



## Century Farm Applications

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Chaska, Minn. July 16-'76  
Minn. State Fair

St. Paul Minn. Carver

To whom it may concern:

Over 2 yrs. ago I wrote you in regard to the "Century Farm" information - which format I rec'd dated July 7<sup>th</sup> - I have tried to call by phone several times but never seem to get the line by Tel. no. (612) 645-2781 - busy signal every time - so - decided to write to ask would I have to be present on Sat. Sept 4<sup>th</sup> Rural Minn. Day in order to receive the Plaque and Certificate given by Gov. Wendel Anderson or could this material be mailed to me - if I would pay the postage on same - am sure it could be delivered to my door here in Chaska by "United Parcel Post" as often have had material & insd. come to me in this way, my reason is I have arthritis and can't do a lot of walking in crowds especially and should it too be a hot spell & weather I have fluid build up in my ankles and am under doctors care, I will be 78 yrs. Aug. 6<sup>th</sup> Besides I have no car or a driver to depend on. Tell me if you have any idea already when or what time of the Day on Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> this is, to take place - maybe it will be on a T.V. program as I know some programs in past State Fairs (Minn.) have been, if not would appreciate knowing time of day anyway. The Century Farm I have to

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enter is in Carver County  
4<sup>th</sup> generation, owned in  
or since Oct. 9<sup>th</sup> 1860 by a  
Louis Olsen who came from  
Norway - my husband's  
grandfather - it at present  
time consists of  $10\frac{5}{8}$  acres -  
if necessary, I have several  
pictures of the buildings -  
maybe the "Farmer magazine"  
would want for publications  
later, I have the Deeds  
and I know our "Register of  
Deeds" man here in Chaska  
Court house will be willing  
to come to my home to sign  
the Form you mailed me  
and help me out on the  
questions to be filled in.  
This farm is 116 yrs. old.

may I hear from you  
soon & I will return the  
Form as soon as possible.

Thank-you sincerely  
Wishing you another fine  
successful 1976 Minnesota  
State Fair. - I am proud  
to be a Minnesota State  
Taxpayer!

H49-4812 Mrs. Luella Olsen  
637 West 1<sup>st</sup> St.  
Chaska, Minn.  
55-318.

P.S. I will attach a note to  
the Form at mailing time - if  
you allow the Pleasure & Certificate  
to be mailed to me by United  
Parcel Post or insured mail  
so instructions are followed.

Carver Co.

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June 23-76

Century Farms Information  
Minnesota State Fair.

Jim G. Frost  
Publicity Dir.

Inclosed information for  
updating in good century  
Farm families

In Closed is a copy of write up  
in Minneapolis Tribune 1958.  
We still live on this farm.  
I was born in this house  
74 years ago April 20. 1902  
April 1st <sup>1976</sup> Our Son Gerald and  
wife Eunice bought a Contract for  
Deed on this farm

Sincerely,  
Mr. Mrs Alfred Beneke  
Hamburg Minn  
55339



# **Beneke's of Hamburg Are Century Farm Family**

Minnesota's 375 Century farm Hamburg Minn. and their



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CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner MYRON F. + MARGARET E. BACHMANN

Name(s) to appear on certificate MYRON F. + MARGARET E. BACHMANN

Address RT 1, Box 43, NORWOOD, MN 55368

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

Section 5 + 6 Township HANCOCK County CARVER

Number of acres in the farm at present 175

Date of original purchase by member of your family Homestead 1860.

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

NW 1/4 INCLUDED LOT 1, EXCEPTING 575.10 ACRES THEREOF SEC. 5 AND N 1/2 OF  
NE 1/4 INCLUDED LOT 1, AND N 10 ACRES OF SW 1/4 OF NE 1/4 OF SEC. 6,  
TWP 114 NORTH RANGE 35 WEST OF THE 5TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN,  
PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP CONTAINING 175 ACRES MORE OR LESS.

