



Century Farm Applications

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CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Willard J. Brandl

Name(s) to appear on certificate Willard J. Brandl

Address R.R. 1 Box 41

Address of farm, if different from above _____
Sleepy Eye, MN 56085

Section 25 and 36 Township Home County Brown

Number of acres in the farm at present 273

Date of original purchase by member of your family October 24, 1872

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
See enclosed sheet.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Michael Brandel	from 1872 to 1914	Father
(owner in 1876 or B4)		
Joseph Brandl	from 1914 to 1949	Father
next owner		
Willard Brandl	from 1949 to Present	
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		

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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:

Doug Brandl Debbie Schueller
(Witness sign here)

Willard J. Brandl
(Signature of present owner)

Date _____

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Luther Whiton
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 147
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$15.65
4. Where was the first owner born? Bavaria, Germany
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?
None of Recognition
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? 1891
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn and beans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Sleepy Eye Herald Dispatch

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

The South East quarter of the South West quarter & the South West quarter of the South East quarter of Section No Twenty five (25); the North East quarter of the North West quarter, the North West quarter of the North East quarter and the West one third of the North East quarter, the North East quarter of Section No Thirty six (36) in Township No One Hundred and ten (110) North of Range No Thirty two (32) West of the 5th princ. Meridian, Excepting and reserving however, therefrom, the following described parcels of land, to wit:

1st Commencing at the North West corner of the North East quarter of the North West quarter of Sec. No Thirty six (36) Township No One Hundred and ten (110) Range Thirty two (32) aforesaid, thence running North Five chains & Twelve links ($5\frac{12}{100}$ chs), thence South 78° East six chains and ten links ($6\frac{10}{100}$ chs), thence South $73\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ East six chains and thirty five links ($6\frac{35}{100}$ chs), thence South Twelve chains and six links ($12\frac{6}{100}$ chs), thence West Twelve (12) chains, thence North ten (10) chains to the point of beginning, containing $16\frac{48}{100}$ acres of land

2^d Commencing at the South West corner of the North east quarter of the North West quarter of said Section No 36 Town & Range aforesaid, thence running North along the forty line, nine chains and twenty links ($9\frac{20}{100}$ chs), thence North $84\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ East Eight (8) chains, thence South $43\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ East Five (5) chains, thence South $41\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ West Three chains and eight links ($3\frac{8}{100}$ chs), thence South Three chains and fifty links ($3\frac{1}{2}$ chs), thence West Nine (9) chains to the point of beginning containing $10\frac{28}{100}$ acres

The land hereby conveyed is One Hundred and forty seven acres more or less.

Brown

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Names to appear on 1976 Certificate LEITSCHUH FARM

ADDRESS New Ulm, Minn.

FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION BY THE FAMILY 1854 to 1967

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

Dear Madam:-

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

thank you for your immediate attention.

I sold this farm to Thomas P. Donnelly, new Ulm, Minn. ,
in 1967. But it was a Leitschuh farm for 117 years.
You can say if it qualifies as a century farm.

Sincerely,

Henry Leitschuh

Henry Leitschuh
121 East Elm St.,
Sleepy Eye, Minn. 56085.

*I am 86 years old, sorry but
I can not be at
The Fair* *HL*

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Thomas P. Donnelly
 Name(s) to appear on certificate Leitschuh Farm
Sleepy Eye Minn.
 Address _____
 Address of farm, if different from above New Ulm, Minn.

Section 2 and 35 Township Sigel County Brown

Number of acres in the farm at present 210

Date of original purchase by member of your family Homesteaded in 1854

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

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	1854 to 1869	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Thomas Leitschuh	from 1854 to 1884		Grandfather
(owner in 1876 or B4) Frank Leitschuh	from 1884 to 1897		Son
next owner Mary Leitschuh	from 1897 to 1940		Wife of Frank Leitschuh
next owner Henry Leitschuh	from 1940 to 1967		Son of Frank Leitschuh
next owner Sold the farm to	from to		
next owner Thomas P. Donnelly	from 1969 to to now		
next owner	from to		
next owner			

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Land Patent ()	Proceedings ()
Original Deed ()	Other (please explain _____)
County Land Record ()	<u>you can find the records in</u>
	<u>court house Brown County New Ulm, Minn.</u>

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 _____

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Homesteaded
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 A
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Homestead Fee
4. Where was the first owner born? Sturzburg, Bavaria, 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?
NO
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? Log house first later Regular home was built, now remodeled
10. When was the present home built? about 1888
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? to-day Corn & Soy beans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Brown County Journal, New Ulm, Herald-Dispatch
Steele Eye, Minn

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

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

FARM SEEDS
CERTIFIED
REGISTERED
HYBRID SEED CORN
ROCK PHOSPHATE
GARDEN & LAWN LIME

SOIL SERVICE

HENRY LEITSCHUH

121 EAST ELM ST.
SLEEPY EYE, MINNESOTA 56085
PHONE 507-694-6421

DRAINAGE ENGINEERING
NATURAL FERTILIZERS
SUPER-GREEN
SOIL CONDITIONERS
CATTLE COMPOST
SHEEP COMPOST

Aug. 31, 1976.

