

PRESERVE THE PAST. CELEBRATE THE FUTURE.

Join us in celebrating Franklin County’s rich agricultural history and supporting the next generation of farmers who will keep your family’s traditions alive. All profits from this “group-sourced book” will benefit the Franklin County 4-H Permanent Endowment in support of scholarships for youth from Franklin County who are pursuing higher education.

A \$100 contribution gets your family’s story published in the book. A donation of \$250 gets your story published plus you’ll receive a complimentary photo of the current generation who’s farming the land. Additional donor levels and benefits follow:

\$100 to \$249	Participation Ribbon	Family story is published
\$250 to \$499	Blue Ribbon	Story plus complimentary photo
\$500 to \$749	Purple Ribbon	Story, photo & 1 copy of the book
\$750 to \$1,000	Trophy	Story, photo & 3 copies of the book
\$5,000 to \$9,999	Reserve Grand Champion Overall	The above plus logo printed in book
\$10,000+	Grand Champion Overall	The above plus scholarship naming rights

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E-mail: _____

To preserve your family’s Farm story, please answer the questions below and return it with your check, made payable the **Iowa 4-H Foundation** with a memo “**Franklin County 4-H Endowment – permanent scholarship fund.**”

Please send your check and the completed story form via e-mail or traditional mail to:

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Feel free to call Shannon (515-371-0450) with any questions.

FRANKLIN COUNTY – CENTURY FARM STORY

1. What year was your farm homesteaded or purchased?
2. What is the name(s) of your family members who originally purchased your farm?
3. Where did the first generation come from?
4. Please outline your family tree by telling us the names of family members who have farmed in each generation. If possible, please list their years of farming.
5. What does farming mean to you? Why did you decide to carry on your family's tradition of farming?
6. Have you lived anywhere else? If so, why did you decide to return to Franklin County?
7. Hearty meals and sweet treats have played an important part in farm life. Please feel free to share a recipe or two that has been in your family for generations.
8. Is there a particular story associated with this recipe that you'd like to share?
9. Is there a particular story you'd like to share about how your farm has survived through the years? For example, April Hemmes shares this story with us: During The Depression, my grandpa received a call from his banker, saying that a "big wig" from Des Moines was going to purchase loans at the bank for some local farms. Grandpa's banker told him to let the place go to weeds and let the barn doors fall off "to buy some time" until the economy got better. As Grandpa told the story, "That big wig from Des Moines drove in our driveway and back out without stopping because he didn't want that 'dump'. That's how we kept our farm in the family!"
10. Are you a former 4-H member? If so, we'd love to hear how you benefited from being in 4-H. Feel free to share a favorite 4-H memory with us!

PLEASE NOTE: Any Franklin County Farm Family may participate in this book. Feel free to share this form with all of your friends and neighbors!