| NAME                                       | DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP | BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| GOTTWALD BACHMANN<br>(owner in 1876 or B4) | from 1860 to 1900          | FATHER                           |
| HERMAN BACHMANN<br>next owner              | from 1900 to 1934          | FATHER                           |
| EDWARD C. BACHMANN<br>next owner           | from 1934 to 1963          | FATHER                           |
| MYRON F. BACHMANN<br>next owner            | from 1963 to 1976          |                                  |
| next owner                                 | from to                    |                                  |
| next owner                                 | from to                    |                                  |
| next owner                                 | from to                    |                                  |
| next owner                                 | from to                    |                                  |

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

|                        |                                    |
|------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Abstract of Title (X)  | Court file in Registration         |
| Land Patent (X)        | Proceedings ( )                    |
| Original Deed ( )      | Other (please explain _____)       |
| County Land Record ( ) | <u>LAND OFFICE REGISTER "1860"</u> |

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

Hal Gettrick  
(Witness sign here)

Myron F. Bachmann  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6/21-76

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? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? HOMESTEAD
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?  
YES.
10. When was the present home built? ABOUT 1870-1873
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? DAIRY + HOG FARM
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
NORWOOD TIMES, NORWOOD Mo. 55368

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Archie Oliver Blackketter  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Archie Oliver Blackketter  
Address Watertown, Minnesota  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 1 Township 117 Range 26 County Carver

Number of acres in the farm at present 77 1/2

Date of original purchase by member of your family Dec. 4, 1865

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
SE 1/4 & SW 1/4 of Section 1-117-26, cont. 320 acres.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

| NAME  | DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP | BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER                     |
|---|----------------------------|--|
| William Blackketter                         | from 1865 to               | SE 1/4 & SW 1/4 320 acres. Father                    |
| (owner in 1876 or B4)<br>Oliver Blackketter | from 1904 to 1957          | N 1/2 of SE 1/4 cont 80 acres. S <sup>n</sup> Father |
| next owner<br>Archie O. Blackketter         | from 1957 to 1975          | N 1/2 of SE 1/4 cont 80 acres. S <sup>n</sup> Father |
| next owner<br>Edward Blackketter            | from 1975 to Present       | EDWARD S <sup>n</sup> Blackketter                    |
| 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 (X) 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:

(Witness sign here) \_\_\_\_\_  
Edward J. Blackketter  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6/26/76  
over



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

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



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner RAY & ANNA BLISSENBACH

Name(s) to appear on certificate RAY & ANNA BLISSENBACH

Address CHASKA MINN. RT. 2 BOX 65

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

Section 15 Township LAKETOWN County CARVER

Number of acres in the farm at present 113.01

Date of original purchase by member of your family 18

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

SEC. 15 S.W. QTR. - TWSP. 116 - RANGE 24

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

| NAME  | DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP         | BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER |
|---|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <u>JOHANN WINKEL</u><br>(owner in 1876 or B4)   | from <u>1866</u> to <u>1885</u>    | <u>FATHER</u>                    |
| <u>JOHN WINKEL</u><br>next owner                | from <u>1885</u> to <u>1952</u>    | <u>GRANDFATHER &amp; FATHER</u>  |
| <u>RAY &amp; ANNA BLISSENBACH</u><br>next owner | from <u>1952</u> to <u>PRESENT</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 <u>(X)</u>  | Court file in Registration   |
| Land Patent <u>( )</u>        | Proceedings <u>( )</u>       |
| Original Deed <u>( )</u>      | Other (please explain _____) |
| County Land Record <u>( )</u> |                              |

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

Mary Lou Fry  
(Witness sign here)

Ray J. Blissenbach  
Anna Blissenbach  
(Signature of present owner)S

Date JUNE 25 1976 OVER

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? VALLEY RAILROAD CO.
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 ACRES
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$50.00
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? NO - PURCHASED FROM R.R. CO. IN
7. Did the first owner farm the land? YES 1861
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 HOUSE IS  
102 YEARS OLD BARN IS 100 YRS. OLD
10. When was the present home built? 1874
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? GRAIN - CORN - PASTURE  
OAT ALFALFA
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
WACONIA PATRIOT - WACONIA MINN 55387

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

## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Charles & Ed. BoyleName(s) to appear on certificate Charles BoyleAddress 1411-16th Zip 55336Address of farm, if different from above Glencoe MinnesotaSection 30 Township Camden County CarverNumber of acres in the farm at present 80 acres & 55 acresDate of original purchase by member of your family 1856