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

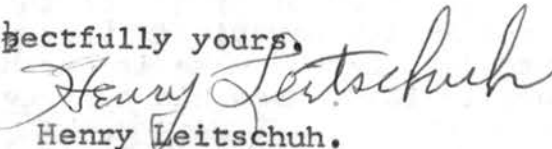
Gentlemen:-

The story of my grandfather Thomas Leitschuh coming from Wurzburg and Munich Bavaria is very dramatic and long, coming to me as of to-day, Let us make it as short as possible. He came to New York in 1850. Made his own way across the water and had in mind after he got here "GO WEST YOUNG MAN". Made his way to Buffalo, N.Y. Got married around 1852 or 3. Arrived in Chicago. Heard of the Bishop stating a new German Colony in New Ulm. Walked from St. Paul to New Ulm afoot by wagon trail, Homesteaded 160 acres in 1854. Built log cabin near some woods. Broke the soil with oxen, went through the Indian Outbreak in 1862. enduring lots of hard times including Grass-hoppers. My father Frank Leitschuh got the farm. He died in 1896. My mother got the farm next. My mother had hard times to hold on to the land. We were 4 children. Moved to New Ulm. I got to be a Sheetmetal worker. My three sisters all died before my mother did and when she passed on I got the farm, which got to be 210 acres. I always wanted to be a farmer. As a Sheetmetal worker when I came to Sleepy Eye, I got 20 cents per hour. The man then is taking my place to-day gets \$8.50 per hour. I got a college education and had a business of my own. Employed 40 to 50 men a year. Sheetmetal, Plumbing and Heating. and finally added Hardware doing mostly by contracting. City Water extensions, Cation, storm and sanitary Sewer extensions.. Also farm Slough drains. mostly hand digging. Got the first Trench digger around here. Got to be a Drainage Engineer. Used to take from 1 to 3 and 4 farms and work out a drainage system draining their wet lands. This was from 1914 to 1932 when I took over the home farm. With a renter at the time I introduced Golden King Open Pollinated Certified corn into I think all of Minnesota. Got the Certified seed from Senator McArthur out of Iowa, on recommendation of Ralph Crim Extension agronomist University Farm St. Paul. Was the first producer of Hybrid Seed Corn in Brown County. Was made a Premier Seed Grower 1938. Elected a director Minn. Crip Imp. Assn that same year Served 2-3 year terms.. was elected as president and served 4 years Stepped down, but was elected for an other 3 year term as adiecto. I took many honors in corn, many small grain at the Minn. State Fair In 1948 I ^{won} Grand Champion Sweepstakes in Chicago at the Live Stock Grain and Hay show Dec. 1st with My own crossing Super-cross 210 with a peck of shell seed corn. I got into makin Single Crosses It takes at least 4 years to test out a single cross, I would give 10 lb. samples to FFA boys through their instructor. Sleepy Eye, New Ulm, Springfield and Fairfax. I finally had to quit. Ed. Fier, Instructor New Ulm gave some certain good boys 3 or 4 samples and he would go out at harvest time to do the job right

When I quit, Ed, Fier said, "To bad Henry" I did the same with other varieties. yours made 186 bus. per acre. THE BEST COMPETITOR MADE 151 BUS. I told him, "Every year those bushel bags got heavier" dependable boys and men were hard to depend on. I am 86 now" My sons are all Medical Doctors. all Diplomates of the American Boars, in their respective fields. So I sold the Home Farm to Mr. Tomas P. Donnelly, New Ulm, Minn.

And that is the end of that.

Respectfully yours,



Henry Leitschuh.
121 East Elm St.,
Sleepy Eye, Minn. 56085.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Leon W. Fritsche

Name(s) to appear on certificate Leon + Edie Fritsche

Address Route 2, Box 165, New Ulm, Minn. 56073

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 20 Township Cottonwood County Brown

Number of acres in the farm at present 180

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1958

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

N 1/2 of SW 1/4 + S 1/2 of NW 1/4
+ S 20 A of N 1/2 of NW 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Ernst Fritsche</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	<u>from 1870 to 1902</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Herman Fritsche</u> next owner	<u>from 1902 to 1949</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Walter Fritsche</u> next owner	<u>from 1949 to 1958</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Leon Fritsche</u> next owner	<u>from 1958 to 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 ()	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:

Mrs. Walter Fritsche
(Witness sign here)

Leon W. Fritsche
(Signature of present owner)

Date July 14, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? _____
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? _____
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? _____
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Dairy
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
New Ulm Daily Journal

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

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

Name of Centennial Farm owner Edward Guggisberg
Name(s) to appear on certificate Same
Address New Ulm Minn. RR 2 Box 81
Address of farm, if different from above Same

Section 15 Township Sigel County Brown

Number of acres in the farm at present 200

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1859

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

N.E. 1/4 of S.W. 1/4 - N.E. 1/4 of S.E. 1/4 & N.W. 1/4 of S.W. 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Scottbeil Guggisberg</u> (owner in 1876, or B4)	from <u>1859</u> to <u>1899</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Fred Guggisberg</u> next owner	from <u>1899</u> to <u>1937</u>	<u>"</u>
<u>Edward Guggisberg</u> next owner	from <u>1937</u> to <u>present time</u>	<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 ()
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:

Leo Guggisberg
(Witness sign here)

Edward Guggisberg
(Signature of present owner)

Date July 15 - 1976

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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? Don't know
4. Where was the first owner born? Switzerland
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Illinois
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
5 room Brick home was built in 1866
10. When was the present home built? 1964
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn - Oats - alfalfa & Soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
New Tilm Daily Journal

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

Brown

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Names to appear on 1976 Certificate

Mr. & Mrs. Claire Halvorson

ADDRESS

3092 2nd St. S. W.

Madelia, Minn. 56062

FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION BY THE FAMILY _____

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RETURN TO:

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

Johanne
thank you for your immediate attention.

John Johanne lived on present farm before joining the Civil War. He recieved 80 acres of present farm from the government for service in the Civil War in 1868.

