



Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship  
in conjunction with  
Iowa Farm Bureau Federation

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Dale M. Cochran  
Secretary of Agriculture

# CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

**Eligibility Requirements;**

1. Ownership within the same family for 100 or more years by July 4, 19<sup>96</sup> 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<sup>96</sup>.

- 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. (901) 757-2840

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Name of Present Farm Owner RICHARD ELLIOTT - 4350 OLD FOREST RD - MEMPHIS, TN - 38125  
IRMA ELLIOTT R.R. 1 Box 57 BONAPARTE, IA - 52620  
DEAN STECKER 200 BRAZELTON MT. PLEASANT, IA. - 52641

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
R.R., P.O. or Street \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Address of Century Farm, if different from above KEOSAUQUA, IOWA 52565  
R.R., P.O. or Street \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Township HENRY Century Farm County VAN BUREN

Number of acres in farm at present 160

Date your ancestors first purchased this land FEBRUARY 27, 1896 Recorded MARCH 10, 1896

Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation VAN BUREN COUNTY REGISTER  
KEOSAUQUA, IA 52565

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, or tax statement) THE W 1/2 OF THE SE 1/4  
and E 1/2 OF SW 1/4 OF SECTION 3 TOWNSHIP 68 N,  
RANGE 9 W - 160 ACRES

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

NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO PRESENT OWNER
<u>F. M. ELLIOTT</u>	<u>GRANDFATHER</u>
<u>F. S. ELLIOTT</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? ELVIRA BOYER ESTATE

How many acres were in the original parcel? 200

What was the cost of land per acre? \$ 29.375

Where was the first owner born? Cumingham, Iowa

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? WINCHESTER, IOWA

Was this a homestead? No

Did the first owner farm the land? YES

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

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

HOUSE STILL IN USE, ONE BARN STANDING BUT IN DISREPAIR.

When was the present home built? BELIEVE TO BE 1870-1875

What are the farm's crops or products? HAY AND FEED GRAINS

I (we), Richard D. Elliott, Irma M. Elliott, & Dean Stecker being duly sworn, depose and say that the statements on this application are true and correct with regard to the land described above.

Richard D. Elliott  
Irma M. Elliott  
Dean Stecker  
(Signature(s) of Applicants(s))

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of March 1986.

My Commission expires 1-22-1999



Betty Johnson  
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  
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Des Moines, IA 50319