



Century Farm Applications

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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
Randina Christensen (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1871 to 1880	Mother
Olaf Christensen next owner	from 1880 to 1911	Son & Father in law
John Anderson next owner	from 1911 to 1943	Son-in-Law
Olaf Anderson next owner	from 1943 to 1975	Son
Charles Anderson next owner	from Present owner	Son
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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Abstract of Title (X)
Land Patent ()
Original Deed (X)
County Land Record ()

Court file in Registration Proceedings ()
Other (please explain)

Homesite app # 3019

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

Olaf Anderson
(Witness sign here)

Charles Anderson
(Signature of present owner)

Date 7-5-76

See reverse side for additional information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? _____
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 100
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Homestead
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? _____
6. Was this a homestead? Yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? No - her son did
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
No
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? _____
Barn built in 1892. Granary - 1896
10. When was the present home built? 1918
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Blk. Wheat Beans - Beef
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Lake Park Journal, Lake Park, Minn. 56554

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

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

Lake Park, Minn
July, 5, 1976

Dear Sir,

Randina Christenson along with her husband & 2 sons Matthew & Al, left Norway in 1867. But before they reached New York Mr Christenson Passed away, and was buried on Ellis Island.

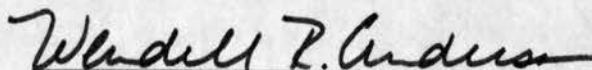
They then went to La Crosse, Wis. where they had a cousin & stayed there until the spring of 1871, when they traveled by Prairie Schooner to Cuba Twp. in Becker Co. and arrived in June, Matthew filed for a Homestead, but Al Christenson wasn't old enough so his Mother filed claim on the W. 1/2 of the W. 1/2 of sec. 14 in Cuba Twp. but Al farmed, and took over the farm in 1880, one of Al Christenson's daughters, (Lettie) married John Anderson in 1905 and they bought the farm in 1911 and farmed until 1943 when they sold it to their son Olo Anderson, he farmed it until 1975 then he sold it to his son Charles Anderson in 1976 who is now farming it, which makes it 105 years in the same family. written by Olo Anderson
July 5-1976

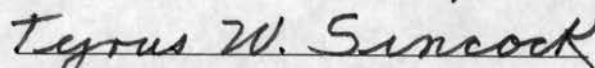
BE IT NOW KNOWN that this farm of

CHARLES AND CAROLINE ANDERSON

**has been in continuous agricultural operation
since 1871 , signifying more than 100 years
of service and contributions to the community,
state, nation, and world.**

Signed, in this year of America's Bicentennial, 1976.


Wendell R. Anderson, Governor
State of Minnesota


Tyrus W. Sincock, President
Minnesota State Agricultural Society

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner JAMES G. JOHNSON
Name(s) to appear on certificate JAMES G. JOHNSON
Address CALLAWAY, MN

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Sec. 33 Township CALLAWAY
(Residence) Section 3-4-9 Township Richwood County Becker
Sec. 3

Number of acres in the farm at present 567

Date of original purchase by member of your family Sept. 20, 1875

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

W 1/2 of NE 1/4 Sec. 9 140-41
Sept. 20, 1875

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
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James Johnson (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1875 to 1914	Father
Heirs next owner 3	from to	
Wife & 2 sons & daughter Heirs next owner	from 1914 to 1920	Mother
2 sons & 3 daughters next owner 1 heirs	from 1920 to 1927	Heirs of decedent
1 son & 3 daughters & 1 son next owner heirs daughter 1941	from 1927 to 1941	Sons & Daughters +
1 son & 2 daughters & 1 son next owner heirs 2 daughters	from 1941 to 1951	Heirs of 1 son
1 son & 1 daughter & 1 son next owner heirs 1966	from 1951 to 1960	

The above evidence of continuous family ownership of this farm since 1876 is taken from one of the following records: James G. Johnson
RECORDS, just indicated by check marks those which apply. check sheet on back.
DO NOT SEND IN

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

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

Leola Johnson
(Witness sign here)

James G. Johnson
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 30, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Northern Pacific R.R. Co.
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$4.50
4. Where was the first owner born? Ringsted, Denmark
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Denmark
6. Was this a homestead? No - 152 Acres of farm was homestead.
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
No
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? yes
10. When was the present home built? 1969
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Grain, Livestock
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Becker Detroit Lakes Newspapers

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

James Johnson came from Denmark in 1872. He bought the first piece of land in 1875, at least that was what the 80 acres was paid for. He added more in 1878, more by homestead in 1881, more bought in 1890, 1902 & 1906.