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)

E/4 SE 1/4 Sec 28-108-30, Lot 4 of NW 1/4 of NE 1/4, Lot 1 of NW 1/4 of NW 1/4,
Lot C 1 of Lot 14 Sec 33, Lot B of Lot 1 Sec 34-108-30, Bal of Lot 3, Sec 33-108-30
Bal of Lot C of lot 14 Sec 33+34-108-30

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME

DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP

BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER

Kenneth H. Helling
 (owner in 1876 or By)

from 1857 to 1901
~~1895~~

Son original

George K. Helling
 next owner

from 1901 to 1921

Son

J. Sidney Helling
 next owner

from 1921 to 1963

Son

Clayton E. Helling
 next owner

from 1963 to Present

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:

J. Sidney Helling
 (Witness sign here)

Clayton E. Helling
 (Signature of present owner)

Date Aug 16, 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? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? presumpted
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Rock prairie, Wis.
6. Was this a homestead? No homestead act at the time
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? 1885
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, Soybean, Wheat
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Hauska Herald, Hauska, Minn. 56041

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

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

Brown

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Names to appear on 1976 Certificate

Clayton E. Helling

ADDRESS

R.R. 2

Hauska, Minn. 56041

FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION BY THE FAMILY

1857

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St. Paul, Mn. 55108

thank you for your immediate attention.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner MR. & MR. WILLARD MANDERFELD
Name(s) to appear on certificate WILLARD & ALICE MANDERFELD
JEANETTE, KAREN, CHRISTINE & BEVERLY MANDERFELD
Address R#2 BOX 23 NEW ULM, MN. 56073
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 1 Township 109 SIGEL County BROWN
Number of acres in the farm at present 140
Date of original purchase by member of your family APRIL 1, 1861
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
NE 1/4 OF SEC. 1 TWP. 109 R 31

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
HUBERT MANDERFELD	from 1861 to 1869	FATHER W $\frac{1}{2}$ SOLD TO SON ANTON
(owner in 1876 or B4) ANTON MANDERFELD	from 1869 to 1878	W $\frac{1}{2}$ only SOLD BACK TO FATHER THAN TO OTHER SON JOSEPH
next owner JOSEPH MANDERFELD	from 1878 to 1889	BROTHER*IN*LAW & UNCLE
next owner MRS ANTON MANDERFELD & HENRY	from 1889 to 1893	E $\frac{1}{2}$ WIFE & MOTHER
next owner ANTON MANDERFELD	from 1893 to 1895	FATHER
next owner HENRY MANDERFELD	from 1895 to 1933	HUSBAND
next owner MRS HENRY MANDERFELD	from 1933 to 1946	MOTHER
next owner ARTHUR MANDERFELD	from 1946 to 1966	UNCLE
next owner WILLARD MANDERFELD	from 1966 to present	
next owner		

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Abstract of Title (X) Court file in Registration
Land Patent (X) 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:

Ray L Manderfeld
(Witness sign here)

Willard Manderfeld
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 27, 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 159.80/100
3. What was the cost of land per acre? NO KNOWN PRICE
4. Where was the first owner born? in the village of Manderfeld, near Cologne on the Rhine Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? CHICAGO & IOWA
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? NO
PART OF AN OLD HOUSE IS STILL STANDING BUT ITS NOT KNOWN IF IT WAS THE ORIGINAL ONE.
10. When was the present home built? 1939
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? CORN, SOYBEANS & HOGS
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
NEW ULM DAILY JOURNAL

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

WILLARD MANDERFELD IS THE 5th GENERATION OF MANDERFELDS ON THE FARM

17 May

Hubert Manderfeld was born in Germany in the village of Manderfeld, near Cologne, on the Rhine to Peter and Mary Manderfeld on May 19, 1801. His wife Clara was born in 1800. They had five sons, born in Germany- John, Anton, Peter, Joe, and Henry, and came to the United States around 1853. They lived in Chicago, Iowa, and came to Minnesota in 1857. He homesteaded the present Manderfeld farm April 1, 1861. He became Justice of the Peace of Sigel Township in 1862.

Eighty acres or $\frac{1}{2}$ of the farm was transferred to Anton Manderfeld in 1869. (Hubert died Sept. 27, 1882 at the age of 81, his wife Clara died March 7, 1880 at the age of 80.)

Anton was born Oct. 10, 1826, he applied for citizenship of the United States on April 4, 1859. He worked at Big Stone Lake for the Government in 1861, survived the Indian Massacre in 1862 while his co-workers were killed including his brother Henry and nephew Hillias. He enlisted in the M.M. Rangers in 1865 at St. Peter, served as Quarterly Sarg. under Captain Nix. In 1865 he married Anna Holm. They had six children: Henry, Hubert, Clara (Mrs. Frank Rohner), Annie -(Mrs. Joe Hofmeister), Caroline (Mrs. Frank Manderfeld), and Carl, who was well known in New Ulm as Clerk of Court. Anton died Oct. 21, 1895, his wife died Oct. 31, 1892.

The farm was transferred to Joseph, the brother of Anton from 1878 until 1889, when it was transferred back to Anton's wife and her son Henry. In 1888, Henry purchased his father's personal property and in 1895, purchased his mother's share of the farm.

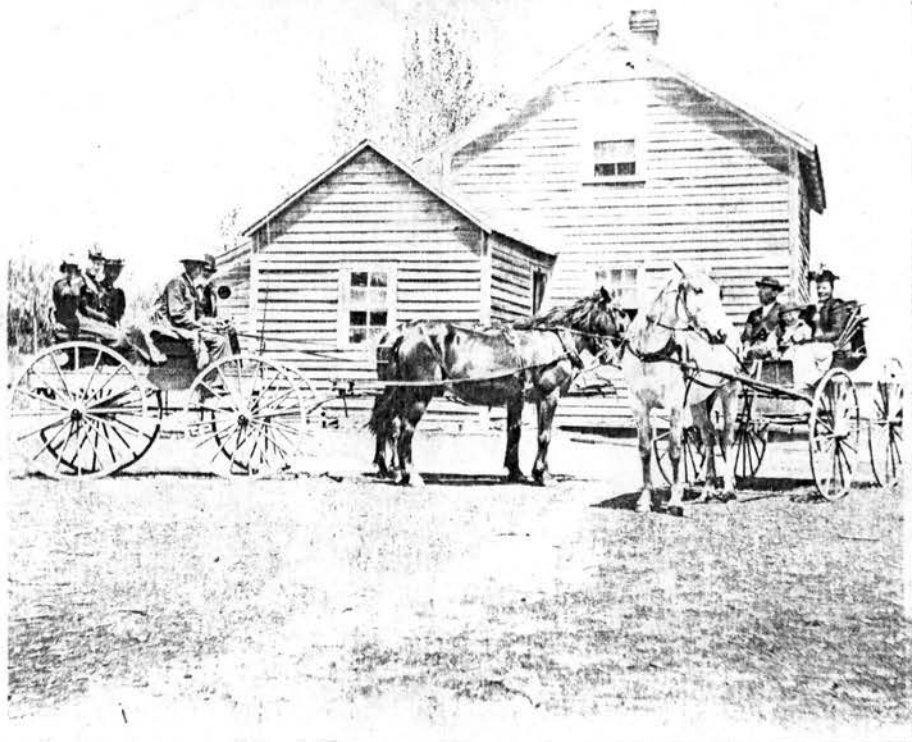
Henry was born Jan. 9, 1865 to Anton and Anna Manderfeld. He married Annie Rohner Jan. 1, 1898. They had 2 sons Eugene and Arthur. Henry operated a threshing rig for many years in the Sigel area. They also had a large apple orchard. Henry died Dec. 16, 1932, his wife died July 26, 1942.

