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CENTURY FARM APPLICATION DEPT. OF AGRI.

Eligibility Requirements;

1. Ownership within the same family for 100 or more years by July 4, 1993 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, 1993.

- 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. (515) 936-4461
area

Name of Present Farm Owner Harold and Ethel Harryman

Address Box 211 D Douds Iowa 52551
R.R., P.O. or Street Town State Zip

Address of Century Farm, if different from above R. R. 1 Douds Iowa 52551
R.R., P.O. or Street Town State Zip

Township Chequest Century Farm County Van Buren

Number of acres in farm at present 240

Date your ancestors first purchased this land February 25, 1893

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

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, or tax statement) The South East quarter of
the South West quarter also the South West quarter of the South East
quarter also two acres out of the South West corner of the North West
quarter of the South East quarter - all in Sec. 2, Twp. 69, Range 11 West

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

NAME

RELATIONSHIP TO PRESENT OWNER

Francis S. Harryman

Joe & Emma Harryman; Harold & Ethel Harryman; Lucien Harryman

Harold & Ethel Harryman and Lucien & Lorna Harryman

Harold and Ethel Harryman

If the little house on the original 80 Acres of land could talk, it would tell many stories over the past hundred years. It would tell you, first of all, that our ancestor was an industrious farm boy, who, besides helping his parents, taught school, taught himself to play a violin, and was a salesman. He saved his money, purchased this land, and brought his bride to live within.

It was in the house that nine children were born and well started on life's journey. Acres of adjoining land was acquired, buildings built, house enlarged, a fruit orchard planted and cultivated and it was called "Orchard Farm". The house would tell of changes within - the wood stove to furnace; of kerosene lamps to Delco plant to REC electric; cistern wells, ponds, deep well, to rural water and indoor plumbing; from cave, ice box to refrigerators and deep freezers; gas and electric ranges replaced the Old Majestic; from fruit cellar to a basement, as well as its own enlargement. Outside was the transition of horse power to tractors as a source of energy to till the soil and harvest; hand sickle to reaper to threshing machine to combines; pitch forks, hay loaders, elevators. This was one of the first farms in the county to employ conservation practices. Terraces were built and grass waterways were established.

The children were educated in the one room school house and later the Consolidated School in Douds. The roads were dirt, finally gravel, and in 1961 became a paved surface.

The joys of this family unit were many, but there were also sorrows. A mother was taken by death at an early age, leaving a family of six (10 mo. - 12 yrs.). A second mother gave devoted care and added three to the circle. The second sorrow was when the oldest daughter had scarlet fever and the fever deadened the brain cells and destroyed her brilliant mind. She lived with family care for 42 years and spent the next 30 years, now blind, in a nursing home, departing this life in 1974. The death of the second mother in 1933 and the father in 1938, became our third sorrow. The fourth sorrow was the disastrous tornado of 1967 which destroyed almost all buildings except the house. It left, even the house, in ruins; splintered board fences; wire fences were twisted, tangled and broken; pumps were destroyed; trees now only jagged boughs; hay, straw and grain severely damaged; electric wiring destroyed; cattle and sheep, some killed and others maimed; and machinery flattened. Almost two generations of improvements disappeared in less than five minutes. The Harrymans do not give up so restoration has continued with the labors of the second and third generations.

The encouragement of these early parents developed citizens worthy of their surname. Three of the nine of the second generation are living, and one of the third generation has made it his home for 28 years, since his college graduation. The rest of the third and fourth generations are scattered throughout the United States and Europe.

The secret of the hundred years has been that the soil belongs to God - take care of it and improve it; practice self denial and purchase only what you can pay for.

If you care to read more about this family, you may read the book "ELIJAH HARRYMAN, HIS DESCENDANTS & ALLIED LINES, 1661-1977" by Ethel I. Harryman, in the State & County Libraries, pp. 140-187 with stories and pictures up to that time.

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? Robert M. and Elizabeth Bowen

How many acres were in the original parcel? 82

What was the cost of land per acre? \$36.58 Total - \$3,000

Where was the first owner born? Chequest Township, Van Buren County, Iowa

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

Was this a homestead? Yes

Did the first owner farm the land? Yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? Teacher

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

When was the present home built? Remodeled in 1911 and 1967

What are the farm's crops or products? Corn, oats, beans, alfalfa

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

X Harold E. Harryman (Signature(s) of Applicants(s))

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of March 1983

My Commission expires 7-11-94



Carol A. Carr 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