

INVENTORY

OF

THE IOWA CENTURY FARMS RECORDS

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Introduction

After the Bicentennial the Iowa Century Farm 1976 listings collected by the Iowa Farm Bureau were taken a step further by Dr. Stanley Yates who wrote the present owners asking them for historical information about their farms and the forebears who nurtured them for one hundred years. The information sought might be in the form of diaries, journals, farm record books, deeds, stories, pictures and the like. The resulting accumulation serves as a beginning research tool for the social historian. For the most part these families are reluctant to part with original material. There are interesting accounts of immigration from European countries followed by the acquisition of the land with the accompanying hardships of breaking prairie sod; the grasshopper invasion; the severe winters; drought and disease as well as the joys of and good life resulting from having survived the rigors of the early days.

The material here is in alphabetical order by counties. The listing includes the township or nearest town; the name of the original farm owners, when known, and the date of purchase of land. When the original farmer's name is not known, the name used is that of the present owner.

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	<u>County</u>	<u>Township or Town</u>	<u>Farmer</u>	<u>Date</u>
1/1	Adair	Grand River	William J. Holliday	1869
1/2	Allamakee	Waukon	William Rea	1866
1/3	Benton	Homer	Theodore and Violet Criswell	1874
1/4	Benton	La Porte City	David McQuilken	1855
1/5	Benton	Norway	Royal Tuttle	ca. 1863
1/6	Boone	Boone	Laurence Wahl	1850's
1/7	Boone	Ogden	Patrick Vaughan	1867
1/8	Bremer	Lafayette	Samuel Cave	1854
1/9	Bremer	Readlyn	Peter Maurer	1855
1/10	Buchanan	Winthrop	Patrick Collins	1850's or 1860's
1/11	Buena Vista	Spring	Carl Miller	1875
1/12	Calhoun	Union	Albert McDonald	1875
1/13	Carroll	Carroll	Bernhard Puttmann	1856.
1/14	Carroll	Scranton	Richard Amsden	1868
1/15	Cass	Noble	Christopher Muller	1869

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1/16	Cedar	Durant	Oakley B. Collier or George	1860's
1/17	Cerro Gordo	Sheffield	Robert Hovey	1876
1/18	Cherokee	Pilot	A. R. Molyneux	ca. 1876
1/19	Cherokee	Silver	Erastus Bowen Bailey	1855
1/20	Clay	Royal	Eben Bailey	1870
1/21	Clayton	Elkader	Ella Alderson	ca. 1860
1/22	Clinton	Camanche	Herman Shaff	1837 or 1857
1/23	Dallas	Dallas Center	John Frederick Peitzman	1872
1/24	Davis	Bloomfield	Jeremiah Davis	1875
1/25	Des Moines	Pleasant Grove	William Drennan Dodds	1837
1/26	Dickenson	Richland	Aaron Shultz	1871
1/27	Emmet	Estherville	Thuri Berg	1860's
1/28	Fayette	Elgin	Leon L. Jacob	1863
1/29	Floyd	Charles City	Maurice J. Schrup	n. d.
1/30	Franklin	Morgan	Martin Lemke	1875
1/31	Fremont	Fisher	John Cox	1871
1/32	Fremont	Sidney	Silas Crandel (Missing)	ca. 1866

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1/33	Fremont	Thurman	Birkby Farm	1864
1/34	Greene	Grand Junction	John and Charles Harker	1868
1/35	Greene	Paton	Sanford Tallman	1868
1/36	Greene	Scranton	Maxwell McDonald	1873
1/37	Grundy	Fairfield	Ole Johnson	1868
1/38	Grundy	Melrose	Brickman Farm Company, Ruth B. Van Tiger	1865 or 1866
1/39	Grundy	Beaver	Francis Bawn	1855
1/40	Guthrie	Bear Grove	Charles Owen	1873
2/1	Hancock	Avery	Anson Avery	1854
2/2	Hardin	Alden	Grandison Curry Wood	1865
2/3	Hardin	Eldora	John A. Fisher	1864
2/4	Hardin or Lee	New Providence	Mrs. Luther Williams; The Demia Mills Huffman Story	1837
2/5	Harrison	Union	Samuel Diggle	1865
2/6	Harrison	Woodbine	Amon Fry or Francis A. Harper	1854
2/7	Iowa	Williamsburg	John Kelly	1856