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

and 80 acres for Larry Gready Mothers  
Uncle

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

| NAME                  | DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP |    | BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|----|----------------------------------|
|                       | from                       | to |                                  |
| (owner in 1876 or B4) |                            |    | <u>Larry Gready</u>              |
| next owner            |                            |    | <u>Richard Powers</u>            |
| next owner            |                            |    | <u>Mrs John Boyle</u>            |
| next owner            |                            |    | <u>Charles Boyle &amp;</u>       |
| next owner            |                            |    | <u>Ed Boyle</u>                  |
| next owner            |                            |    | <u>Charles Boyle &amp;</u>       |
| next owner            |                            |    | <u>Ed Boyle</u>                  |
| next owner            |                            |    | <u>Charles &amp; Ed Boyle</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:

Charles Boyle  
(Witness sign here)

Charles & Ed Boyle  
(Signature of present owner)

Date Clara Boyle

See reverse side for additional information.



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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Homes Teaded
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 240 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? I have heard say \$1 per acre
4. Where was the first owner born? Ireland
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? my father & mother lived in mpls 1895
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? 1903
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, beans, small grains
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Norwood Times Norwood Minnesota

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

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

Ed Boyle is presently in the rest home in Burns Manor Hutchinson over 90 years old Minnesota

Carver

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

Names to appear on 1976 Certificate Charles - Ed Boyle

Zip 55336

ADDRESS 1411 - East 16th

apt 210

Glencoe Minnesota

FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION BY THE FAMILY 1922

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.

we changed address so got this  
late it was Young America's  
Minnesota No Charles Boyle  
1411 - East 16th  
apt 210 Glencoe Minnesota  
Zip 55336

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Mr & Mrs Herb Brockoff  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Herbert H & Aurelia Brockoff  
Address R2 Box 159 Cologne, Minn 55322  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section NE 1/4 Sec 22 Township Benton - 115 County Carver

Number of acres in the farm at present 156 acres

Date of original purchase by member of your family Nov. 18, 1958

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

NE 1/4 of Section 22 - 115 - 25 Cont. 160 acres  
NE quarter of Section 22, Twp 115, Range 25

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

| NAME   | DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP | BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER            |
|--|----------------------------|---|
| <u>John C. Sprengeler</u><br>(owner in 1876 on B4) | from 1860 to 1892          | <u>Father</u>                               |
| <u>Fred. Sprengeler</u><br>next owner              | from 1892 to 1950          | <u>Son</u>                                  |
| <u>R. E. Reinhard</u><br>next owner                | from 1950 to 1958          | <u>Grandson</u>                             |
| <u>Sprengeler</u><br>next owner                    | from _____ to _____        | _____                                       |
| <u>Aurelia Brockoff</u><br>next owner              | from 1958 to present       | <u>great grand daughter</u>                 |
| <u>Herbert Brockoff</u><br>next owner              | from _____ to _____        | _____                                       |
| <u>Will be our</u><br>next owner                   | from _____ to _____        | <u>four children (Incorporated we hope)</u> |

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Abstract of Title ☒  
Land Patent not available  
Original Deed ☐ Last  
County Land Record ☒

Court file in Registration Proceedings ☒  
Other (please explain) Our Warranty deed Nov. 1958

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

Theodore Sprengeler  
(Witness sign here)

Aurelia Brockoff  
(Signature of present owner)  
Herbert Brockoff

Date June 29, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.



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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Military Land Grant
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$2.00 per acre
4. Where was the first owner born? Hanover, Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Chicago, Ill.
6. Was this a homestead? No. Land Grant to Capt. Geo. Knappe
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 of.
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? No. — Not the house  
other Bldgs Yes Barn, Ice house - Fodder Barn
10. When was the present home built? 1966 & 1967
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, wheat, oats, hay & beef cattle
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Norwood Times, Naconia Patriot & Belle Plaine Herald

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

Question 6: If your question, "Was this a homestead?" means, for the original owner, or Great grand father of its Great grand father? yes!