He passed away in 1914. His wife passed away in 1920. Since then it was owned as heirs till 1966 when I acquired it. First 2 sons & 3 daughters owned it till some of them passed away. I with two brothers and a sister owned it after ^{all} sons & daughters passed away. We were sons and daughters of one of the sons. We were the only heirs of James Johnson.

I acquired the farm in Dec. 31, 1966.

There has always been heirs of James Johnson living on the farm. After James Johnson passed away ¹⁹¹⁴ - his son - my father lived here till he passed away in 1927.

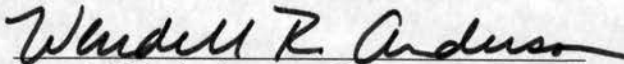
I have lived here since 1919. This farm has only been recorded in the name of James Johnson - and since Dec. 31, 1966 has been recorded in my name - James B. Johnson - a grandson of the original owner.

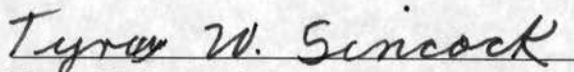
BE IT NOW KNOWN that this farm of

JAMES G. JOHNSON

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since 1875 , signifying more than 100 years
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Signed, in this year of America's Bicentennial, 1976.


Wendell R. Anderson, Governor
State of Minnesota


Tyrus W. Sincock, President
Minnesota State Agricultural Society

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Cameron & Lois Sharp
Name(s) to appear on certificate Cameron & Lois Sharp
Address R.R. Box 214, Audubon, Minn. 56511
Address of farm, if different from above (same)

Section 34 Township Audubon County Becker

Number of acres in the farm at present 480

Date of original ^{homestead claim} ~~purchase~~ by member of your family Aug, 1871 (1871)

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

NE quarter, Section 34, Twp. 139 of Range 42. 160 acres

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Lars Knudson</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1871</u> to <u>1938</u>	<u>Father & Father-in-Law</u>
<u>James & Elvira MacNab</u> next owner	from <u>1938</u> to <u>1973</u>	<u>Parents & Parents-in-Law</u>
<u>Cameron & Lois Sharp</u> next owner	from <u>1973</u> to <u>—</u>	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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Abstract of Title ()	Court file in Registration
Land Patent (✓) (dated <u>1880</u>)	Proceedings ()
Original Deed (✓)	Other (please explain <u>a book called</u>
County Land Record (✓)	<u>"History of Becker County" by Wilson.</u>
	<u>This gives the date of the homestead claim by</u>
	<u>Lars Knudson</u>

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

Maureen Stahlberg
(Witness sign here)

Cameron & Lois Sharp
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 28, 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? The United States Govt.

2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160

3 * 3. What was the cost of land per acre? Blood, sweat & tears & several years of a man's life!

4. Where was the first owner born? Ness, Stallingdahl, Norway

5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Norway

6. Was this a homestead? yes

7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes, as have the 2 subsequent owners.

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

He cut oak timber for railroad ties to make a living while he cleared the land for farming.

9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? no

10. When was the present home built? the summer of 1885 this house is still the full-time residence of the owners of the farm. It has always been

11 * 11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Beef & small grain

12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:

Becker County Record or Detroit Lakes Tribune

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

3 * An adjoining 160 acres was bought in February, 1882 for \$1,150. & added to the original 160 acres. The present owners purchased another adjoining quarter (160 acres) in 1960 (February) for \$10,000.

11 * Until the spring of 1975 dairying had been a major part of the farm's production.

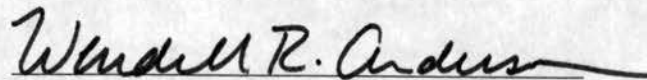
The original owners of the farm, Lars & Olliane Knudsen, had 13 children. The youngest of them, ^(ELVIRA) Elvira, & her husband James Mac Nab bought the farm from the Knudsen estate in 1938. Upon James' death in 1950, their daughter, Lois, & her husband Cameron Sharp took over the farm and they are the present owners. They & their 2 sons and 1 daughter work it at the present time. Both sons plan to continue on the farm. Ownership & operation of the farm has always been in the family since 1871.

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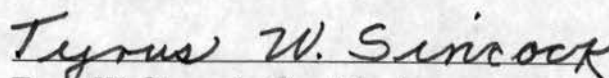
CAMERON AND LOIS SHARP

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