



## Century Farm Applications

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*Blue Earth*

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Names to appear on 1976 Certificate HERBERT ARNOLD

ADDRESS ROUTE 5 BOX 182

MANKATO MINN 56001

FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION BY THE FAMILY 1857

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Minnesota State Fair  
St. Paul, Mn. 55108

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thank you for your immediate attention.

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CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

OK

Name of Centennial Farm owner Elden J + Ursula Annie  
 Name(s) to appear on certificate Elden J + Ursula Annie  
 Address RT 1 Mapleton, Minnesota  
 Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 18 <sup>Range 26</sup> Township Mapleton County Blue Earth

Number of acres in the farm at present 205

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1936

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

Set South half of South East quarter from tax statement

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
(owner in 1876 or B4)	from to	
<u>Gra Annie</u>	from to	<u>Her Husband</u>
next owner		
<u>Elmer Annie</u>	from to	<u>Son of J. J.</u>
next owner		
<u>Mrs. Elmer Annie</u>	from 1922 to 1936	<u>Widow of Elmer</u>
next owner		
<u>Elden J. Annie</u>	from 1936 to present	<u>Second Cousin</u>
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		

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 (X)	

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

J. B. Forland  
 (Witness sign here)

Elden J. Annie  
 (Signature of present owner)

Date Aug. 18, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

The new picture of Residence of Ira Annis Dec 1856  
one of the first houses built in Mapleton Township  
It was a log cabin and the basement is still  
visible

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Mrs Elvira Annis
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? Don't know but do know that Ira Annis owned a lot of land along Maple River
3. What was the cost of land per acre? In 1936 it was 42<sup>00</sup>
4. Where was the first owner born? Somewhere in East
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? yes
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? #7th hole of basement is still there also hole where well was
10. When was the present home built? none there
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, beans & hay  
Pasture
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Enterprise, Mapleton

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

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ST. PAUL, MN 55108

Sorry this is late but we did not receive  
letter till August 14<sup>th</sup>

507-524-3963

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Names to appear on 1976 Certificate

Mr + Mrs Ellen Annis

ADDRESS

Rt 1 - Box 67

Mapleton

Blue Earth County

FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION BY THE FAMILY

1856

Minnesota

56065

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CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Lawrence G. Barott & Lois O. Barott  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Lawrence G. Barott & Lois O. Barott  
Address R#1-Box 212, Mapleton, Mn. 56065  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 2 & 3 Township (105N) Sterling County Blue Earth

Number of acres in the farm at present 171

Date of original purchase by member of your family Feb. 12, 1867

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

The South-west quarter of the North-west quarter of Section Two (2) and the Southeast quarter of the North-West Quarter of Section Three (3) and also the South half of the North-east quarter of said Section Three (3) all in Township One Hundred five (105) in Range Twenty Seven (27)

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Reuben Barott (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1867 to 1906	Husband
Vandalia Barott next owner	from 1906 to 1912	Mother
George Barott next owner	from 1912 to 1936	Husband
Grace M. Barott next owner	from 1936 to 1937	Mother
Lawrence G. Barott & Ruth Barott next owner	from 1937 to 1942	Owner and sister
Lawrence G. Barott next owner	from 1942 to Present	
next owner	from to	
next owner		

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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:

Joan L. Schutt (Witness sign here) Lawrence G. Barott (Signature of present owner)

Date June 25, 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Hugh A. McKelvey
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 130 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$6.92 (Six dollars and 92/100 cents)
4. Where was the first owner born? not known
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? Believed land was farmed
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
not Known
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? Original ~~xxx~~ of the present home built in 1870's
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Grain and Livestock
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Enterprise Publishing Co., Mapleton, Mn. 56065

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

# CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Charles G. Cramer  
 Name(s) to appear on certificate Charles G. Cramer  
 Address Mapleton Minn. RR1 #105-56065  
 Address of farm, if different from above Same

Section 21 Township Mapleton County Blue Earth  
 Number of acres in the farm at present 330 1/4  
 Date of original purchase by member of your family 1942  
 Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
W 1/2 and E 1/2 SW 1/4 sec 21-105-26

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Joseph W. Sprague (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1856 to 1922	daughter - Ida Cooper
next owner Ida Cooper	from to	children
next owner "	from 1922 to 1941	one yr. to settle Est.
next owner Charles & Vera Cramer	from 1942 to 1976	great grand son.
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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Abstract of Title	(X) 1856	Court file in Registration
Land Patent	(X) -1859	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)

Charles G. Cramer  
 (Signature of present owner)

Date 8-13-76

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? United States
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 A
3. What was the cost of land per acre? 100. for 160A paid 40% int.
4. Where was the first owner born? State of Vermont
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Vermont
6. Was this a 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  
the granary was the house at one time
10. When was the present home built? about 1860
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? milk - Corn - Soy beans,
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Enterprise Herald - Mapleton Minn. - 56065

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ST. PAUL, MN 55108

*GA* *Blue Earth*  
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Names to appear on 1976 Certificate Charles G and Vernad Cramer

ADDRESS Mapleton Minn R1  
Box 105 - 56065

FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION BY THE FAMILY Purchased in 1942  
and moved here in 1957

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St. Paul, Mn. 55108

thank you for your immediate attention.

## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

see explanation

Sylvia Cumming Dunn

212 Treondle St.  
Mapleton, MN 56065

Name of Centennial Farm owner

Loren John Cumming

Name(s) to appear on certificate

Both of Above

Address

Box 236 Mapleton, MN 56065

Address of farm, if different from above

same

Section

25

Township

Mapleton

County

Blue Earth

Number of acres in the farm at present

120

Date of original purchase by member of your family

~~1871~~

1871

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

The East half of the Southeast quarter of section 25 and the Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter of section 36. Township 105, Range 26.

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME

DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP

BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER

William M. Cumming (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1871 to 1922	Father
William Birchard Cumming next owner	from 1922 to 1957	Father
Sylvia Cumming Dunn next owner	from 1957 to 1971	<del>Uncle</del> Aunt
Loren John Cumming next owner	from 1971 to —	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

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

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

Denise Fay Cumming  
(Witness sign here)

Sylvia Cumming Dunn  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 10 July 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? a Mr. Brown
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80
3. What was the cost of land per acre? ?
4. Where was the first owner born? ~~British~~ Canada, (parents from Scotland) HALTON Co. on Lake Ontario
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Canada, Wisconsin for 3 yrs.
6. Was this a homestead? No
7. Did the first owner farm the land? ~~yes~~ ?
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?  
The Barn & corn crib were build by Wm. Birchard Cumming ~~and~~
10. When was the present home built? ~~1950~~ 1951
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn, soybeans, wheat
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Blue Earth Co. Enterprise - Herald

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

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CENTURY FARMS  
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

10 July 1976

Century Farms Information  
Minnesota State Fair  
St. Paul, MN 55108

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please accept this very messy application form. Our family was late in learning about the Century Farms recognition part of the State Fair and was rushed in filling out the application.

There are two names in the owner blank because the farm is now owned by my aunt but is being purchased on a contract-for-deed by my cousin who lives on the family farm and farms it.

I will send additional information about my great-grand father and the farm in the next few days.

Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

*Denise Fay Cumming*

Denise Fay Cumming  
3109 Longfellow Ave. So.  
Minneapolis, MN 55407

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Charles & Lucille Dank  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Charles & Lucille Dank  
Address Madison Lake, Minn  
Address of farm, if different from above Eagle Lake, Minn

Section 7 Township Le Ray County Blue Earth  
Number of acres in the farm at present 184

Date of original purchase by member of your family Oct 22, 1875

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

The E 1/2 S.E. 1/4 and the S. W. 1/4 S.E. 1/4 and  
lot No 3 and the E 1/2 of lot 4 all in sec 7

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Henry Schmuck</u> <small>(owner in 1876 or B4)</small>	from <u>1875</u> to <u>1908</u>	<u>father</u>
<u>Charles Schmuck</u> <small>next owner</small>	from <u>1908</u> to <u>1952</u>	<u>grandfather</u>
<u>Charles &amp; Lucille Dank</u> <small>next owner</small>	from <u>1952</u> to <u>—</u>	
<small>next owner</small>	from to	
<small>next owner</small>	from to	
<small>next owner</small>	from to	
<small>next owner</small>	from to	
<small>next owner</small>	from to	

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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:

Mary Layle Gardner  
(Witness sign here)

Charles Dank  
(Signature of present owner)  
Lucille M Dank

Date June 23, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? grandfather's estate
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 194
3. What was the cost of land ~~per acre~~ <sup>1875</sup> first cost 3000<sup>00</sup> total farm
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Manhatten Area
6. Was this a homestead? no
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? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn & soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Madison Lake Times

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

Charles Schwarble had 1 son who died at age of 14 = there were 2 daughters both married brothers = Douks.

Charles Douk is the grandson of Charles Schwarble

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? UNITED STATES
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160<sup>A</sup> granted by US TO DANIEL DAVIS  
40<sup>A</sup> BY DANIEL DAVIS
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where was the first owner born? W A L E S
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? JACKSON COUNTY OHIO
6. Was this a homestead? YES
7. Did the first owner farm the land? YES
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
IN 1865 DAVID P. DAVIS WENT TO SOUTH BEND & OPENED A GENERAL STORE
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? 1876 or before
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? CORN & SOY BEANS
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Mankato Free Press

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

Davis, David P. <sup>Jr.</sup> (Great grandfather of present farm owner (Richard W. Davis))

Born at Cwm May Bush, Llanrhystyd, Cardiganshire, Wales in 1811. Married Miss Jane Davies, of Llanbadarn Fack, same shire. Emigrated to Jackson County, Ohio, in August 1838. Came as one of six, sent by a colony of Welsh people of Jackson, to examine the Welsh settlements of Blue Earth county in October, ~~1855~~ <sup>1855</sup> and on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 1856 landed with his family at South Bend, Mankato, locating on claims in the town of Cumbria about the 7<sup>th</sup> of June 1856. North Church was organized at his house. In 1857 he erected a small steam saw & grist mill on his farm in Little Cottonwood valley. He and his sons took an active part in the defense of the frontier during the Indian outbreaks of 1857 and 1862. In 1865 he went with his son David P. Davis <sup>Jr.</sup> to South Bend, where they opened a general merchandise store. Another son Daniel P. Davis, who present owners grandfather stayed on this farm.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Richard W Davis  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Mr & Mrs Richard W Davis  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Section 19 & 20 Township Cambria County Blue Earth

Number of acres in the farm at present 160

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1941

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

SE 1/4 NE 1/4 AND The E 1/2 SE 1/4 of Section 19-109-29  
AND The SW 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 20-109-29

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>David A. Davis</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1860</u> to <u>1873</u>	<u>Father</u> <u>40A</u>
<u>Daniel P. Davis</u> next owner	from <u>1859</u> to <u>1913</u>	<u>Father</u> <u>120A</u>
<u>Daniel W. Davis</u> next owner	from <u>1913</u> to <u>1941</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Richard W. Davis</u> next owner	from <u>1941</u> to <u>1976</u>	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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Abstract of Title <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Court file in Registration
Land Patent <input type="checkbox"/>	Proceedings <input type="checkbox"/>
Original Deed <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please explain _____)
County Land Record <input type="checkbox"/>	

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

Ann Waters  
(Witness sign here)

Richard W Davis  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-29-76

See reverse side for additional information.

*I thought you might be interested  
in this, Richard W Davis*

SOUTH BEND MAN USED DODD ROAD IN INDIAN WAR

by Frank Francis

*This man was David J. Davis Jr., son of David J. Davis*

In speaking of the old Reno road, D. P. Davis, one of the pioneer residents of this part of the state and for years a merchant at South Bend, had the following to say to a reporter many years ago: "The Dodd road, or the Reno road, whichever you want to call it, was laid out as near as I can remember during the years 1852 and 1853. I think it was Major Reno of the U.S. army who laid it out or made the survey. As near as I can remember, after a lapse of all those years, I would say that the road entered Mankato through the hazel brush about or near where the Franklin school now stands, and then followed the present Front street through to the Blue Earth river and thence south through South Bend, then up Pigeon hill and across country toward Sioux City.

Saw Hard Life on Frontier.

"Let me think, Mr. Reporter, you know that I am getting old and have seen some pretty hard life on the frontier," said Mr. Davis. "I was born back in the good old Buckeye state, and after coming out here kept a store in South Bend for 31 years. At that time, young man, there was no Lake Crystal, Madelia, St. James or any of the towns which have sprung up since.

"West of us was a vast unsettled waste, roamed over by the different tribes of Indians. Well, to explain to you, I will say that I settled in this state when it was a territory. A young man like you has little idea of what we young fellows had to put up with in this country in the early days. In the hard times of 1873 there was not a cent of money in the country.

Reno Road Main Thoroughfare.

"This old road you refer to ran right through here in 1856 and 1857, for that year I came here with my parents all the way from Portsmouth Ohio, and we landed off the boat at South Bend. That spring proved to be one of the epochs in the history of Minnesota. The Reno road was the main thoroughfare going through here and leading to Fort Snelling, the only protection this frontier then had from the roving bands of Indians who infested this part of the state at that time. I suppose you know what I mean by the prairie schooner, eh? You do, well, they were a common sight on the old Reno road for a number of years after I came here. They were not drawn by horses, remember, but by the slow-going oxen.

Had Great Hopes for South Bend.

"This road, you will understand, led through Mankato and then to Le Hillier. During the high water all of the residents of Le Hillier traded at South Bend, which town all of us then thought would develop into a great city. The people were so confident that this town would become a metropolis that everyone bought up all of the lots he could and would not sell. I believe that I have several of those lots to my credit somewhere. People coming from Le Hillier and from the settlements west and south of here used the old Reno road in hauling their produce to market. Did you ever know that the land grant issued to the St. Paul and Sioux City road was made out in the name of the St. Paul and South Bend Land Grant company? We had great hopes for the future of South Bend in those days.

Some day, perhaps, when I have crossed to the other side, South Bend will be included in Mankato's limits. You know the railroad company was to receive two sections of land for each mile of road they built, and they certainly went around all of the hills in the country in order to increase the miles," said Mr. Davis with a twinkle in his merry brown eyes.

(cont.)

SOUTH BEND MAN USED DODD ROAD- (cont.- 2)

Came Here in 1856-

"I came here May 10, 1856, and I saw New Ulm started and took part in the defense of that town from Indian attack later on, and also took part in the Spirit Lake scrap with the Indians when they came to Butternut Valley. After the Spirit Lake massacre the Indians were driven out and were trying to reach the lower agency over part of this old road. In doing this they had to switch to the north somewhat, and go through our settlement.

"Let me diverge for a time from the story. You know, on the frontier us fellows had to form clubs to protect ourselves from claim jumpers. Action, not words, were what counted in those days. So when a fellow showed up in the community and tried to squat on our land we went out into the woods and cut a good stout hickory stick and emphasized the fact to him that he had better vamoose. If he refused to go then he got a dose of hickory that he never forgot. The members of these clubs met at regular intervals and talked over matters of mutual interest to us all.