Question 7: If your question means, "if Great Grand father farmed the land — yes!"

## Additional Information.

- No. 1 The Military Land Grant was signed by Abraham Lincoln on June 1st, 1861. But the first owner lived & farmed the land for five years before that (or since Spring of 1856) as was expected of Land Grants at that time.
- No. 3. The price of \$2.00 per acre was paid to the Government to settle <sup>on</sup> ~~the~~ <sup>seal</sup> the Land Grant
- No. 4 The first owner, John Costen Sprengeler, was born at Hanover, Germany on Nov. 18, 1821. He was married there when they left Germany.
- No. 5. They landed at Coopers Grove, ~~suburb~~ of Chicago, Ill. Which was only a stop over, before coming to Minnesota.
- They had 2 daughters when they came here, and Fred was born Dec 25, 1857 and was the first child baptized at Zion here, where congregation consisted of 8 families.

No. 6. Sorry I goofed it all up.  
If the question is meant for the  
first owner in the family. The  
answer is yes.

No. 7.

Is also yes. They farmed it

No. 9. He tried to save the old home.  
It was the 2nd. home the first  
owners built since they settled here.  
The first (log house) was used later  
as a hog barn, and was falling into  
ruin, so it was dismantled about  
1934 or so.

The second home was built about  
1872 or so. It consisted of 2 rooms  
downstairs & 2 upstairs. Then they  
added on twice after that, about  
the turn of the century. Then the  
final changes were made about 1916.  
That's the way it stayed till it was  
torn down in 1966. The new home  
was built on the same spot. Some  
lumber was saved and used in  
the new home. (next page)

2.

The home was too cold and run down and uneven to save. He had plans to save it, and fix it up. But we were told it would cost more than a new home.

The barn is still here, but it has been improved, and added on. First in about 1912, about 30 ft. Then it was cemented & stanchioned in 1944.

Then the walls were reinforced & repaired & painted in 1957.

Since we took over in 1958. (we had rented it since 1953) we tore down an old chicken barn, after the building fell down, and an old hog barn, for the same reason. The corn crib also for the same reason, the old machine shed for the same reason. He have no chicken barn, nor machine shed at present.

We do have pictures of the old house, inside  
(over)



and out, before we tore it down.  
The fodder shed, which Grandpa used  
to feed out his steers, is going down  
next. It is a hazard to the cattle,  
and may fall down and kill some.

No 11. We are semi-retired and have  
only a few beef cattle & a few hogs.  
The children are married (2) or  
gone from home (Navy).  
Some day, they want to take over.

Reinhard Sprengeler rented from  
Fred Sprengeler from 1926 - 1950.  
We rented from Reinhard Sprengeler  
from 1953 - 1958.

Disceased:

John Barton Sprengeler 1821 -  
Fredrick Sprengeler 1857 - 1936  
Reinhard Sprengeler 1894 - 1974  
Aurelia (Sprengeler) Brockhoff 1921 -

The forefathers lost their Land Patent,  
& Deed also. Nobody knows what became of it.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Eleanor L. Burns  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Eleanor L. Burns  
Address 417 Turnpike Road Minneapolis, Mn. 55416  
Address of farm, if different from above Route #1 Box 90 New Germany, Mn. 55360

Section 18 Township 117 Range 26 County Carver  
Number of acres in the farm at present 160.12 acres (carver) and 42 (McLeod) 202.12  
Date of original purchase by member of your family March 15, 1866  
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 18-117-26.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

| NAME                                   | DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP | BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER  |
|--|----------------------------|---|
| Patrick Campbell                       | from 1866 to 1871          | NW $\frac{1}{4}$ (Patrick Campbell son of Felix)  |
| (owner in 1876 or B4)<br>John Campbell | from 1871 to 1876          | E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ A brother to the above Patrick  |
| next owner<br>Mike Campbell            | from 1876 to 1886          | SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Either a son of Patrick-as Michael P. or a brother of Pat-                   |
| next owner<br>Paul J. Neaton           | from 1886 to 1886          | SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ & NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Brother in law to Micheal P. Campbell |
| next owner<br>Michael P. Campbell      | from 1886 to 1931          | SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ & NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Son of the above Patrick              |
| next owner<br>Mary Campbell etal       | from 1931 to 1933          | NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Widow of Micheal P. Campbell (nee-Neaton)  |
| next owner<br>John W. Campbell         | from 1933 to 1971          | NW $\frac{1}{4}$ a son of Micheal & Mary Campbell-above   |
| E.L. Burns & M.C. Connell              | from 1971 to 1975          | daughters of John W. Campbell   |
| next owner<br>Eleanor L. Burns         | from 1975 to               | NW $\frac{1}{4}$ E.L. Burns sole owner now.   |

