



## Century Farm Applications

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Easton's farm



I painted this on our storage  
bin in 19~~69~~ in remembrance  
of my ancestors.

Harlan

P.S. This ~~bin~~ is located about  
100 feet from where the first log  
cabin was built.





Elmer Ziegler farm



This is our dairy ~~farm~~  
barn built before  
1900

Elmer Ziegler

Green Isle, Minn.

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Her house

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NAME AND ADDRESS HERE

*This is the hen house*

*Elmer Ziegler  
Green Isle, Wm.  
55338*



The higher part of this barn is a  
double silo.

Elmer Ziegler

Green Isle, Mn. 55338



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*This is the home on our farm  
now, believed to be built before 1880*

*Elmer Ziegler  
Green Isle, Minn.  
55338*

CENTURY FARMS INFORMATION  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL, MN 55108  
(612) 645-2781

ST. PAUL -- The 1976 Minnesota State Fair will honor the owners and operators of farms that have been in continuous family ownership since 1876 as part of this year's Bicentennial "fair of a lifetime."

Qualifications for the recognition are: 1) farm must be at least 100 years old according to the abstract of title, land patent, original deed, county land records, court file in registration proceedings, or other authentic land records. 2) continuous family residence on the farm is not required but ownership of the farm must be continuous. 3) "family" is defined to include the following: father, mother, uncle, aunt, brother, sister, son, daughter, first cousin, and direct-in-laws (father, mother, sister, daughter or son-in-law). 4) farm must consist of 50 or more acres.

Deadline for application is June 30 and recognition events will be held Saturday, Sept. 4, Thomas Jefferson and Rural Minnesota Day at the Fair.

Application blanks will be supplied to all County Agricultural Extension Service and Register of Deeds Offices. Application may also be made at the Minnesota State Fair, St. Paul 55108, phone (612) 645-2781.

A similar program was conducted during the 1958 Minnesota State Fair and Statehood Centennial Exhibition. To the list of pioneer families compiled at that time will now be added families whose ancestors settled Minnesota land at the beginning of America's second century. Farmers who were on the 1958 list of century farm families need not reapply but are encouraged to provide information for updating of the list.

# CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) to appear on certificate \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section \_\_\_\_\_ Township \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Number of acres in the farm at present \_\_\_\_\_

Date of original purchase by member of your family \_\_\_\_\_

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
	from	to	
(owner in 1876 or B4)			
next owner	from	to	
next owner	from	to	
next owner	from	to	
next owner	from	to	
next owner	from	to	
next owner	from	to	
next owner	from	to	

The above evidence of continuous family ownership of this farm since 1876 is taken from one or more of the following records. DO NOT SEND IN RECORDS, just indicate by check marks those which apply.

Abstract of Title ( )	Court file in Registration
Land Patent ( )	Proceedings ( )
Original Deed ( )	Other (please explain _____)
County Land Record ( )	

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the information listed above is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:

(Witness sign here)

(Signature of present owner)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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 the area around it.

1. From whom was the farm purchased? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where was the first owner born? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Was this a homestead? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Did the first owner farm the land? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. When was the present home built? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? \_\_\_\_\_
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
\_\_\_\_\_

Related information: (please feel free to use additional sheets of paper)

PLEASE RETURN TO: MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
CENTURY FARMS  
ST. PAUL, MN 55108



FALCON HEIGHTS, MINNESOTA 55108 (612) 645-2781

March 31, 1976

TO: Bob Rupp  
Dick Tretsven  
Jack True

FROM: Karen Humphrey

Re: Minnesota Century Farms

Please find enclosed a copy of the proposed Century Farm Program for the 1976 Minnesota State Fair of a Lifetime.

We have decided to revive the list of 1958 Century Farms, adding to it families whose ancestors settled land here before the close of America's first century. The idea is adapted from Michigan where there is a Centennial Farms Association (with about 3,000 member farms) that makes the awarding of memberships a yearly event.

We checked with the Minneapolis Star and Tribune because they have the original list. We've also asked for their suggestions in conducting the program.

Please let me know of ideas, comments, and questions which you may have. I'll be glad to hear from you.