The "Scrap" at Spirit Lake-

"Well, to get back to the scrap with the Spirit Lake Indians. Daniel P. Davis was going to one of these club meetings when he happened to see Indians on the edge of the prairie near the Little Cottonwood river. Instead of going to the club meeting, every neighbor, and we were but a handful, warned the other and we went with all haste to our homes, loaded up our old rifles and got things ready for the fight which we thought was about to take place.

"Between 11 and 12 o'clock the Indians came down the old government road with their trappings and small bells ringing. An Indian dog ran by the house. I woke up James Morgan and the others who were asleep at the time and in jumping out of bed the fellows tripped over a pile of loose lumber, making a great rattling noise. It may have been Providence- and I guess the Lord was on our side most of the time- but be that as it may, the Indians must have mistaken the racket of the falling lumber for the discharge of musketry, and they went on up the Little Cottonwood for a distance of three miles and there went into camp.

Formed Company-

"We immediately formed a company, fourteen in number, of which everyone of us was an officer," said Mr. Davis with a hearty laugh. "Not all colonels, only one held that rank, that was Colonel Sam B. Shaw. I was the youngest in the company and was appointed as corporal of the rear guard. Well, we followed the trail of the Indians to Lipp's place, and it was here that I saw my first Germans, and they were all talking, thirty-five of them. They were a curiosity to me, and they were all giants in stature. I knew after taking a look at their feet that they were men who would stand their ground and fight, for they could not run with their large wooden shoes.

Thought Would Propose Peace-

"Right across the river from Lipp's place a bachelor, whose name I have forgotten, was missing and it was supposed that he had been killed by the Indians. We went over to his shanty but we first looked to our arms to see that they were properly loaded. This was on April 14, 1857. It was exceptionally cold for that time of the year and snow could be found in all of the deep ravines that year up to June.

"We did not then find the body of that settler and proceeded up to the farm of Mr. Moose, where we found the house deserted and the whole place ransacked, undoubtedly by the Indians. Mr. Moose had eight or ten cords of wood piled up on the brow of the hill, and from there we could see the teepees of the Indians on a point to the south of us. We held a council of war and de-

(cont.)

cided that it was advisable to make peace with the Indians if possible, for they outnumbered us one hundred to one.

Three Men Sent On Mission-

"Three men were selected, Colonel Shaw, Peter Davis, a brother of John S. Davis of this city, and a young German were chosen to go out and parley with the Indians. These three men were given the best arms in the outfit. If we heard any firing we were to jump from our hiding place behind the cord wood piles and go to their rescue. One of the Indians, no doubt a chief, came out on the edge of the prairie to meet Colonel Shaw, and what did the German do but up and fire his gun. As this was the signal we had been waiting for, we rushed from behind the wood pile and were going to wade into the Indians, but Colonel Shaw cried out, 'Halt! Halt! men, for God's sake don't shoot!'"

"Well, you could have played seven-up on that old chief's blanket when he struck out for the woods. The Germans were pitching into the fight, but Colonel Shaw knew the force of the Indians and finally prevailed upon the command to call off the attack. The next Sunday in searching for the bachelor, we found his body beneath a pile of brush with two large bullet holes in the head. If we had found this body the day that we met up with the Indians, there would have been no holding back of the Germans, though the Indians would have overwhelmed us in numbers."

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Nicholas H & Lula A Fasnacht <sup>(Mr. & Mrs.)</sup>  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Nicholas & Lula Fasnacht  
Address Madison Lake, Minn. 56063  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 23 Township Jamestown County Blue Earth  
Number of acres in the farm at present 240

Date of original purchase by member of your family Feb. 20, 1864

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
W 60 Acres SE 1/4 Section 23 - Township 109 - Range 25

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Paul Fasnacht</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1864 to 1889	<del>John</del> Husband
<u>Mary Fasnacht</u> next owner	from 1889 to 1932	Mother
<u>Henry Fasnacht</u> next owner	from 1932 to 1938	Father
<u>Nicholas Fasnacht</u> next owner	from 1938 to present	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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Abstract of Title <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Court file in Registration
Land Patent <input type="checkbox"/>	Proceedings <input type="checkbox"/>
Original Deed <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please explain _____)
County Land Record <input type="checkbox"/>	

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

Ann Weber, Federal Land Bank Nicholas & Lula Fasnacht  
(Witness sign here) Assoc. (Signature of present owner)  
Date July 10, 1976 (Mr. & Mrs.)

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? George Bluhm
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany
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? yes
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? 1958
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Soybeans, Corn
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Archie Fellows OK  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Archie Fellows  
Address Janesville, Mn.  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 25 and 36 Township Le Ray County Blue Earth  
Number of acres in the farm at present 240  
Date of original purchase by member of your family 1867  
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
N.E. 1/4 - 36-108-25  
S 1/2 of S.E. 1/4 - 25-108-25

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Selmer Fellows</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1867</u> to <u>1909</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Ernest Fellows</u> next owner	from <u>1909</u> to <u>1949</u>	<u>Son of Selmer</u>
<u>Archie Fellows</u> next owner	from <u>1949</u> to <u>present</u>	<u>Son of Ernest</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 ( )	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:

Fred W. Arnold  
(Witness sign here)

Archie Fellows  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 26, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? U. S. Government
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 240
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$ 2.56
4. Where was the first owner born? New York
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? N.Y. to Wisc. to Minn.
6. Was this a homestead? yes
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? No
10. When was the present home built? 1886 - born in 1884
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn - alfalfa - beef
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Jameville Argus

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

Dear Sirs.

Archie Sellmans rented from Ernest Sellmans Estate from 1949 to 1954 which accounts for the difference in ownership dates.

# CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Lyle K. Lewis

Name(s) to appear on certificate Lyle K. Lewis

Address Lake Crest Farm

Address of farm, if different from above Cambria Penn

Section 26

Township Cambria

County Blue Earth

Number of acres in the farm at present 35.5

Date of original purchase by member of your family Homestead (1856)

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

The information is not available  
at this time. You will have to accept my  
information.

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Lyle K. Lewis</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1860</u> to <u>1912</u>	<u>Grandfather</u>
<u>Morris Lewis</u> next owner	from <u>1860</u> to <u>1890</u>	<u>Great Grandfather</u>
<u>Edwards Lewis</u> next owner	from <u>1912</u> to <u>1953</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Lyle Lewis</u> next owner	from <u>1953</u> to	<u>Son</u>
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

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

information handed down.

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

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Homestead
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 3.5 to 4.0 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where was the first owner born? Italy
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Pennsylvania
6. Was this a homestead? Yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
Coal mining before farming
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? Yes  
Home being lived in
10. When was the present home built? 1864
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn & soybeans
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

Blue Earth

PLEASE COMPLETE THESE BRIEF QUESTIONS AND SEND BACK TO ME IMMEDIATELY!

Names to appear on 1976 Certificate

ADDRESS

FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION BY THE FAMILY

PLEASE RETURN THIS BY AUGUST 17, so we may fill out the certificate for you to have ready on September 4. The sign the FARMER Magazine is giving you will be mailed after the State Fair.

PLEASE MAIL THE ENCLOSED APPLICATION BLANK SEPERATELY or bring it with you to the Fair. The information on this sheet is most important for fairtime.