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

Timothy R. Burns  
(Witness sign here)

Eleanor L. Burns  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6/30/76

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Records show United States to Patrick Campbell
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160.12 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Records show in 1871 80 acres as \$600.00  
Records show in 1876 40 acres as \$200.00
4. Where was the first owner born? Patrick Campbell-born Ireland, believe  
County Louth died Aug. 16 1885 age of 57 yrs
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Came to the US about 1852  
settling in New Jersey prior to coming into Carver Cty.
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?  
Prior to farming the above land-followed the new railroad construction via  
Penn, Illinois and Wisconsin to Carver Cty, about 1857-1858
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? Thru the years the home was built  
with two additions being added onto what was likely the one  
room house. Some of the outer bldgs. are very old.
10. When was the present home built? The final addition was completed about  
1915 and is now being repaired etc.
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, soy beans -alfalfa etc.
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Carver County News at Watertwon, Minn. This is where M.P.Campbell & Mary were  
married. Patrick and others buried here  
Winsted Journal at Winsted, Minn. Micheal & Mary Campbell buried here.  
As well as my father John W. Campbell

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

I am attaching some copies taken from the source noted below as to:

Micheal P. Campbell (my grandfather)

George Campbell- a uncle of Micheal P. Campbell and brother of Patrick

I have attached records also as to Micheal Burns and Edward Burns families-as to being neighbors etc. to the above.

Source of above: History & Biograghy of Carver & Hennepin Ctys. Minn.

Maj. R.I. Holcombe, Hist. Editor

Wm. H. Bingham, General Editor

Also two pages of notes of mine to my son Tom Burns in tracing the Family history.  
Eleanor L. Burns res. phone 544 3452

*Son of Patrick*

Michael F. Campbell, a prominent citizen and farmer of Hollywood township, is a native of Ireland, born October 24, 1852, and came to Minnesota with his father in his early childhood. The latter, Patrick Campbell, on coming to this country, had located first in New Jersey with his father, Felix Campbell, and brothers, and lived there until 1858, when the family came to Carver county. In April, 1865, on the day which lives in the memory of the nation as the date of the assassination of President Lincoln, Patrick Campbell settled on a farm in the western part of Hollywood, near the farms of his brothers, Thomas and John. They were the first settlers in this vicinity and were notably identified with its early development. A lake near here has always been known as Campbell lake. Another brother, Michael, bought a farm adjoining Patrick's in 1860. John Campbell left his place some years before his death, but Thomas continued to live on his homestead and died there October 8, 1881. Patrick Campbell owned 200 acres in his place, fifty of which he had cleared and cultivated. He died August 15, 1885. He married Margaret Woods, who was of English descent, and they had three children, Michael, John and Henry. Her death occurred in New Jersey. In 1870 he was married to Bridget Sexton, who was an early resident of Hollywood township. Her nephew, Thomas Sexton, is a well known farmer of that place. One daughter was born to this union, Rose Campbell, who married Laurence Liffen of Winsted, Minnesota. Michael Campbell left the home farm when he was fourteen years old, ran away and embarked on independent career with a capital of five cents. He spent the next seven years in various employments, traveling about and working in Montana and other places. As a lad, he determined to secure an education and managed to attend school despite many difficulties which opposed his ambitions. During the winter months he would work for his board and would often commence the day's work at three o'clock in the morning by driving six miles for a load of wood and returning with it before time for the school to convene. When he was 21 years of age he returned to Carver county and for three years worked for an uncle, Peter Campbell, a merchant in Watertown, employed in the store and in driving when produce had to be hauled to Minneapolis and mercantile stock back to Watertown. After leaving here he spent several years on a truck farm near Minneapolis. In 1879 he moved on the eighty acres of land in Hollywood which he owned and since that time has devoted his attention to the business of farming. This land had been part of his father's farm and he later purchased another eighty acres from the old place. The first tract was timberland, and but ten acres had been cleared when he took possession, and all of the farm is now under cultivation. Mr. Campbell has won his way to successful accomplishment in all his enterprises with characteristic perseverance and faithful industry. He now owns 240 acres of fine farm land and has given eighty acres to his son, Paul Campbell. His present home, an attractive brick residence, was built about twenty years ago. He has engaged extensively in stock raising and for