Hutchinson, Mn  
Sept. 20, 1976

Minnesota Century Farms  
St. Paul, Mn.

Dear Sir:

Please send me the Century  
Farm application.

Mrs. Walter Teunes  
Hutchinson, Mn

R3

55350

McLeod County  
year of deed - 1868

Owatonna  
Mn  
Sept 17, 1976

Minn Century Farms  
Publicity Dept  
Minn State Fair  
St. Paul, Minn 55108

Dear Sirs

I heard about Century Farms too late for 1976. I understand the program will be continued next yr. The date on my deed is May 30, 1876 when my grandfather purchased 240 A of land in Merton township Steele County. I still live on 117 A of this land and it has been in the family all that time. My name is Mary J. Meipner. My grandfather was Joseph Warren.

Respectfully  
over

Mrs. Felix Meipner  
or Mary Wavrin Meipner  
Owatonna, Minn  
R3 Box 97

55060

Rothsay, Mn.  
Sept. 17, 1976

Dear Sir,

I live on a farm that was homesteaded in 1869 by my grand father and the claim was established in 1876 by a patent by Ulysses S. Grant President of the United States.

Please send application form to Chester Laugen, R#1, Rothsay Mn. Ottertail County.

If you have any questions please feel free to write.

Oct. 7, 1976

Minn. Century Farms  
Publicity Dept.  
Minn. State Fair  
St. Paul, Minn.

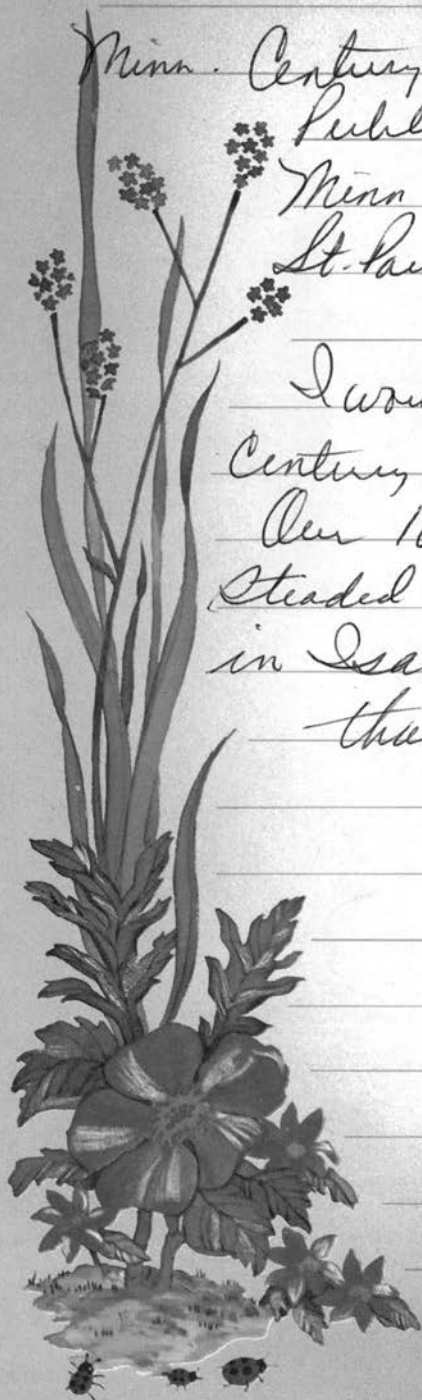
I would like to apply for your  
Century Farm program.

Our 160 acre farm was home-  
steaded by my grandfather in 1868  
in Isanti County.

Thank you

Philip Lundeen  
Rt. 1

Isanti, Minn. 55040



Dear Sirs -

We are owners of a Century Farm. The year of the deed is 1863, in Steele County.

Please send us the Century Farm application prior to next year's State Fair.

