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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, 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 Harold F. Pratt & Alvena L. Pratt

Address RR #2, Box 30, Keosauqua, Iowa 52555  
R.R. P.O. State Zip

Address of Farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_  
R.R. P.O. State Zip

Township Chicklington County Van Buren

Number of acres in the farm at present 240

Date of land purchase by Ancestor first owning this farm January 27, 1874

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, or tax statement) W $\frac{1}{2}$ ---SW $\frac{1}{4}$  SEC. 25--69--9

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

NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO PRESENT OWNER
<u>Henry B. Edmonson</u>	<u>Great Uncle</u>
<u>Sarah Edmonson, March 17, 1915</u>	<u>Great Aunt</u>
<u>Edna Thomas August 27, 1937</u>	<u>Aunt-- She is my mother's sister</u>
<u>Harold F. Pratt &amp; Alvena L. Pratt</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? J. E. Seward & Wife. January, 27, 1874

How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 acres.

What was the cost of land per acre? Can't find any record of it.

Where was the first owner born? Henry B. Edmonson was from Kentucky.

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? He lived in Kentucky 1844

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? No

When was the present home built? 1879

What are the farm's crops or products? Corn, Hay, Cattle & Soybeans

Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation Record-Republican, Bonaparte, Iowa.

I (we), HAROLD F. PRATT & ALVENA L. PRATT

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

Harold F. Pratt  
Alvena L. Pratt  
(Signature(s) of Applicants(s))

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of December 1976.

My Commission expires  
9-30-79

Angie P. McCoy  
Notary Public In and for the

County of VAN BUREN State of IOWA

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