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Iowa Department of Agriculture  
in conjunction with  
Iowa Farm Bureau Federation

R. H. Lounsberry  
Secretary

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

5-8-78

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.

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.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Name of Present Farm Owner Ira F. Smith

Address RR#1, Contril, Iowa 52542  
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 Des Moines County Van Buren  
State Zip

Number of acres in farm at present 168 acres

Date your ancestors first purchased this land 1848

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

X Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, or tax statement) \_\_\_\_\_

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

NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO PRESENT OWNER
<u>John Smith</u>	<u>Grandfather</u>
<u>Charles R Smith</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? John DeFord

How many acres were in the original parcel? over 300 acres

What was the cost of land per acre? around \$18

Where was the first owner born? Ireland

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

Was this a homestead?

Did the first owner farm the land? Yes

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

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

When was the present home built?

What are the farm's crops or products?

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.

X Ira F Smith (Signature(s) of Applicants(s))

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3 day of May 19 77

My Commission expires MARY E. MUIR MY COMMISSION EXPIRES 9-30-79 Notary Public in and for the State of Iowa

County of Van Buren State of Iowa

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