RETURN TO: Karen A. Humphrey  
Minnesota State Fair  
St. Paul, Mn. 55108

thank you for your immediate attention.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Alvin H. and Elvina R. Lewis

Name(s) to appear on certificate Alvin H. and Elvina R. Lewis

Address RR# 2, Box 31, Mapleton, MN 56065

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

Section 27 Township 106 (Medo) County Blue Earth

Number of acres in the farm at present 230

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1866

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

S $\frac{1}{2}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and NW $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and NE $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 27-106-25 containing 160 acres

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
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Lars Severson (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1866 to 1899	
Albert C. Severson next owner	from 1899 to 1946	Son
Alvin H. & Elvina Lewis next owner	from 1946 to	Nephew-in-law & Niece (Elvina Severson Lewis)
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 (X)	Court file in Registration
Land Patent ( )	Proceedings ( )
Original Deed (X)	Other (please explain _____)
County Land Record ( )	

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

Sonia Swanson  
(Witness sign here)

Mrs. Mrs. Alvin H. Lewis  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 21, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Winnebago Indians-United States of America
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 Acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Thre dollars (\$3.00)
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Wisconsin
6. Was this a homestead? Yes
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? No
10. When was the present home built? 1953
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn and Soybean
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Mankato Free Press, Mankato, Minnesota, 56001

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

The Severson homestead purchased from the Winnebago Indian Agency and the United States government in 1866 has the third, fourth, and fifth generations on the land now in the bi-centennial year of 1976. Elvina Severson Lewis, granddaughter of Lars and Betsey Severson and wife of Alvin H. Lewis, the great granddaughter Sonja Lewis Swanson, wife of Arlo D. Swanson, and their two children, Cathy and Lee Swanson, great great grandchildren of the original landowners reside on the farm

My grandparents were the proud parents of nine sons and two daughters. My father, Elmer L. Severson, is the only member living. He was eighty-nine years old, April 28, 1976, and is very alert and a wonderful father. He is an enthusiastic worker and an ardent fisherman.

It is interesting to note that Grandpa and Grandma Severson gave each of their sons eighty acres of land or the equivalent in cash. The daughters were victims of childhood diseases at the ages of seven and eleven.

Grandma Severson (Betsey Lee Severson) was a twin and her twin brother, Andrew Lee, was governor of South Dakota for two terms.

We are proud to be celebrating the bi-centennial anniversary and living on the land owned by our grandparents. Long may the flag wave in freedom over our nation and state. We are proud to be Minnesotans and Americans.

*Alvin and Elvina Lewis*

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Lowell B. and Elnore M. Lindeland  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Benerth G., Lowell B. and Elnore M. Lindeland  
Address Minnesota Lake, Minn. RFD#1  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 35 Township Meda County Blue Earth  
Number of acres in the farm at present original 120 acres 958 acres today  
Date of original purchase by member of your family 80 a. 1868 40 a. 1870  
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
N.E. 1/4 Sec. 35 TWP. 106 Range 25 80 a. 1st day Aug. A.D. 1868

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Ammon &amp; Ole G. Lindeland</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1868 to 1876	<u>Ammon and Ole Lindeland (Brothers)</u>
<u>Ole &amp; Gretta Lindeland</u> next owner	from 1876 to 1916	<u>Parents</u>
<u>Family of Ole &amp; Gretta</u> next owner	from 1916 to 1919	<u>Brothers and Sisters</u>
<u>E. G. &amp; Louise Lindeland</u> next owner	from 1919 to 1968	<u>Father and Mother</u>
<u>Lowell &amp; Elnore Lindeland</u> next owner	from 1968 to 1976	<u>Owners</u>
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 ( )	Proceedings ( )
Original Deed ( )	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:

Betty R. Wright  
(Witness sign here)

Lowell B. Lindeland  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6/28/76

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

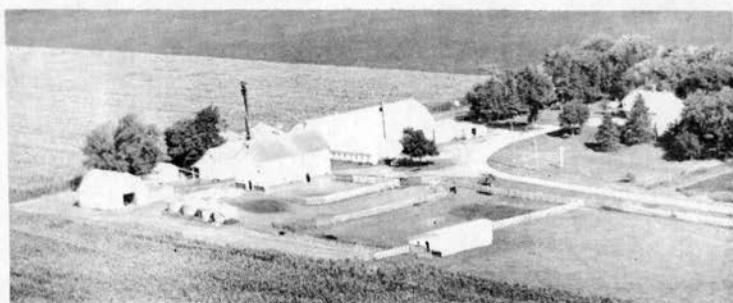
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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Knud & Ann Gabeason 1868
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 A-1868--40 A. 1870
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$5.00 per A.
4. Where was the first owner born? Tonstad, Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Blue Earth Co., Mn.
6. Was this a homestead? yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes and yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
Sheep herder in Norway
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? Granery and Barn Both still in use.
10. When was the present home built? 1975
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn-soybeans-beef cattle
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Mankato Free Press, Mapleton Enterprise, and New Richland Star.

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

The present owners have three children, Lac 21, Leah 19 and Lon 14.  
( a fire destroyed it completely)  
The first farm home was lost in July of 1926. A new home was built that year. In August of 1974 this home was lost through a gas explosion. There is once again a new home built where the Lowell Lindeland family resides at the present time. Beneth G. Lindeland resides on the farm and is 83 years of age. He remained active with farm work until the age of 80.

1868

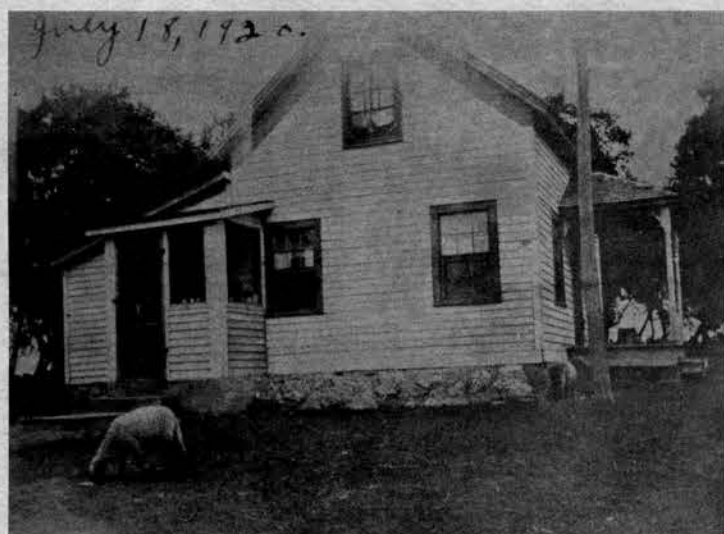


1968

# LINDELAND FARM

*Whether it be 1868 – 1926 – or 1972, the  
greeting from the Lindelands at Christmas remains  
the same –*

*May the joy of our Savior's birth  
be yours to enjoy now and forever—*



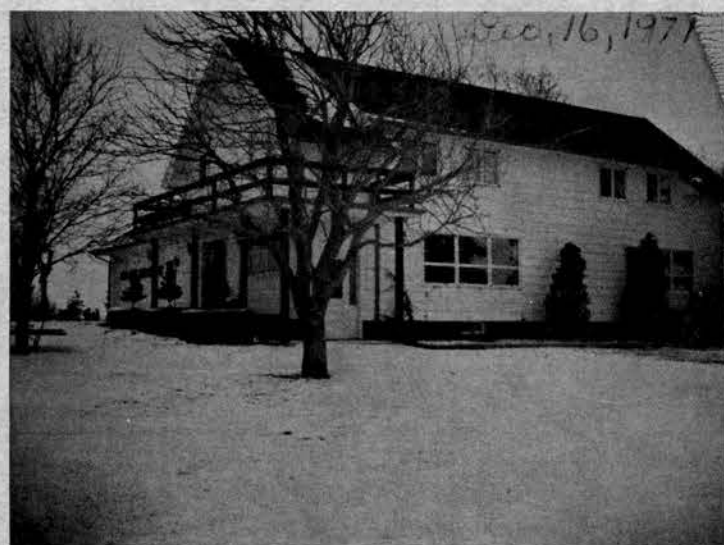
*Ole Gabriel and Gretta Josdal Lindeland*

Children { *Bertha*      *Casper*  
                     *Rev. John*      *Clara*  
                     *Oscar*      *Benerth*



*Benerth G. and Louise Manthe Lindeland*

Child { *Lowell*



*Lowell B. and Elnore Ahlborn Lindeland*

Children { *Lac*  
                     *Leah*  
                     *Lon*

December 1972

Dear

The Christmas letter this year will be a bit of history on the Lindelands who have occupied the homes pictured.

