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CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

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Dale M. Cochran
Secretary of Agriculture

Eligibility Requirements;

1. Ownership within the same family for 100 or more years by July 4, 1997 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, 1997.

- 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 and Land Stewardship. 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. (515) 675-3367
area

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Name of Present Farm Owner Marie K. Birchmier

Address P.O. Box 157 Pulaski Iowa 52584
R.R., P.O. or Street Town State Zip

Address of Century Farm, if different from above RR Milton Iowa 52570
R.R., P.O. or Street Town State Zip

Township 68 Century Farm County Van Buren

Number of acres in farm at present 174

Date your ancestors first purchased this land Feb 11, 1895

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

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The Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter, the West half of the West half of the Southeast Quarter, all in Section 28, Township 68 North, Range 11 West, and The Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 33 and Fourteen(14) acres off of the East side of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 33, all in Township 68 North, Range 11 West and

Containing in all 174 acres, more or less

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

NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO PRESENT OWNER
<u>William M. Harbin</u>	<u>Great Grandfather</u>
<u>Willis Harbin</u>	<u>Grandfather</u>
<u>Halsie K. Harbin</u>	<u>Father</u>

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? Nelson & Rosa B. Ellis

How many acres were in the original parcel? 40

What was the cost of land per acre? \$23.00

Where was the first owner born? Van Buren County

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

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? ---

What are the farm's crops or products? CORN, BEANS, HAY

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

Marie L. Birchmeier
(Signature(s) of Applicant(s))

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of March 1999.

My Commission expires

2/8/99

Janette E. Yelley
Notary Public in and for the

County of Wapello State of Iowa

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