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Iowa Farm Bureau Federation

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Dale M. Cochran  
Secretary of Agriculture

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

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Eligibility Requirements;

1. Ownership within the same family for 100 or more years by July 4, 19\_\_ 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, 19\_\_.

- 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) 656-4233  
area

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Name of Present Farm Owner Robert E. Burchett Sue E. Burchett

Address RR1 Box 164 Milton IOWA 52570  
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 (68) Jackson + Chequamegon (69) Century Farm County Van Buren Co

Number of acres in farm at present 160

Date your ancestors first purchased this land April 1888

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

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, or tax statement) W. half 1/2 of the N.W. quarter of Section 3 in township 68 and the S.W. quarter of the S.W. quarter of Section 34 in township 69 all N. of range (11) west.

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

NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO PRESENT OWNER
<u>John H. Burchett</u>	<u>grandfather</u>
<u>Burr B. Burchett</u>	<u>father</u>
<u>Robert E. Burchett</u>	<u>present owner</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? Noratis Skells, wife 1888

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160

What was the cost of land per acre? \$18.75

Where was the first owner born? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Was this a homestead? \_\_\_\_\_

Did the first owner farm the land? \_\_\_\_\_

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? \_\_\_\_\_

house, we still live in it.

When was the present home built? 1880's

What are the farm's crops or products? hay, corn, beans

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

Sue Burchett  
Robert E. Burchett  
(Signature(s) of Applicants(s))

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of May 1995.

My Commission expires  
4-11-96



Barbara Morris  
Notary Public in and for the

County of Van Buren State of Iowa

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