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Iowa Department of Agriculture
in conjunction with
Iowa Farm Bureau Federation

R. H. Lounsberry
Secretary

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Ownership within the same family for 100 or more years by July 4, 1978, 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, 1978.

4-24-78

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.

Name of Present Farm Owner ROBERT S MITCHELL
PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Address BONAPARTE IOWA 52620
R.R., P.O. or Street Town State Zip

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

Township FARMINGTON County VAN BUREN

Number of acres in farm at present 140 + 40

Date your ancestors first purchased this land 1870

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

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, or tax statement) NE SE Sec. 30 Twp 68 Rng 8 - 40 ACRES; SE SE Sec. 30 Twp 68 - Rng 8 - 39 1/2 ACRES; PRT NE NE N of Road Sec. 31, Twp 68 Rng 8 - 28 ACRES; PRT E 1/2 NE S of Road Sec. 31 Twp. 68 - Rng 8 - 34.3 ACRES

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

NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO PRESENT OWNER
<u>Tom & John Ochen don</u>	<u>None</u>
<u>Thomas C Mitchell</u>	<u>Grand Father</u>
<u>Donald R Mitchell</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? Donald Mitchell

How many acres were in the original parcel? 140

What was the cost of land per acre? 75.⁰⁰

Where was the first owner born? Bonaparte, Iowa

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Born & raised on farm

Was this a homestead? Yes

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? No

When was the present home built? 1928

What are the farm's crops or products? Raising Livestock & Grain

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

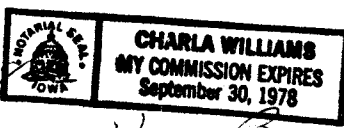
Robert Mitchell
(Signature(s) of Applicant(s))

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of April, 1978

My Commission expires

Charles Williams
Notary Public in and for the

Sept 30, 1978



County of Van Buren State of Iowa

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