The farm was transferred to Arthur in 1946. He never married. He was born Dec. 25, 1900. He was joined by his nephew Willard in 1953 and farmed in partnership until 1966 when Arthur retired. He moved to New Ulm in 1960, and died June 4, 1967.

Eugene Manderfeld was born August 21, 1898. He lived on the Manderfeld farm until his marriage to Hilda Drexler on Nov. 20, 1923. They had six children, Willard, Harold, Stanley, Marcella, Hildegard, and Agnes. He farmed southeast of Searles. Eugene died Feb. 4, 1976, his wife died June 5, 1963.

Willard was born Dec. 12, 1928 and married Alice Sperl on April 29, 1954. They have four daughters, Jeanette, now living in New Ulm, and Karen, Christine, and Beverly living on the farm with their parents. Willard is the fifth generation and his children the sixth generation of Manderfelds having lived on the same farm.

*Anton Manderfeld farm
2 Sept 1900*



House built sometime after 1861, the exact time unknown, probably by Anton Manderfeld. The large part is still standing and used for a garage and granary.



Farmstead of Anton Manderfeld as it looked in the late 1800s

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

JR

Name of Centennial Farm owner NORMAN R. MOE

Name(s) to appear on certificate NORMAN R. MOE

Address R2 Box 92 SPRINGFIELD, MINN 56087

Address of farm, if different from above Same

Section 14 Township BURKSTOWN County BROWN

Number of acres in the farm at present 320 acres

Date of original purchase by member of your family Feb. 1, 1875

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

W² of SW⁴ Sec. 14 Burnstown Twp Brown Co.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Peter MOE</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1875</u> to <u>1902</u>	<u>Uncle</u>
next owner	from to	
<u>CHARENCE MOE</u>	from <u>1902</u> to <u>1930</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner	from <u>1930</u> to <u>Date</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:

Genevieve Moe
(Witness sign here)

Norman R. Moe
(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? Homestead -
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$ 4.⁰⁰
4. Where was the first owner born? Elverum, Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? See attached sheet
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? 2^d addition 1913
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? CORN - Soybeans - (Cattle)
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
SPRINGFIELD ADVANCE Press - SPRINGFIELD, MN. 56087

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

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

PETER JAMES MOE

*Obituary of
first son*

LAST BUGLE CALL

Peter J. Moe answers final summons
at his home in Springfield last Thursday Night

FUNERAL HELD LAST SUNDAY

Was an old Resident and a Union Veteran
of the 12th Regiment of Iowa
Volunteers

On Thursday night last occurred the death of Peter J. Moe at his home in this city, after an illness which extended more or less over a period of quite a number of years. His death was not wholly unexpected, for although he was able to be up and around most of the time, yet his physical condition kept him quite close to his home, and during the years of impaired health, he was a patient sufferer.

The funeral was held Sunday afternoon, brief services being held at the late home at 11:30 o'clock, and at 2:00 o'clock, the procession headed by six members of WM. Cutland Post and closely followed by the Order of United Woodmen and the Odd Fellows, slowly wended its way to the English M.E. Church, where an impressive sermon was delivered by the pastor, Rev. W.E. Hawley. The church was filled to overflowing with sympathetic friends and neighbors. The body was laid to rest in the city Cemetery (Springfield), the last rites at the grave being performed by the Workmen Lodge, of which deceased was a member and in which order he carried \$2,000 life insurance.

Peter J. Moe was born in (Elverum) Norway, July 4, 1848, and at the age of two and one-half years he came with his parents to America and settled in Ole Bull's Colony in Pennsylvania. After living there several years they moved to Stoughton, Wis., which was in the year of 1855. In 1857 they again moved, this time settling in Cedar Falls, Iowa, remaining there until the now deceased went into the Union Army to help preserve the integrity of our government. He was a mere lad of 18 years when on Jan. 7, 1865 he joined the 12th regiment of Iowa Volunteers under the command of General Anderson and Captain Robert A. Gibson, company G. Though a mere lad he served with courage and great fortitude, as his comrades testify, in all the battles and skirmishes in which his regiment was engaged. At the close of the war, 6th of Jan. 1866 at Memphis, Tennessee he was honorably discharged, receiving his papers to that effect.

A few years after the close of the war he came to Minnesota, taking a homestead in 1870 located in Burnstown Twp. 3 miles east of Springfield. One year later he was married to his now bereaved wife, and he is also survived by two brothers namely, S.J. Moe, residing at Lakefield, Minn. and O.J. Snyder, a prominent attorney at Buffalo, N.Y. For fully 30 years deceased resided on the old homestead, having during that time witnessed all the discouragement and hardships encountered particularly by the early settlers. Ten years ago declining health compelled him to retire from the farm, and with his estimable helpmate took up his residence in Springfield, Minn. (Now 101 S. Burns)

Peter J. Moe was well known and highly respected by his associates, and during his residence on the farm he held, at various times, township offices of importance. Although a great sufferer, he bore it all without complaint, and was ready and waiting to answer the last bugle call. But what more fitting tribute could possibly be paid a defender of his country than the words of commendation of bravery of a brother comrade the letter having been written by Nilson J. David of Barrien Springs, Mich., Nov. 26. 1893. This letter pays such glowing tribute to the deceased that it is herewith reproduced in full:

PETER J. MOE, SPRINGFIELD, MINN.

