

John C. Ackerman

Tazewell County Board

Continuing a Family Tradition of Community Service

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***** News Update *****

[Ackerman Farms in Today's Peoria Journal Star](#)

If you have not had the chance to see today's Peoria Journal Star, please take a moment and read the column titles "100 Years Of Growing and Changing" which covered the Centennial status of the Ackerman Farms on U.S. Route 150 just east of Morton. It was in the "Neighbors" section of the newspaper.

Link: www.pjstar.com

Link www.AckermanFarms.com

This is the second Ackerman Family farmstead to achieve this status, the first being the original Ackerman Farm located on Harding Road just to the north of Morton, which is owned by my third cousin Joann Ackerman and her late husband John C. Ackerman. It obtained this status back in 1972.

Link: www.JohnCAckerman.com/pdf/The_Ackerman_Centennial_Farm.pdf

The farm in today's paper is my second cousin, John H. and Yvette Ackerman. About 11 years ago, they opened up the farm by selling pumpkins to the public. Today, in addition to selling pumpkins, the farm offers mums, corn stalks for decoration, locally grown and produced soda's, honey, lavender, and other such products. The apple orchard has come along lately and fall is always a busy and entertaining time at the Ackerman Farms.

In an interesting side note, John H.'s father, Clyde H. Ackerman, and my grandfather, Robert J. Ackerman, both have their names on the Tazewell County McKenzie Building Dedication Plaque as they where both Township Supervisors representing the county when that building was constructed (Morton for Clyde and Deer Creek for my grandfather Robert). You can find this plaque just inside the Main Entrance of the McKenzie Building and across from the Record of Deeds Office.

The next two Ackerman Farmsteads in Tazewell County to qualify for this status will be Thelma and the late Melvin Ackerman's farmstead on Harding Road just east of the current Ackerman Centennial Farm and Donald C. and Wanda, my parents, farmstead just to the south of Deer Creek on U.S. Route 150.

Maria and I congratulate John H. and Yvette on making their Ackerman Farm such a success over the past 11 years and on keeping the family farm alive and well in Morton. Please stop by as you are in Morton this fall and visit with them.

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