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Iowa Department of Agriculture
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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, 1980 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, 1980.

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 Iowa Department of Agriculture. Additional certificates may be purchased at a cost of \$1.00 per certificate from the Iowa Department of Agriculture.

Phone No. (319-) 293-3680
area

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Name of Present Farm Owner Wilbur Valentine Strait

Address R. R. # 1, 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 Van Buren West Century Farm County Van Buren

Number of acres in farm at present 160

Date your ancestors first purchased this land March 20, 1880

Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation Van Buren County Register

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, or tax statement) 83 acres in SW 1/4, Sec. 14, Twp. 69 R. 10 W.

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

Table with 2 columns: NAME, RELATIONSHIP TO PRESENT OWNER. Rows include Samuel Strait (Grandfather), Israel H. Strait (Father), and Wilbur V. Strait (Present 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? William Beggs Estate / Trustees Joseph Warren, D. S. Jamison, and John D. Cook, Referees

How many acres were in the original parcel? 83 acres

What was the cost of land per acre? \$24.24 an acre

Where was the first owner born? Ohio

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

Was this a homestead? No.

Did the first owner farm the land? Yes.

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? No.

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

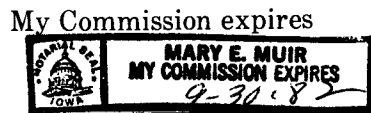
When was the present home built? 1836

What are the farm's crops or products? corn, beans, and hay, cattle, general farming

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

Signature of Wilbur V. Strait (Signature(s) of Applicants(s))

Subscribed and sworn to before me this Fourteenth day of May 19 80



Signature of Notary Public Mary E. Muir (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