My Dearest Comrade:- A few days ago I received a letter from J.E.Simpson of our company, in which he said that you were at the last reunion of the glorious regiment. I do not know in what light or language I shall praise you, my dear "KID" as we called you. You remember what we told you when we left you in Davenport, Iowa, after we were all mustered out? I believed that you would live only a short time, as your health was broken down and shattered, both in constitution and frame, owing to the hardships on the marches and in action. Well I do remember, my dear 'kid' as I must still call you, when we were at the battle of Fish River. Poor Boy! It was hot and a trying day for so young a boy; 24 hrs. on the march day and night without a morsel to eat, wet to the very bone through cold and stormy night, on the 22nd of March 1865.

Do you remember as the dawn of the morning appeared, we halted by the bank of the river and you sat down beside a hemlock tree and in a minute you were asleep. All at once the Sgt. tapped you on the shoulder and says: "Pete, wake up ready for duty." Have you had anything to eat? "No", said you. "Well", said the Sgt. "it will be hard to tell when we will get anything, as we are blockaded by the rebels. It is Hard but I have to detail you to the skirmish line." "Fall in at once." Remember it was you and I, Pet Peter Larson, Andrew Johnson, Chas. McCabe of Co. G who went out on that memorable day under the charge of Captain Russell of the 33rd Missouri. Soon we were under tremendous fire.

All day we fought in that awful field, with many of our comrades, we saw their fall, and the way you looked it was sad to behold, but brave as a hero you faced it like a man. You know that the boys took great interest in you, as you were a kind and loving boy always ready for duty, and kindly disposition.

Do you remember the close call we had, at the battle when that shell struck that big tree only 3 ft. away from you, killing so many, and sending you head over heels for rods away? "Oh, there goes the poor kid," says Torkelson, but lo, up kumps the kid. "It was a hell of a shot," says Pete. Truly you and I can never forget that night. At dawn up and out there we stood, side by side under a belching fire of steel and lead, with comrades dropping on every side."

"Oh, (says our poor little kid) is not this terrible murdering going to stop?" "Oh, yea, either we have to whip them or die." Do you remember who said that? "Allright", says Pete. "We will fight them or die so we can get something to eat." Truly this was bravely said and it has never been forgotten by any of us."

But Oh, where was poor Torkelson? Killed? they asked. "Yes, I saw him fall, says you. Who cannot say we did not suffer.

As night came upon us we fell down upon our guns, with a strong and fresh picket at the front. Well we lay in drenching rain, hungry and exhaust exhausted. Shivering with the cold till the break of morning in the front we again stood, 36 hrs. without anything to eat. "Fall in" was the sharp cry of the officer, and on we went. This was our last stand.

The battle opened with terrible slaughter and I remember taking a look at you. I saw tears streaming down your cheeks; it was starvation you wept for, I know, and God bless us, it was hard. At 10 o'clock the victory was ours, and at 1 o'clock we had a scanty ration, but little was better than nothing. We then had 8 hrs. of sleep, after we buried the dead.

Soon we went for the Spanish Ford and Fort Blakely. At Blakely I was severely wounded, and you was one of those who carried me off the field and assisted poor Nickerson, when he fell by his colors. So the time you stayed with us you have won a glorious star, true patriot in every respect, ready for duty, and always at camp. When I see you I would like to have you tell me all that you know of your service, and the last words poor Nickerson told you when he was shot at the battle of Blakely, as you assisted him, as you did me, and well did you do it.

Your true comrade in F.C. and L.

Nilson J. Davis

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

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

Name of Centennial Farm owner LANDIS F. MOHR 507-359-2141

Name(s) to appear on certificate LANDIS F. MOHR

Address R 2 BOX 115

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 18 & 19 Township COTTONWOOD County BROWN

Number of acres in the farm at present 235

Date of original purchase by member of your family 12-31-1965

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

SW 1/4 SECTION 18-109-30

NW 1/4 SECTION 19-109-30

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>MARTIN MOHR</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1861</u> to <u>1894</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
<u>THEODOR MOHR</u> next owner	from <u>1894</u> to <u>1926</u>	<u>SON</u>
<u>MARTIN J. MOHR</u> next owner	from <u>1926</u> to <u>1965</u>	<u>SON</u>
<u>LANDIS F. MOHR</u> next owner	from <u>1965</u> to <u>PRESENT</u>	<u>SON</u>
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:

DR. H. T. MOHR
(Witness sign here)

Landis F. Mohr
(Signature of present owner)

Date July 14, 1976

See reverse side for additional information

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? MART J. MOHR
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$3.00 PER ACRE
4. Where was the first owner born? GERMANY
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? ILL.
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?
~~TOOL SHOP 1880 GRANARY 1889~~ NO
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use?
TOOL SHOP 1880 GRANARY 1889
10. When was the present home built? 1951
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? CORN, BEANS, OATS
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
THE JOURNAL, NEW ULM, MINN 56025

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

First house is still on farm it was 26x18, and a basement was built in 1880. The Summer House was built when they moved here, also a ice house with a full basement was built then. My farm is on the little cottonwood river & when my Great Grandfather was living here the Indians lived along the river bank.