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2/8	Jackson	Maquoketa	Anson H. Wilson	1845
2/9	Jasper	Malaka	Adolph Deppe	1856
2/10	Jefferson	Fairfield	William Parry	1855
2/11	Jefferson	Locust Grove	Daniel T. Devore	1864
2/12	Johnson	Iowa City	George Hartsock	1850
2/13	Johnson	Iowa City	Conrad Paulus	1860
2/14	Johnson	Lone Tree	Charles Eden	1870
2/15	Johnson	Lone Tree	Arnold C. Moon	1869
2/16	Keokuk	Harper	J. Anthony Webers and Paul Peiffers	1847
2/17	Keokuk	Sigourney	Elmer D. Schrader	1851
2/18	Kossuth	Riverdale	Peter Thilges	1872
2/19	Linn	Kingston	Daniel Albaugh	1846
2/20	Louisa	Wapello	George Hook	1853
2/21	Madison	Cumming	Aaron Howell	1868
2/22	Madison	Earlham	Pleasant W. Diggs	1869
2/23	Madison	Earlham	Alfred Standing	1870
2/24	Madison	Earlham	Henry Standing	1870

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2/25	Mahaska	Pella	Moses Wassom	1846
2/26	Monroe	Chariton	James Brandon	1843
2/27	Muscatine	Muscatine	Henry Gettert	1865
2/28	Muscatine	Wilton	Gale McClean	1865
2/29	O'Brien	Carroll	Louis Youngers	1875
2/30	O'Brien	Sutherland	Silas Steele	1871
2/31	Page	Clarinda	Robert N. Baker	1874
2/32	Page	Coin	Nels Christensen	1875
2/33	Plymouth	Hancock	Cyrus P. Knapp	1882
2/34	Polk	Campbell	Francis A. Shafer	1857
2/35	Polk	Alleman	Lawrence Fausch	1869
2/36	Pottawatomie	Kanesville or Council Bluffs	William and/or Solomon McMullen	1855
2/37	Poweshiek	Grinnell	Edward W. Fisher	1863
2/38	Poweshiek	Sheridan	John C. Rehberg	1867
2/39	Sac	Early	Albert Weitzel	1874
2/40	Sac	Odebolt	Andrew E. Johnson	1874
2/41	Sac	Odebolt	Enfield Smith or Richard Profit	1875

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2/42	Scott	Cleona	Jergen Schlapkohl	ca. 1864
2/43	Sioux	Granville	Peter Ney	1862
2/44	Tama	Howard	Phillip Otterman (Eernisse- Havran)	1854
2/45	Van Buren	Douds	Morrow Farm, Dewey T. Harryman and Rowena Morrow Harryman	1880
2/46	Wapello	Eldon	Maude Stephenson Moore	1848
2/47	Washington	Keota	Isaac Klees	1869
2/48	Wayne	Walnut	Hiram Evans	ca. 1856
2/49	Webster	Clay	Reuben E. L. Nelson	1875
2/50	Winnishiek	Decorah	John Hegg Farm	1855
2/51	Winnishiek	Eldorado	Claus Henry Winter	1871
2/52	Winnishiek	Springfield	Willard Torgrim(son)	1851
2/53	Woodbury	Correctionville	Francis Wright	1868
2/54	Woodbury	Danbury	Dale Lacey	1876
2/55	Worth	Kensett	Nils Halverson Haugen	1874
2/56	Jasper	Fairview	W. M. Ogg	1865
3/1	Worth	Kensett	Valentine Schaub	1877
3/2	Worth	Northwood	C. R. Dobel or Doebel	1874

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