some time was the largest milk producer in the county, keeping a herd of 25 cows. His farm is equipped with large, modern barn, which has stabling capacity for one hundred head of stock. Mr. Campbell was married in 1879 to Mary Neaton, a native of Indiana. She came to Carver county in her childhood with her parents, Dennis and Mary (Kennedy) Neaton. They were among the first settlers and lived on the hill two miles west of Watertown, which is now the home of their grandson, Michael Neaton. Five children were born to Mr. Campbell and his wife: Dennis, who was a hardware merchant at Winsted, Minnesota; Michael; John, identified with the National Furniture Company of St. Paul as salesman and stockholder; Paul, a farmer in Hollywood, and Martin, in the medical supply business. Michael is on the farm with his father. Mr. Campbell has living with him a step-daughter, Mary, whose husband, James Corr, is dead, her three children, Thomas, James and Mary Corr, and the three children of his son, Dennis Campbell, Dennis, Clara and Paul. Mr. Campbell is a Democrat and has always been actively interested in the affairs of the county. He has served as township-supervisor and for 29 years has been a member of the school board, of which he is now treasurer. He is a member of the Catholic church at Winsted, and in the early days, when his father was among those who were instrumental in establishing the church there, helped haul the logs for the first building.

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Eleanor L. Burns



*Printed*

George Campbell, retired in Watertown, was one of the first settlers of Hollywood township and was prominently identified with its growth and development during the many years of his residence there. He was born in County Louth, Ireland, April 1, 1842; son of Felix and Margaret (Tranor) Campbell. The former was a native of County Monaghan and his wife was born near Dublin. Two of their sons, Thomas and Michael Campbell, came to the United States and in 1852 were joined by the rest of the family. They located first in New Jersey, gradually moving westward, living subsequently in Illinois and Wisconsin, the father and sons finding employment in the construction of the new railroads. In the spring of 1857 Felix Campbell and four of his sons, Thomas, Michael, John and Peter, came to Carver county and Michael took land in Watertown township. Later George Campbell and his brother Patrick located in Hollywood township. This family of sturdy pioneers have been an important factor in the history and development of this section of the county from its earliest days to the present. The homestead of Michael Campbell is now owned by his son, John Campbell. Michael P. Campbell, son of Patrick, is a farmer in Hollywood. It was in September, 1858, that George Campbell, with his mother, followed the others to the new home in Minnesota and his father secured a preemption claim and a homestead claim, the preemption claim later becoming the farm of George Campbell and the present home of his son, Edward. George Campbell worked with his father until he was twenty-eight years of age when he began to farm independently on the preemption land. He cleared his land of timber and put sixty acres under cultivation, erected new buildings and built up one of the fine properties of the district. His untiring efforts and and thrifty management met with constant prosperity and he was able from time to time to add to his estate until he owned a half section of land. From this he has given eighty acre farms to three sons. He was married February 27, 1870, to Rosa Boyle, who was sixteen years of age at the time of her marriage. She was born in Pennsylvania, the daughter of Edward and Ann (Patten) Boyle, who settled in Carver county in 1856. The latter with her son, John Boyle, is living on the Boyle homestead, part of which is now occupied by the school house at Hollywood. Eleven children were born to Mr. Campbell and his wife and his family has always been his first interest, receiving every encouragement and assistance from him in the shaping of their several careers. Six of his children are residents of Carver county; Joseph and Edward, both farmers in Hollywood township; Anna, who taught in the county schools for a number of years and married Claud Tees, editor of the Carver County News at Watertown; Nellie, the wife of Martin Gothmann, who is a merchant in Hollywood and clerk of the township; Bridget, the wife of Maurice Ras-russon, manager of the creamery at Hollywood, and Alice, who is a graduate of the high school at Watertown where she lives with her parents. Another son, George F. Campbell is the owner of a farm in Hollywood but lives at Ray, North Dakota, which is also the home of Peter, Rosa and Margaret. Peter

