to-wit:

fifteen Acres (15) in N. part of S. 71/2, 14 of S. 41/2 14 of Sec. Thirty four (34) Tp. (68) north of range ten (10) West.

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And we hereby covenant with the said Ruben Thomas

that we hold said premises by title in fee simple; that we have good right and lawful authority to sell and convey the same; that they are free and clear of all liens and incumbrances whatsoever; and we covenant to WARRANT AND DEFEND the said premises against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever.

And the said Jas M. Ricketts hereby relinquishes his right of dower in and to the above described premises.

Signed this 9th day of Nov A. D. 1885

IN PRESENCE OF

[Witness lines and signatures of Mary E. Ricketts and Jas M. Ricketts]

STATE OF IOWA, Vanburen County,

On this 9th day of Nov A. D. 1885

WARRANTY DEED.

ROBERT FIDLAR & CHAMBERS, DAVENPORT, IOWA

Know all Men by these Presents, That *We Wm H Boyd and Imelda Boyd his Wife* of *Van Buren* County, and State of *Iowa* in consideration of the sum of *Twenty Dollars* DOLLARS, in hand paid by *Reuben Thomas* of *Van Buren* County, and State of *Iowa* do hereby SELL AND CONVEY unto the said *Reuben Thomas his Heirs and Assignes* the following described premises,

situated in the County of *Van Buren* and State of Iowa, to-wit: *Five acres off the south end of the East Five Eighths 7/8 of the North West quarter of the South West 1/4 quarter of section Thirty Four in lot seven according to the original survey in said section in Township sixty nine Range ten West*

And *we* hereby covenant with the said *Reuben Thomas* that *we* hold said premises by title in fee simple; that *we* have good right and lawful authority to sell and convey the same; that they are free and clear of all liens and incumbrances whatsoever; and *we do* covenant to WARRANT AND DEFEND the said premises against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever.

And the said *Imelda Boyd* hereby relinquish *her* right of dower in and to the above described premises.

Signed this *29* day of *November* A. D. 188*5*.

IN PRESENCE OF

William H Boyd
Imelda Boyd

STATE OF IOWA, *Van Buren* COUNTY, SS:

On this *29* day of *November* A. D. 188*5*, before me *Wm. Brooks Notary Public*