The basement and storm cellar
is from old house where
we still have brick which
is 1869

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Donald R. MOLL *dk*
Name(s) to appear on certificate Donald R. MOLL
Address Box 214 - RRI
Address of farm, if different from above Sleepy Eye, Minn. 56085

Section 17 Township 110 County 32 Brown

Number of acres in the farm at present 120

Date of original purchase by member of your family July 10, 1868

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

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 17-110-32

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Daniel MOLL</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	<u>from 1868 to 1912</u>	
<u>Frank A. MOLL</u> next owner	<u>from 1912 to 1944</u>	<u>Son</u>
<u>Donald R. MOLL</u> next owner	<u>from 1944 to Present</u>	<u>7-7-76 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:

Aileen Christianson
(Witness sign here)

Donald R. Moll
(Signature of present owner)

Date July 7, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Original Patent
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 240
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?
yes 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? About 1878
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Sweet Corn, soybeans
corn, oats, wheat, Peas
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Sleepy Eye Herald Dispatch - Sleepy Eye Minn. 56085

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner

Reuben C. MOLL *OK*

Name(s) to appear on certificate

Reuben C. MOLL

Address

Highland Manor

Address of farm, if different from above

New Ulm, Minn. 56073

Section

17

Township

110

County

32 Brown

Number of acres in the farm at present

120

Date of original purchase by member of your family

July 10, 1868

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

W¹/₂ of W¹/₂ of SE ¹/₄ and N¹/₂ of SW ¹/₄Sec. 17-110-32

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME

DATES (YEARS) OF
OWNERSHIPBLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO
NEXT OWNER

<u>Daniel Moll</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1868</u> to <u>1912</u>	
<u>Reuben C. Moll</u>	from <u>1912</u> to <u>Present</u>	<u>7-7-76</u>
next owner	from	to
next owner	from	to
next owner	from	to
next owner	from	to
next owner	from	to
next owner	from	to
next owner	from	to

Son (Now 94 years old)

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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:

Louise R. Moll
(Witness sign here)

Reuben C. Moll
(Signature of present owner)

Date July 7, 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Original Patent
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 240
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?
yes black Smith
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? _____
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, Soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Sleepy Eye Herald Dispatch - Sleepy Eye, Minn. 56085

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Ralph R. Olsen
Name(s) to appear on certificate same
Address Rt. 3, Sleepy Eye, Minn.
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 34 Township Eden County Brown
Number of acres in the farm at present 80
Date of original purchase by member of your family Aug. 5, 1869
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
5 1/2 of S.W. 1/4 Sec. 34 Twp. 111, range 33 - 80 acres

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Jorgen Olsen</u> <small>(owner in 1876 or B4)</small>	from <u>1869</u> to <u>1902</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Henry Olsen</u> <small>next owner</small>	from <u>1902</u> to <u>1961</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Ralph R. Olsen</u> <small>next owner</small>	from <u>1961</u> to <u>1976</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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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:

Clarence Paulson
(Witness sign here)

Ralph R. Olsen
(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? Sioux Indian Trust Lands
Was a land grant from U.S. signed by Pres. Grant and issued from general
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 land off near St. Peter.
3. What was the cost of land per acre? _____
4. Where was the first owner born? Rodby, Lolland, Denmark
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Denmark
6. Was this a homestead? It was a grant from U.S.
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? 1965
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, beans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Sleepy Eye Herald Dispatch & Morgan Messenger

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

OK

Name of Centennial Farm owner David Olstad

Name(s) to appear on certificate David and Marlys Olstad

Address R.2 Hanska, Minnesota 56041

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 16 Township Lake Hanska County Brown

Number of acres in the farm at present 160

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1873

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

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ & SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 16-108-31

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Peder Johnson Olstad</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	<u>from 1873 to 1882</u>	<u>Brother</u>
<u>Knudt C. Olstad</u>	<u>from 1882 to 1904</u>	<u>Uncle</u>
next owner <u>Carl Olstad</u>	<u>from 1904 to 1944</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner <u>Porter Olstad</u>	<u>from 1944 to 1974</u>	<u>Son</u>
next owner <u>David Olstad</u>	<u>from 1974 to</u>	
next owner	<u>from to</u>	
next owner	<u>from to</u>	
next owner		

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Abstract of Title ()	Court file in Registration
Land Patent (x)	Proceedings ()
Original Deed ()	Other (please explain <u>Lake Hanska Twp.</u>
County Land Record (x)	<u>tax books verify that Peder Johnson Olstad</u>

paid the taxes until patent was granted in 1882

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

Porter Olstad
(Witness sign here)

David Olstad
(Signature of present owner)

Date July 13 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? School land patent
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 120
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$1.25
4. Where was the first owner born? Oier, Gudbrandsdalen, Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Chicago, Illinois
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?
A carpenter--he helped rebuild Chicago after the fire of 1871
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? The present farmhouse contains material from the original shanty
10. When was the present home built? 1900
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn, alfalfa, milk
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Hanska Herald (Hanska) and The Journal (New Ulm)

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

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Leslie J. Peterson
Name(s) to appear on certificate Leslie J. Peterson
Address RR 3 - Sleepy Eye, Minnesota
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 26 Township Eden County Brown

Number of acres in the farm at present 320

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1866

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

SE 4 of NE 4
East 1/3 of W 2 of NE 4
And West 1/3 of W 2 of NE 4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
John C. Peterson (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1866 to 1912	Father
Peterson Bros. & Sisters next owner	from 1912 to 1964	Uncles and Aunts
Leslie J. Peterson next owner	from 1964 to Present	
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 <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:

Alice E. Badd
(Witness sign here)

Leslie Peterson
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 29, 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? United States Government
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$1.25
4. Where was the first owner born? Denmark
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?
None
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? 1884
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn And Soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Sleepy Eye Herald Dispatch

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

The original owner raised eleven children on this farm and one is still living at the age of 90+.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner CLARENCE J. PAULSON
Name(s) to appear on certificate CLARENCE & FRANCES PAULSON
Address RURAL Route #3, Sleepy Eye
Address of farm, if different from above -

Section 3 Township 110 County BROWN

Number of acres in the farm at present 160

Date of original purchase by member of your family July 7, 1873

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

SE 1/4 of Sec. 3, Township 110, Range 33

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
JOHAN ERNST PAULSON (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1873 to 1900	FATHER
NELS E. PAULSON next owner	from 1900 to 1948	FATHER
CLARENCE J. PAULSON next owner	from 1948 to Present	
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 ()	<u>Registered deeds - County</u>
	<u>Records</u>