Campbell was a teacher for six years in Carver county, later graduating from the law department of the University of Minnesota and is now engaged in the practice of his profession at Ray. Rosa, after six years service as clerk in general stores, married Frank Crawley, and Margaret, since the death of her husband, Charley Madden, who died from injuries while mail clerk on the Great Northern R. R., has lived on her homestead in Dakota; Mary, the eldest in the family, is the wife of Pat Craven of Winsted, Minnesota. In 1914, Mr. Campbell retired after forty-four years of successful achievement as a farmer and a long career as a useful and active citizen and has since made his home in Watertown. He has served in a number of local offices; as supervisor, treasurer of the township and as a member of the school board, was treasurer of that body, ably discharging his duties as a public official.

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Eleanor L. Burns

Michael Burns, pioneer settler of Hollywood township, is a native of Ireland, born in Carlow, county Carlow, September 29, 1826. He came to this country in 1852, a young man of twenty-six, accompanied by his wife, Bridget Farrell. They made their first residence in Coldsprings, New York, where Mr. Burns found employment in a foundry. After six months in New York state he removed to Cleveland and a year later moved farther west to St. Louis, engaged during this time in foundry or railroad work. In 1856 he came to Minnesota Territory, desirous of securing some of the land which was attracting settlers. For a year he lived in St. Anthony, where he kept a boarding house and worked in a quarry. But the following year he realized his intention and took up land in what is now Hollywood township and was one of the first settlers in this vicinity. Mr. Burns prepared his 160 acres for cultivation with an axe and hoe and gave as much time as was possible to farming, but during the first few years he was compelled to employ himself in other work. Later he added 480 acres to the original quarter section and this land remains the property of his family at the present time. Through the successful labor of the first years he was soon able to transform the first shanty home of his family and the undeveloped land into a comfortable frame house and prosperous farm and the frame house has been replaced by the handsome brick home which Mr. Burns erected six years ago. Mr. Burns was one of the twelve voters who organized Hollywood township at old Helvetia and he has ever since been prominently associated with the affairs of the county, serving its interests in various offices. He was elected the first supervisor and later was made chairman of the board of supervisors. For seven years he was township assessor and chairman of the board of assessors. He is a Democrat, but has never taken an active interest in politics outside the township. Of the families who were the pioneers in this vicinity, Mr. Burns survives with George Campbell, who with his father was also a settler of 1857, and the wife of Patrick Corcoran, who lives in her eighty-eighth on the Corcoran homestead in Hollywood township. These first neighbors of Mr. Burns, identified with him in the early development of the county, were John, Thomas, and Michael Madden, Mathew Kelly, Edward Boyle, James Sexton, Patrick Craven, Edward Burns, brother of Michael; Felix Campbell; his sons Patrick, William, John, Michael, Peter, and George, and daughter, Mrs. Mary Toole, and Patrick Curry, whose farm is now owned by Mr. Burns. In his reminiscences, Mr. Burns recalls the time when game was so plentiful that the deer mingled freely with the cattle and stock on his farm and were unmolested by him, although he enjoyed the sport of squirrel hunting. His wife died in 1908, six years after they had celebrated the golden anniversary of their wedding. They had six children, Margaret, who died in childhood; Edward, a farmer and insurance agent in Hollywood; Thomas, who was employed in the Pillsbury mills for 29 years and died in 1907, aged 52; James, engaged in farming in Hollywood township; Patrick P., salesman for



L. L. Ray & Co. of St. Paul, and Mary, the wife of Patrick Gavin of Watertown. Mr. Burns was one of the first members of the Catholic church in Watertown. P. P. Burns has attained marked success as salesman for the well known nursery firm, L. L. Ray & Co. He entered this field after spending several years in the teaching profession. He also enjoys the reputation of having held the heavyweight championship as wrestler for ten years in the area. He is now a retired farmer, his operations in the past proving him a success in this as well as in other lines. He is now considering the study of law, local conditions requiring that that subject be added to his general fund of information.