Ole and Gretta Lindeland settled in the rich farming country in south central Minnesota near Pemberton having left a beautiful valley in south central Norway near Tonstad. In 1868, they built their home in America which is where they lived until their deaths.

Benerth, the youngest son, married Louise Manthe in 1916 and along with brother Oscar lived in the original home. Their only child, Lowell, was born 10 year later. The same year, their home burned to the ground due to the explosion of an oil lamp. At this time, a new and modern home was built on approximately the same site.

In 1952 after 6 years of marriage, Lowell and Elnore remodeled the farm home and then moved in. The elder Lindelands and Oscar moved to a farm home 5 miles north. They lived together here until the death of Louise in 1967 and Oscar's in 1969. Benerth still lives there alone except for his dog, Gypsy.

In 1969 Lowell and Elnore did extensive remodeling and put on an addition to the original 1926 structure where they now live with their family.

Lac is 17 and plans to attend some agricultural college after high school graduation. He continues to be active in 4-H and FFA winning numerous prizes and trophies the past year. He's particularly interested in any animals in farming operations and especially cattle. He's also lettering in both football and wrestling. There is definitely an advantage living on the farm because the "city" boys don't get a chance to build muscles lifting hay bales, pitching manure and shoveling feed into the mixer.

Leah is 15 and in junior high. She is quickly turning into a lovely young lady. She's artistic and is writing poetry as well. I hope to turn next years cards over to her.

Lon is 10 and big brother calls him Punk but at the rate he's growing, he won't be Punk for very long. He's still taking piano and has now added drums and bells to his musical world. He took lambs for his first year in 4-H and received 2 blue ribbons. As to sports, you name it, he likes it!

Lowell farms 1400 acres with the help of Lac and Marvin Schrader. Lowell also serves as a director on the soil conservation board of Blue Earth Co.

Elnore keeps busy just being "mother" and also serves as Sunday School Supt., chairman of church Lutfisk supper (900 persons served this year), and is still active on Blue Earth County Welfare Board.

Benerth drives his car out to the farm each day and usually eats with us. He's no longer driving the tractors but is kept busy on the road getting this and that for the farming operation or taking Lon to lessons, etc. This card was his idea and we hope you enjoyed it.

1972 has been good to us with an excellent harvest and good health with the exception of a slight heart attack which Benerth suffered in July. However, he's been healed and is, as well as can be expected for his age. On July 8, 1973, he will be 80—God willing.

We LINDELANDS wish the very best for you and yours in 1973.



# Janesville

# Argus

Award Winning  
Newspaper



SERVING THE GREATER JANESVILLE AREA: PEMBERTON, SMITHS MILL, ALMA CITY, ST. CLAIR and WALDORF



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## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owners Mrs. Sara L. Jones & Morris M. LewisName(s) to appear on certificate Mrs. Sara L. Jones & Morris M. LewisAddress Lake Crystal, Minn. 56055 - R#2 - Box 242

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

Section 26 Township Cambria County Blue EarthNumber of acres in the farm at present 144Date of original purchase by member of your family 1955

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

SW 1/4 Sec. 26 - 109 29

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>John E. Davis</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <sup>June</sup> 1856 to <sup>July</sup> 1881	
<u>William R. Lewis</u> next owner	from <sup>July</sup> 1881 to <sup>Dec.</sup> 1912	<u>Daughter and son in law</u>
<u>William M. Lewis</u> next owner	from <sup>Dec.</sup> 1912 to <sup>June</sup> 1952	<u>Son and daughter in law</u>
<u>SARA L. JONES &amp; MORRIS M. LEWIS</u> next owner	from <sup>June</sup> 1952 to <sup>AUG</sup> 1976	<u>Daughter and son</u>
<u>Sheri &amp; Howard R. Jones</u> next owner	from 1975 to 1976	<u>Son &amp; daughter in law</u>
next owner	from to	<u>(bought 5 acres)</u>
next owner	from to	
next owner		

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Abstract of Title ☒  
 Land Patent ☐  
 Original Deed ☒  
 County Land Record ☒

Court file in Registration Proceedings ☐  
 Other (please explain \_\_\_\_\_)

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

Thos. Rasmussen  
 (Witness sign here)

Morris M. Lewis  
Mrs. Sara L. Jones  
 (Signature of present owner)

Date Aug. 21, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

My Great Grandfather John E. Davis was the first white family settled in Cambria in 1855.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? John E. Davis
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? ~~\$2.00~~ \$1.40 an acre
4. Where was the first owner born? Nesryn, Pembrokeshire, Wales  
July 12, 1795
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Ohio
6. Was this a homestead? yes
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?  
no
10. When was the present home built? 1906
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn + Soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Lake Crystal Tribune + Mankato Free Press

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

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

Blue Earth

PLEASE COMPLETE THESE BRIEF QUESTIONS AND SEND BACK TO ME IMMEDIATELY!

Names to appear on 1976 Certificate Mrs. Sara L. Jones & Morris M. Lewis

ADDRESS Lake Crystal R.<sup>th</sup> 2, Box-242  
Minnesota - 56055

FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION BY THE FAMILY 1855

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RETURN TO: Karen A. Humphrey  
Minnesota State Fair  
St. Paul, Mn. 55108

thank you for your immediate attention.

So sorry I'm so late but have  
arthritis so bad. Sincerely  
Mrs. Sara L. Jones

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Irvin Pick

Name(s) to appear on certificate Jeannette Pick & Irvin Pick

Address Mapleton Minn Box 123

Address of farm, if different from above Minnesota Lake Minn

Section 9

Township Danville

County Blue Earth

Number of acres in the farm at present 160

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

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

Sec 8-9-16 - E 1/2 S 1/4 Sec 8 - S 1/2 S W 1/4 Sec 9 -  
NW 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec 16

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>John Pick</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1874</u> to <u>1928</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	
<u>Wm Pick</u>	from <u>1928</u> to <u>1952</u>	<u>Son</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	
<u>Irvin Pick</u>	from <u>1952</u> to <u>1976</u>	<u>Son</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	

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Abstract of Title ☒  
Land Patent ☐  
Original Deed ☐  
County Land Record ☐

Court file in Registration Proceedings ☐  
Other (please explain \_\_\_\_\_)

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 9/1/74

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Railroad Co
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 a.
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$300 for 80 a.
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Wis.
6. Was this a homestead? No
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
Trapping Hunting
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? ~~Yes~~ No
10. When was the present home built? 3
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Bears - Corn
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Mankato Free Press

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

## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner

David H. Price

Name(s) to appear on certificate

Mr. & Mrs. David H. Price.