Thank you -

Mr. & Mrs. Jerome S. Seykora  
R 4 Owatonna, Mn.  
Box 122 55060



Minn. Century Farms  
Publicity Dept of Minn. State Fair  
St. Paul, MN.  
55108

We have a Century Farm in Wright County  
1875 is the date and the farm  
in Zander's. It is presently owned by  
Lednax, a family farm corporation  
owned by Loren, Lorraine, Richard  
and Ted Zander. R2 Box 50

Howard Lake, MN. 55349

Kellogg, Minnesota

Sept. 9, 1976

Minnesota Century Farms  
Publicity Department  
Minnesota State Fair  
St. Paul, Minn.

Gentlemen:

I would like to be included in next year's Century Farm program.

In 1856 my greatgrandfather and his wife and daughter Mr. & Mrs. Henry Frye and Anna and my grandfather Henry Wakenberg came to Cooks Valley, Kellogg, Wabasha County, Minn.

My family has retained title to this land which was homesteaded ever since 1856.

My grandson is the 6th generation of my family to live in the "brick house".

yours truly,

Mrs. Clemens Heins

Mrs CLEMENS C. HEINS  
BROOKSIDE FARMS  
KELLOGG, MINN.  
55945



Sept. 13, 1976

Dear Sirs,

We would like to be included in the Century Farms program. My grandfather, Nels Erickson, homesteaded on our farm in June of 1870. At his death in 1920 my dad Erick took over the farm until his death in 1945. Since then I have been on the farm.

Sincerely yours,  
Duane & Mary  
Erickson

Herbert Bullert  
Green Isle, Minnesota  
Sibley County,  
Year of deed- 1860 it was  
homesteaded Oct 12th

Please send Century Farm  
applications to us.

Herbert Bullert  
Green Isle Minn 55338

St. James, Minn  
Sept. 20, 1976

Minnesota Century Farms -  
Publicity Department  
Minnesota State Fair  
St. Paul, Minn. 55108

Dear Sirs:

The farm on which I reside and own  
was homesteaded by my Grandfather A. J. Eklund.  
The date of instrument was Nov. 1, 1875 and  
filed for record on April 26, 1876.

Alton G. Eklund  
Route 2. Box 50  
St. James, Minn 56081  
Watonsan County.



Postage and Fees Paid  
No. 100-100000-0000  
Permit No. 100-100000-0000  
Post Office at St. Paul, Minn.  
56081



Minnesota Century Farm  
Publicity Department  
Minnesota State Fair  
St. Paul, Minn.  
55108

L. Powell

O. H. AMDAHL  
FILLMORE CO. REGISTER OF DEEDS  
PRESTON, MINNESOTA 55965

June 9, 1976

Minn. State Fair  
Century Farms  
St. Paul, Minn. 55108

Dear Sir:

The County agent left the list with me to get the addresses. In 1958, I did an extensive study and had many applications filled out - 196 to be exact and over 140 justified as century farms. Charges had been made. In <sup>my</sup> possession are a number of the applications, the ones that were returned. I'm keeping these for historical value. If time permits, I would like to update some of them and take a picture and send to you. Enclosed you will find a sample - it is going to be hard for me to complete all these by June 30<sup>th</sup>. The definite ones could be photos and mailed in as soon as possible.

O. H. Amdahl



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Karen Humphrey  
Route 3 Box 122  
St. Peter, Minn.  
56052

Dear Ms. Humphrey,

Your name and address were given to me in regard to my inquiry about the certificates given to parties residing on family plots for 100 years or more.

I have an uncle, Walter N. Olson residing on the farm purchased by my grandfather, Nels Olson from the railroad in 1875.

Also a cousin Arthur Olson living on the farm of his father, Andrew P. Olson, which was homesteaded by my great grandfather Olaf Anderson in 1869. They both live in Braham, Minnesota.

I didn't hear about the recognition given untill a few weeks ago, and hope I'm not too late in getting the names to you, as both of these men are very proud of their homes and their heritage.

I would very much appreciate their relieving recognition along with the others who have worked so hard to keep, and improve upon the lands of our ancestors.

Whatever information you may need other than what I have given you may be obtained by writing Walter N. Olson, and Arthur Olson, Braham, Minnesota, 55006.

Thank you,  
Mrs. Doris D. Lundberg  
220 Northwest 3rd Street,  
Forest Lake, Minnesota  
55025

*Doris D. Lundberg.*