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

Ray L. Lofburg
(Witness sign here)

Clarence Paulson
(Signature of present owner)

Date 7-10-76

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? HANS LARSEN
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? DENMARK
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? DENMARK
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? YES - ORIGINAL HOME

10. When was the present home built? about 1880
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? CORN, BEANS, SMALL GRAIN
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
SLEEPY EYE HERALD DISPATCH

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Roman and Marjorie Roiger
Name(s) to appear on certificate Roman and Marjorie Roiger
Address Route 2 Springfield, Minn
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 2 Township 108 County Brown
Number of acres in the farm at present 160

Date of original purchase by member of your family March 1, 1876

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
East half of Southeast Quarter of Sec. 2 Twp. 108
Range 34 Brown County, Minnesota

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Nicklaus Roiger</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1876 to 1877	<u>Brother</u>
<u>John Roiger</u> next owner	from 1877 to 1924	<u>Father</u>
<u>John H. Roiger</u> next owner	from 1924 to 1954	<u>Father</u>
<u>Roman + Marjorie Roiger</u> next owner	from 1954 to to date	
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:

Leonard Fischer
(Witness sign here)

Roman Roiger
Marjorie Roiger
(Signature of present owner)

Date Aug 2, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? _____
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 acres
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? Waseca
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?
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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? About 1895
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, soybeans, grain, hogs and dairy cattle
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Springfield Advance Press

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Harold & Marquerite Runk
Name(s) to appear on certificate " " "
Address New Ulm, Minn.
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 12 Township Milford County Brown
Number of acres in the farm at present 430
Date of original purchase by member of your family 1857
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
S.E. sec. 12 and part of N 1/2 of sec. 12

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Wilhelm Pfander (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1857 to 1900	Father
Herman Pfander next owner	from 1900 to 1940	Father-in-law & Father
Harold Runk next owner Marquerite	from 1940 to —	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
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:

(Witness sign here)

Harold Runk
(Signature of present owner)
Marquerite Pfander

Date _____

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Anton Kaus
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 220
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? First Homestead in Brown County
7. Did the first owner farm the land? _____
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?

9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? _____

10. When was the present home built? 1913
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn Soybeans & Wheat
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:

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

Century farm in 1958 state
Centennial

Brown

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

Names to appear on 1976 Certificate Harold & Marguerite Rensch

ADDRESS R. 1 New Ulm
Maine

FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION BY THE FAMILY 1857

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

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Name of Centennial Farm owner Waldemar H. Schmiesing
 Name(s) to appear on certificate Waldemar and Inez Schmiesing
 Address RR1 HANSKA, Minnesota 56041
 Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 29 Township LAKE HANSKA County BROWN

Number of acres in the farm at present 204.57

Date of original purchase by member of your family _____

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

East 1/2 of N.E. 1/4, lots 3 and 4, part of lot 2, Section 29
Township 108 Range 31 Brown County, Minnesota

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Fredrick Bjorneberg</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1882</u> to <u>1892</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>HANS E. FREDERICKSON</u> next owner	from <u>1892</u> to <u>1927</u>	<u>FATHER-IN-LAW</u>
<u>W^m Schmiesing</u> next owner	from <u>1927</u> to <u>1965</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Waldemar Schmiesing</u> next owner	from <u>1965</u> to _____	
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 ()	Proceedings ()
Original Deed ()	Other (please explain <u>Family records</u>)
County Land Record ()	<u>(see attached sheet)</u>

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

Muriel Jeske
 (Witness sign here)

Waldemar Schmiesing
 (Signature of present owner)

Date June 24, 1976

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ON August 26, 1909 The Farm CONTAINING 204.57 ACRES
WAS OFFICIALLY NAMED AND RECORDED AS LAKE SHORE FARM

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Saint Paul and Sioux City Railroad Co.
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 132.28
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$1000.⁰⁰ Total about \$7.50 per acre
4. Where was the first owner born? Rom skalen, Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Norway
6. Was this a homestead? Yes? not in the sense that the land was just claimed - it was purchased.
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
He sold fish before he came to this country.
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? Yes, the original log cabin built in 1877 is still standing & is presently being renovated. The family lived in a sod hut the first year (1879)
10. When was the present home built? 1901
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Dairying - Corn - Soybeans
Alfalfa - Wheat
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
HANSA Herald HANSA, Minnesota 56041
New Ulm Daily Journal New Ulm, Minnesota 56073

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

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

The Frederickson family has a very complete recorded family history and family tree. This record includes a definite record that my great-grandfather (Frederick Bjoernberg) left Norway early in 1876 and arrived here in June of 1876. They lived in a sod hut the first year and built a log house on this farm in 1877. I cannot explain why the land title did not become official until 1882 but there is no question in my mind that he ~~did~~ lived on this farm starting in 1876.

Sleepy Eye Herald—Dispatch
Tuesday, April 18, 1972 — 7



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

Dear Sirs:

Mr. William Rossbach Jr, formerly of Prussia Germany, was my great-grandfather. I knew him well as he lived with my grandparents on his original homestead until he passed away in 1930 at the age of over 100 years. At the time of his passing I was about eight years old and attending the rural county school which he and his son-in-law, Mr. Koenig, founded in the area as there were no schools for children in the area at the time of his coming.

Mr. Rossbach is buried at the Iberia Cementery, Brown County Minnesota. His tombstone reads "William Rossbach 1830-1930".

The first Brown County Courthouse was destroyed by fire in the 1880's and thus records are very incomplete prior to that time. The written report of Mr. Koenig, at the Brown County Historical Museum at New Ulm, Minnesota, are the basis information we have as well as the enclosed brochure of the Historical Society and a copy of the written material from the Memorial Record of Southwestern Minnesota.

At the present time my oldest son, Stanley Turbes is renting the original homestead from me and hopes to purchase it within the near future. He has two young sons presently both of which show great interest in farming and with their residence there makes the sixth generation living on the original homestead.