Address

Lake Crystal 56055 NW Box 368

Address of farm, if different from above

New Tilm NW R-4

Section

21

Township

Leambria

County

Blue Earth

Number of acres in the farm at present

246

Date of original purchase by member of your family

1856

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

Township 109 north Range 29 west

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>David Price</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1856</u> to <u>1915</u>	<u>Original owner</u>
<u>Enoch Price</u> next owner	from <u>1915</u> to <u>1944</u>	<u>Son</u>
<u>David H. Price</u> next owner	from <u>1944</u> to <u>1976</u>	<u>Son</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 ( )  
 Land Patent ( )  
 Original Deed ( )  
 County Land  
 Record

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

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

David H. Price

(Witness sign here)

David H. Price

(Signature of present owner)

Date

Aug. 13 - 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? The Government Claim.
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? Dont know
3. What was the cost of land per acre? I think it was \$1.25 Per A.
4. Where was the first owner born? Hales Great Britton
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Jackson Ohio.
6. Was this a homestead? Yes - Claim.
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Yes.
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
He was a coal miner back in Ohio.
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? Trailer Home on place now
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn & Beans.
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Lake Crystal Tribune Lake Crystal Minn 56055

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

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

The Present operator of the farm is my nephew  
Merrin E. Jones & also his son Quinton Jones.  
As we have no children He probably will be the future owner

*Blue Earth*

PLEASE COMPLETE THESE BRIEF QUESTIONS AND SEND BACK TO ME IMMEDIATELY!

Names to appear on 1976 Certificate

*Mr. & Mrs. David H. Price*

ADDRESS

*Lake Crystal 56055*

*Minn. Box 368*

FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION BY THE FAMILY

*1956*

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Minnesota State Fair  
St. Paul, Mn. 55108

thank you for your immediate attention.

*P. S. maybe you could change the name  
to read Mr. & Mrs. David H. Price  
Thank you.*

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Kenneth & Evelyn Schostag  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Same  
Address Rural Route 4 Box 347  
Address of farm, if different from above Same

Section 32 Township Markato County Blue Earth

Number of acres in the farm at present 260

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1855

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

NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 & NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 & NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 32  
& S 1/2 of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 & SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 & SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of 29  
NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 33

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Gottlieb Schostag	from 1855 to 1904	Father
Carolina (HARRIS) Schostag	from to	Mother
next owner		
Fredrick William Schostag	from 1904 to 1944	Father
ANNA Schostag	from to	Mother
next owner		
Kenneth Fredrick Schostag	from to	
next owner		
EVELYN MEYER Schostag	from to	
next owner		
	from 1944 to PRESENT	
next owner		

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Abstract of Title <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Court file in Registration
Land Patent <input type="checkbox"/>	Proceedings <input type="checkbox"/>
Original Deed <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please explain. <u>Gottlieb</u>
County Land Record <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>1855 - Contract with</u>
	<u>Railroad.</u>

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

Gustave Albert Strobel  
(Witness sign here)

Kenneth Schostag  
Evelyn Schostag  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 13, 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Railroad
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 120
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where was the first owner born? Poznan, Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Germany
6. Was this a homestead? no.
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Cut timber for railroad and farmed land as it was cleared.
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? Home, barn and Granary, machine shed.
10. When was the present home built? 1969 - 1970
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn & Soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Marketo Free Press

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

Part of the old home was 12 years old when Grand dad came from Germany in 1855, and then in the 1870's he added to the home which was made from Native White Oak and brick veneer. One section of the barn still stands and was enlarged several times. The last time is 1922. The wooden granary we use, used to be a sawn lumber kitchen and is made of Native red Oak. This farm was sawed from solid timber.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Carolyn O. Severson  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Carolyn O. Severson  
Address Route 2 - Box 59 - Mapleton, MN. 56065  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 10-3 Township Medo County Blue Earth

Number of acres in the farm at present 132 ACRES

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1871

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

SW 1/4 Sec. 3 and NW 1/4 NW 1/4 of Sec. 10 Township 106 Medo.  
Range 25

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Fredrick O Oftedal</u> (owner in 1876 for B4)	from 1871 to 1878	<u>Father</u>
<u>Nels T. Oftedal</u> next owner	from 1878 to 1940	<u>Son</u>
<u>Elmer &amp; Ruth Severson</u> next owner	from 1940 to 1940	<u>Niece (Ruth Oftedal/Severson)</u>
<u>Carolyn Severson</u> next owner	from 1940 to	<u>Son</u>
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 ☐ 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:

Chris B. Severson  
(Witness sign here)

Carolyn Severson  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 21, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Marcus Williamson
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 100
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$1500.00 or \$15.00 PER ACRE
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Norway
6. Was this a homestead? no
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
Blacksmith
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? none
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn + Soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Mankato, Free Press, Mankato, Minn. 56001

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

I am enclosing a copy of one of the life support agreements that is on my abstract. It is an agreement between my great-great grandfather and my great uncle.

# Life Support

31.

Instrument

Agreement

Dated

11 June 1878

Filed

18 June 78 at 10 A.M.

Recorded

A Bonds page 498

Consideration

\$1000

Witnesses

2

Acknowledged

11 June 1878 by Nels T. Oftedahl in Blue Earth Co. Minn. before A. R.

Pfau Notary Public. Notarial seal

Signed Niels T. Oftedahl

Nels T. Oftedahl

with

Fredrick Oftedahl and Tore Oftedahl

Nels T. Oftedahl has this day purchased of Fredrick Oftedahl and Tore Oftedahl the SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> (other land) excepting 1/2 acre School lot of Sec. No. 3 and the NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Sec. No. 10 all in Township 106 Range 25 and agrees in consideration thereof to pay and deliver to Fredrick Oftedahl and Tore Oftedahl \$70 each year during the term of their natural lives and \$35 to the survivor of them during the term of his or her natural life and 30 bushels of wheat each year or 15 bushels during the life of the survivor each year and and to keep 2 milch cows for the use of said Fredrick and Tore, and 10 cords of fire wood ready for the stove and delivered at the place of residence each year, to furnish feed for 1 hog each year, and keep in proper repair the dwelling

house now located on the premises aforesaid, and furnish team and conveyance

Instrument

for them to go to town when necessary at least 4 times each year

Dated

and have the use of 1/4 acre of land next and adjacent to their

Filed

said house for yard and garden, and in case he shall sell the

Recorded

land aforesaid to pay said Fredrick and Tore if they so desire to

Consideration

bring this contract to an end the sum of \$1000, and the value of

Witnesses

the house occupied by them, and until said sums are paid by the

Acknowledged

purchaser of the premises on such sale to them, they shall have

and hold a lien thereon for such sums in full.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Everett B Sharp *sk*

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

Address Mapleton, Mn. 56045

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

Section 15 Township Stording County Blue Earth

Number of acres in the farm at present 168

Date of original purchase by member of your family Feb. 1947

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

South East Quarter of Sec. 15, except 1 acre cemetery in the Northwest corner thereof; and beginning at a point on the gt. line 70 rods west to the S.E. corner of the N.E. qt. of section 15, thence west on said gt. line 48 rods thence north 33 1/2 rods thence east 48 rods & thence south to the place of beginning.  
all in Township 105 range 27.  
PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP  
DATES (YEARS) OF BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO  
NAME OWNERSHIP NEXT OWNER

