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

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, 1998 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, 1998.

- 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.

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Phone No. (319) 498-4334 area

Name of Present Farm Owner ELNA Greenfield

Address RR Box # 170 Birmingham Iowa 52535
R.R., P.O. or Street Town State Zip

Address of Century Farm, if different from above Birmingham IA 52535
R.R., P.O. or Street Town State Zip

Township Lick Creek Century Farm County Van Buren

Number of acres in farm at present 160 Acres & they tax me for 153.00 acres

Date your ancestors first purchased this land 2nd - 1890

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

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, or tax statement) Parcel 38.00 acres N.E - NW

Parcel 40.00 acres S E NW

Parcel 38.00 acres NW - NE (Homestead) Lick Creek township Van Buren

Parcel 39.00 N.E NE district 037

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

NAME

RELATIONSHIP TO PRESENT OWNER

Christine Rodabaugh: Homesteaded the land (160 A) in 1846 and sold it to William S. Greenfield in 1890 and he owned it til 1915 and sold it to Charles E. Greenfield & he died and they it sold to Joe & Elma Greenfield. Joe died 7-31-97. & Elma still remains as owner for a total of 107 yrs in Greenfield family

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? Christiane Rodulph (He Never Stated it)

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160

What was the cost of land per acre? Joe gave \$25.00 per acre in 1971

Where was the first owner born? ?

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

Was this a homestead? not for the Greenfields

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? not the house I'm not sure when barns were built but I was in one remembers when barns were built

When was the present home built? 1983 thru 1985

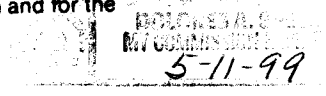
What are the farm's crops or products? corn, beans, & hay

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

Elna Greenfield
(Signature(s) of Applicant(s))

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of November 1997.

My Commission expires 5-11-99
Dolores A. Spees
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

11-11-94

Dear Sir:

I'm sending you about all the information I was able to find out. Joe Sheenfield ^{old} built the old home but as to the barns I was unable to find out I asked one of William Sheenfield's Gr sons Lester McKee (90 yrs old) if he knew when Barns were built & he didn't know but figured shortly after house was built in 1898. So can't say definitely as to the time the two Barns were built. Sorry I can't say positively.

Yours truly
Elna Sheenfield

P.S. We have a son Wesley & he plans to move here after I'm done living in the newer built home of 1983.