Standing today is the barn and house mentioned in the Memorial Record as well as the original 10-12 acres of cottonwood trees which were the requirements of ownership for a homestead in the 1860's.

I hope the enclosed information will suffice in naming this original homestead one of the Century Homesteads for Brown County, Minnesota.

Thank you for your interest.

Very truly yours,

Myrtle O. Turbes.

Myrtle O. Turbes
317 Maple S.W.
Sleepy Eye, Minn. 56085

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Myrtle O. Turber
 Name(s) to appear on certificate Myrtle O. Turber
 Address 317 Maple St., Sleepy Eye, Minn. 56085
 Address of farm, if different from above Hauska, Minnesota
R#1 Box 66
 Section 10 Township Albin County Brown
 Number of acres in the farm at present 160
 Date of original purchase by member of your family Refers to attached records - about 1869
 Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement) SW 1/4, Section 10, Township 108, Range 32

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
* <u>U.S. of America</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1869 to 1921	first owner true claim original
<u>Wilhelm Ronsback Sr.</u> next owner	from 1869 to 1921	homestead to Wilhelm Ronsback Sr.
<u>William Ronsback Jr.</u> next owner	from 1921 to 1940	father to son
<u>Mabel Ronsback Olson</u> next owner	from 1940 to 1960	father to daughter
<u>Myrtle O. Turber + Norma O. Petersen</u> next owner	from 1960 to 1973	mother to her two daughters
<u>Myrtle O. Turber</u> next owner	from 1973 to 1976	daughter Myrtle purchased
next owner	from to	all of said property & presently own same.

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Abstract of Title ()	Court file in Registration
Land Patent ()	Proceedings ()
Original Deed ()	Other (please explain)
County Land Record (X)	<u>Brown Co. Historical Society</u>
	<u>New Ulm Chamber enclosed of</u>

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

Katherine M. Hansen
 (Witness sign here)

Myrtle O. Turber
 (Signature of present owner)

Date June 24, 1976

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* refers to attached sheet. Page 18

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? U.S. of American Homestead
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? acquired for planting 10 acres of trees - known as "tree claim"
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?
no - served on a number of leadership areas such as Township Clerk etc.
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? about 1890
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn, soybeans, feeder cattle, pigs, etc.
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Sleepy Eye Herald Dispatch - New Ulm Daily Journal

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

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

ORIGINAL HOMESTEAD OF WILHELM ROSSBACH, formerly of Prussia, Germany.

The following is a copy from MEMORIAL RECORD OF SOUTHWESTERN MINNESOTA, Chicago, Published 1897.

"WILLIAM ROSSBACH--Among the intelligent, enterprising and successful German-American citizens of Brown County, Minnesota, none are perhaps better known or more worthy of notice than is William Rossbach, his identity with the county dating from 1868 and he being one of the first and most prominent settlers of Albin township.

Mr. Rossbach is a native of Prussia, Germany, and was born March 3, 1830, son of Jacob and Barbara Catherine (Reinmuller) Rossbach, both natives of that place and people of high respectability. Jacob Rossbach was a landlord and farmer and in good circumstances, figuring as one of the representative citizens of the village in which he lived. He died there at the age of fifty-five years and his wife at fifty-nine. They were Reformed Lutherans, reared their family in that faith, and lived and died by it. Of their six children, William is the only son and youngest child. He was reared in his native land and educated chiefly under his brother-in-law, who was a professor of language and was engaged in teaching for many years. On attaining manhood young Rossbach assisted his brother-in-law for some time in the schoolroom and also helped his father in his business. In 1849 he entered the German army, spent four years in the ranks, and had engagements at Jutland, Denmark. At the end of his term of service he received an honorable discharge as corporal, after which he returned home and resumed work for his father. In 1867, bidding adieu to home and friends and native land, he set out for America, taking passage at Bremen for New York, and landing at that port after a voyage of sixteen days. From New York he came west to Chicago, and at New Bremen, near that city, rented forty acres of land, upon which he lived one year. The following year, 1868, he came to Brown County, Minnesota, and took claim to one hundred and sixty acres of government land near Lake Hanska, where all was wild and far remote from civilization. Here he settled and began in earnest the work of developing a farm, and while he has had many hardships, including the memorable grasshopper pest which caused him heavy loss of crops, he has in the main been successful, and not only has he improved his original claim, but also he has acquired and improved other land, and now has a valuable farm of two hundred and eighty acres. His grove of twelve acres is one of the best in the county. he has a large barn, thirty by forty feet in dimensions and with rock basement, and has a comfortable and attractive home for himself and family and also a house for his tenant.

Mr. Rossbach was married at the age of twenty-four years, in Germany, to Miss Martha Wiegand, a native of Prussia, and their union has been blessed in the birth of five children, viz: Kate Koenig, Grace Buguart, Jacob, Lizzie Rice and William.

Aside from his farming operations, Mr. Rossbach has various other interests and is prominently identified with several industries of importance. He was secretary of the Farmers' Elevator and Warehouse Company of Sleepy Eye, and is the present treasurer of the Stark Farmers' Mutual Insurance Company, and secretary and treasurer of the Albin Creamery and one of the stockholders of the same.

Politically, he was formerly a Republican and acted with that party for a number of years, but is now an ardent Populist and in favor of free silver. He has filled various local offices, such as member of the school board, township clerk and treasurer and the like and always to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. Personally, Mr. Rossbach has the bearing of a soldier. Time has dwelt gently with him, and although he is now sixty-six years of age, he is well preserved and appears much younger than he is."

This is original wording from the Memorial Record.

Myrtle O. Turbes

Myrtle O. Turbes
317 Maple S.W.
Sleepy Eye, Minn. 56085
Tel 507-784-7409

From

Leota M. Kellett

Historical Museum, New Ulm, Minn.

Mr Turles - Thank you for the
information. I am sending you
two more copies of our last issue,
we really do not have much
in the files on the Rossbach's
except a few obituaries and
pictures.

Eventually I hope we track
down the original Iberic center
record book. Sincerely, Leota Kellett

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