<u>U.S. to Joseph Russell</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1860 to 1865	<u>None</u>
<u>Martin M Pratt</u> next owner <u>Ella Pratt Lamp</u>	from 1865 to 1896	<u>Martin Pratt father of Ella P. Lamp</u> <u>(Original ownership starts here) Father -</u>
<u>Geo. B. Lamp</u> next owner <u>Corra Sharp</u>	from 1896 to 1941	<u>of Ella Pratt Lamp</u>
<u>Everett B. Sharp</u> next owner _____	from 1941 to 1947	<u>Daughter of Geo. B. &amp; Ella Lamp</u>
next owner _____	from 1947 to Now	<u>Son of Corra Lamp Sharp</u>
next owner _____	from _____ to _____	
next owner _____	from _____ to _____	

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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:

Joseph B. Sharp (Witness sign here) Everett B. Sharp (Signature of present owner)

Date June 29, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Josiah Russell
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Nothing. Secured under Military Bounty Land Act of 1855  
March 3 - 1855
4. Where was the first owner born? ?
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? 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 -  
Corn crib & barn
10. When was the present home built? 1961
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, beans & hogs
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Mankato Free Press

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

## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner R. Sumner SowersName(s) to appear on certificate R. Sumner and Cleo SowersAddress Vernon Center, MN- 56090

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

Section 36 Township Vernon Center County Blue EarthNumber of acres in the farm at present 160Date of original purchase by member of your family 1866

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

N.W. 1/4 Section 36 Range 28 - Township 106 N.

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Theodore Sowers (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1866 to 1917	Father
Robert Sowers next owner	from 1917 to 1950	Father
R. Sumner Sowers next owner	from 1950 to 1976	Father
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 ( )	Proceedings ( )
Original Deed ( )	Other (please explain) <u>(State Records)</u>
County Land Record ( )	<u>Dept. of Natural Resources - and Historical Society</u>

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

Mrs. Nada Belgarh  
(Witness sign here)

R. Sumner Sowers  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 26, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Mr Schuler
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? ?
4. Where was the first owner born? Indiana
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? West of Vernon Center Cemetery
6. Was this a homestead? No
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
yes. Hauled freight with horses from Rochester, Mankato + Blue Earth also a carpenter
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? 1890
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn and Soybeans + Hogs
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:

Mankato Free Press, Mankato, MN - 56001 also Vernon Center News  
Vernon Center, MN  
56090

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

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

*We have 2 copies from Dept of Natural Resources to verify that this farm was bought by Theodore Sowers in 1866. If you need copy please notify us. This was a school quarter owned then state & not county.*

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Marvel E. and Janice Stanke *OK*  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Marvel E. and Janice Stanke  
Address Rte. 3, Box 85, Janesville, Minn. 56048  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 13 Township ~~108~~ LeRoy County Blue Earth  
Number of acres in the farm at present 160  
Date of original purchase by member of your family 1864  
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
W 1/2 of SW 1/4 of 13-108-25

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
William Stanke	from 1864 to 1886	Father
(owner in 1876 or B4)		
Frederick Steinke	from 1886 to 1925	Father
next owner		
Edward J Stanke	from 1925 to 1960	Father
next owner		
Marvel E. & Janice Stanke	from 1960 to Present	Father
next owner Stanke		
	from to	
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		

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Abstract of Title <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Court file in Registration
Land Patent <input type="checkbox"/>	Proceedings <input type="checkbox"/>
Original Deed <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please explain _____)
County Land Record <input type="checkbox"/>	

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

M. L. Lardner  
(Witness sign here)

Marvel E. Stanke  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-29-76

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? John A. Willard
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$ 5.00
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany
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? 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? No
10. When was the present home built? 1900?
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, beans, hay
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Janesville Argus Janesville, Mn 56048

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

507-524-3989

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

## 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)

East 1/4 of the West 1/2 of NE 1/4 of Sec 22  
- 108-36 containing 4 Acres

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Purchased 1858 (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1858 to 1879	George W. Pay to George Ott
Mary Ott next owner	from 1879 to 1908	George Ott to Mary Ott
Barbara Schott next owner	from 1908 to 1919	Mary Ott to Barbara Schott
August Schott next owner	from 1919 to 1951	Barbara Schott to August Schott
Mary Schott next owner	from 1951 to 1969	August Schott to Mary Schott
G. A. Strobel next owner	from 1969 to ?	Mary Schott to G. A. Strobel
Claire Strobel next owner		G. A. Strobel to Claire Strobel

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

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

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

X G. A. Strobel  
(Witness sign here)

Date

June 28<sup>th</sup> 1976

(Signature of present owner)

Janet H. Strobel

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? George W. Lay
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? 8
4. Where was the first owner born? Pennsylvania
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Indiana
6. Was this a homestead? no
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? Log house in  
Sibley Park Mankato
10. When was the present home built? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, Beans, <sup>Hay</sup> Wheat
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Mankato Free Press - Mapleton Enterprise

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Clarence John Vaubel  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Clarence and John Vaubel  
Address R.F.D. 2 Box 125 Mapleton Minn.  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 26 Township Beauford County Blue Earth  
Number of acres in the farm at present 320  
Date of original purchase by member of your family Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> 1866  
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
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PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>John Vaubel</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1866</u> to <u>1928</u>	<u>Grandfather</u>
* { <u>next owner</u> <u>John Vaubel Family</u> <u>next owner</u> <u>Ed, John, Clayton</u> <u>next owner</u> <u>Minnie Jacoby</u>	from <u>1928</u> to _____	{ <u>Edward Vaubel - father of</u> <u>present owner - other</u> <u>Family -- Uncles + Aunt.</u>
<u>next owner</u> <u>Edward and John Vaubel</u>	from <u>1928</u> to <u>1968</u>	
<u>next owner</u> <u>Clarence Vaubel</u>	from <u>1968</u> to <u>1976</u>	
<u>next owner</u>		

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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:

G. L. Sturges  
(Witness sign here)

Clarence Vaubel  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-29-76

See reverse side for additional information.

\* John H. Vaubel & Edward Vaubel bought out the Vaubel family to become owners of said property (1927, 1928)  
Edward Vaubel died in 1953. The farm was then owned by John H Vaubel & Vaubel Estate.  
Clarence Vaubel, present owner bought ownership from Vaubel Estate. Now John Edward

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? General Land Office No. 835-
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$2.75
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Germany
6. Was this a homestead? yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
none that we know
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? 1975
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn Soybeans Hogs
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Blue Earth County Enterprise-Herald

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

Vaubel, son of Clarence Vaubel, is in the process of becoming owner of said property

<sup>note</sup> The ownership of property has been in the Vaubel name since 1866 and a Vaubel has lived on the property since that time. The line of ownership is difficult to describe because of family & sales to members of said family

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Robert C and Elizabeth Wagner  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Robert C and Elizabeth Wagner  
Address 4 Pajim Lane Springfield, Ill.  
Address of farm, if different from above RR 4, New Ulm  
Minnesota  
Section 32 Township 109 County Blue Earth  
Number of acres in the farm at present 140

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1871

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

E. 1/2 of N.W. 1/4 and S.W. 1/4 of N.W. 1/4 and W. 1/2 of S.W. 1/4 of  
N.E. 1/4 Evc church lot in Sec 28-109-29 and SE 1/4  
of S.W. 1/4 of Sec. 32-109-29

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Joseph Sr. Crescentia Wagner (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1871 to 1893	Mother + Father
{ Joseph, Leonard Sophie next owner	from 1893 to 1900	Children, Brothers and
{ George + Clara Wagner next owner	from to	Sisters - children of Crescentia + Joseph Sr.
Leonard - Joe + Geo Wagner next owner	from 1900 to 1908	Brothers + children of Crescentia Wagner
Leonard + Henry Wagner next owner	from 1908 to 1955	Brothers + children of Crescentia Wagner
Mildred Wagner Otto next owner	Aug 1 1955 to Aug 12 1955	Daughter of Leonard Wagner
Robert C Wagner + Elizabeth next owner	from Aug 55 to 1976	Son of Leonard Wagner + Brother of Mildred Wagner Otto.

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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) \_\_\_\_\_

Robert C Wagner  
(Signature of present owner)

Date July 28-1976

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Benjamin + Catherine Thomas
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 140
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$ 17.55
4. Where was the first owner born? Don't know. (descend)  
He was Richard Morgan (Welsh)
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Don't know
6. Was this a homestead? It could have been. Morgan got it from U.S. Govt.
7. Did the first owner farm the land? He could have had it for 3 years.
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
Ido not know.
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? There is a log chicken house - not in use. It could have been built in 1771. not an original bldg.
10. When was the present home built? In 1890 - more or less
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn + Soybeans.
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Mankato Free Press or Brown County Journal  
mankato minn new ulm minn

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

*It may be that the first owner of the farm, Benjamin Thomas, was born in 1771 and perhaps prior to this date) celebrated the 4th of July in Wagner's maple grove. Local bands played music, hot air balloons, games were played, and fireworks.*

*Please see additional sheets*

Springfield, Ill.  
July 28<sup>th</sup> '76

Gentlemen

There is an interesting side light to the "over one hundred year family ownership" and that is that for over one hundred years the Welsh people of Cambria and of the surrounding country side have celebrated the 4<sup>th</sup> of July in the Wagner grove. This has been a continuous annual event, starting before the year 1871. It was (in a manner of speaking) a giving of thanks by the early Welsh settlers for the beautiful harvests and for the freedom that they found in America.

Local bands would play, a mixed chorus would sing, readings or poems would be given in the Welsh language and speakers of "note" would address the gathering. Farmers

and small town folk alike would drive, first with wagons and horses, later by auto to wagners grove for the 4<sup>th</sup>. many years two to three hundred or more would be assembled for the all-day celebration. Women would bake and cook and put in large lunch baskets delicious dinners and food, enough to last each family for the day.

The men would clean up their family wagons, curry-comb their best horses and place in the wagons hay and oats for the horses and extra plank seats <sup>to seat</sup> ~~for~~ the entire family.

I have in my possession a history of the gathering including the minutes of the meeting, the names of speakers etc. I treasure it very much, for as a boy and a young man I was a member of the audience on that day and I enjoyed the beautiful

music that came forth from the bandstand. Local newspapers. The Mankato Free Press and The Brown County Journal (new ulm) often carried feature stories concerning the activities of the Welsh people on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July in Wagners Grove.

I wonder why a local paper didn't feature this 100 years of patriotic activity on or near the 4<sup>th</sup> of July 1976? It was big "doing" and today those whom I know who attended the celebration tell me about the wonderful times that they had as children and as adults too, for that matter, on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July in Wagners Grove.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Wagner  
4 Pajin Lane  
Springfield, Ill.

Robert C. Wagner  
4 Pajim Lane  
Springfield, Ill.



Minnesota State Fair  
Century Farms  
Saint Paul  
Minnesota

55108

Blue Earth

PLEASE COMPLETE THESE BRIEF QUESTIONS AND SEND BACK TO ME IMMEDIATELY!

Names to appear on 1976 Certificate Mrs. David (Hilda) Woods

ADDRESS R#2 LAKE CRYSTAL  
MINN.

FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION BY THE FAMILY 1856

PLEASE RETURN THIS BY AUGUST 17, so we may fill out the certificate for you to have ready on September 4. The sign the FARMER Magazine is giving you will be mailed after the State Fair.

PLEASE MAIL THE ENCLOSED APPLICATION BLANK SEPERATELY or bring it with you to the Fair. The information on this sheet is most important for fairtime.

RETURN TO: Karen A. Humphrey  
Minnesota State Fair  
St. Paul, Mn. 55108

thank you for your immediate attention.

These are the daughters of D.E. Woods

MARGARET (Woods) Shreyer  
MANKATO, MINN.

MARY (Woods) Shweim

MADISON LAKE, R.R. MINN.

DORIS Woods LAKE CRYSTAL, MINN.

DARLENE (Woods) GRAHAM,

TYLER, TEXAS.

These names should also be on the  
Certificate,

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Homesteaded
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? -
4. Where was the first owner born? 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
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
Pure Bred Horse Breeder (Perchers)
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? One old Barn used as Machine shed - corn crib 1890 - Granary 1891
10. When was the present home built? 1890
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn - Beans & Hogs
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Lake Crystal Tribune

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

Farm is now operated by son (Ronald Langer) (of present owners) who has a farm of 80 acres joining our farm of 160 Acres. Present owners are living in buildings of original farm

Present barn built in 1941

" Silo " " 1944

Chicken Coop built in 1941

Corn Crib " " 1888

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

726-2651  
Name of Centennial Farm owner Ricard & Ellen Laigner  
Name(s) to appear on certificate " " "  
Address Lake Crystal, Minn  
Address of farm, if different from above same

Section # 34 Township Butternut County Blue Earth  
Number of acres in the farm at present 160 acres  
Date of original purchase by member of your family 1953 - 1868

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
Sec #34 in Butternut Valley Township 80 A.  
Sec #3 in Lincoln Township 80 A.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Homestead</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1868</u> to	<u>Peder K. Laigner</u>
next owner	from to	<u>Chas &amp; Chester Laigner (sons)</u>
next owner	from to	
next owner	from <u>1924</u> to	<u>Ricard &amp; Ellen Laigner</u>
next owner	from to	<u>son &amp; daughter-in-law of</u>
next owner	from to	<u>Chester Laigner</u>
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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Land Patent <input type="checkbox"/>	Proceedings <input type="checkbox"/>
Original Deed <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please explain _____)
County Land Record <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

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

Sigvald Sverdrup (Witness sign here)  
Date June 25, 1976  
R. P. Laigner (Signature of present owner)

See reverse side for additional information.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner YAEGER GLENN-L. & ORENE  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Glenn & Orene Yaeger  
Address RT. 1 Box 259 Good Thunder, MN 56037  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 11 Township Rapidan County Blue Earth  
Number of acres in the farm at present 160  
Date of original purchase by member of your family OCT 7, 1864  
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
West half of SE 1/4 & W half of NE 1/4  
11 107 27

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Andrew Yaeger</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1864</u> to <u>1899</u>	<u>Andrew Yaeger Husband</u>
<u>Louisa Yaeger</u> next owner	from <u>1899</u> to <u>1913</u>	<u>Mother</u>
<u>Louis A Yaeger</u> next, owner	from <u>1913</u> to <u>1947</u>	<u>Husband</u>
<u>Winnifred Yaeger</u> next owner	from <u>1947</u> to <u>1959</u>	<u>Mother</u>
<u>Glenn &amp; Orene Yaeger</u> next owner	from <u>1959</u> to	
	from to	
	from to	
	from to	

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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:

Orene W. Yaeger (Witness sign here)  
Glenn Yaeger (Signature of present owner)  
Date June 28, 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? United States
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$5.25
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Buffalo, N.Y.
6. Was this a homestead? No
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
Carpenter
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? 1892
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn & Soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Man Kat's Free Press

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