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Edward F. Burns, well known insurance man and farmer in Hollywood township, was born in St. Louis, Missouri, February 25, 1855, and is the son of Michael and Bridget (Farrell) Burns, who were both natives of Ireland, and Michael Burns was one of the first settlers in Hollywood township and is one of its oldest living residents. Edward Burns was brought to Carver county by his parents in 1856 and was reared on his father's farm until he was 24 years of age. At that time he secured the agency for the Continental Insurance company and sold fire insurance in Carver and McLeod counties. His ability in this field was speedily recognized and he has continued in this work with marked success. For twelve years he lived in Norwood, giving all his attention to the insurance business. In 1893 he bought a farm near Winsted in McLeod county and began to divide his business interests. Fourteen years later, in 1907, he removed to his present home on the farm in Hollywood. This place was first owned by William Welch, who took it as a preemption claim, and it has a clean title that has never been threatened by a mortgage or claim of any sort. But one owner has intervened between the first possessor and Mr. Burns. William J., the son of William Welch, who moved to Wright county, where his death occurred in 1913. Mr. Burns has added a number of improvements to this farm, which includes 160 acres of fine farm land, has remodeled the house and erected a large modern barn. He also owns another place of 110 acres, eighty of which were given him by his father when he became of age, and it is his intention to make this his home. In 1886 he was married to Mary McCormick, who was born in Camden township. She is the daughter of Patrick and Catherine (Glendon) McCormick, and her brother Patrick J. McCormick, is the present postmaster at Hopkins, Minnesota. Mr. Burns and his wife have eight children and all make their home with parents. Two daughters, Bridget and Margaret, are teachers in the schools of Carver county. Mary is a student in the high school at Watertown and Julia attends the Holy Angel Academy at Minneapolis. One son, Patrick, is a student in St. Thomas college and the other children, Catherine, Michael and Edward, are pupils in the local schools. Mr. Burns has always taken a great

interest in public affairs and has been prominent in political activities and a member of a number of conventions. He and family are members of the Catholic church at Watertown. The first Catholic service in Hollywood was held in the home of William Welch, on the site of the present Burns home.

6/76 Supplied via  
Edward L. Burns

October 4, 1971

Dear Tom:

We traveled to Watertown and Winsted..to the cemeterys there,so  
for your history of familys we found the following:

At Watertown..Patrick Campbell on tombstone Died Aug. 16 1885  
Aged 57 yrs 5 mos. 22 days

Keep in mind he was married twice  
Margaret Woods, coming to America with him  
died somewhere-either New Jersey or en route  
Margaret Woods gave him three sons Michael P. ✓  
John, to Canada  
Married the second time to: Married in 1870 Henry (single)  
Bridget Sexton Brown Campbell Died March 13, 1911  
(married once before) Aged 75 years  
One daughter born to them

Rose Campbell Litifin  
1872 to 1919

This Rose had three daughters..all living at this time.

Florence Litifin 66 in Calif.  
Mildred Litifin Bayerl (Edward) one child  
Lucille Litifin Kleeby (Jack) 9 sons 1 girl

At Watertown: Remember the tombstone we could not read at one time,  
but finally made it out, with mag. glass and sun light.  
Thomas Campbell- must be a elder brother to the above Pat.  
C. Tombstone reads Born July 15, 1829  
Ardee County Lond  
Died Oct. 6 1880

Elizabeth Campbell, wife..Tombstone reads:  
April 16-1831 Born in the Parish  
(spelling could be of Dromicendra County Meadh Ireland  
off some) Meadh

Died May 28, 1883

Mary Campbell...must have been a daughter..as all are on  
three sides of the tombstone  
May 27 1862 to Sept. 7 1883

At Watertown: George Campbell April 1 1842 Died 1922, born in County  
Louth, Ireland

Wife, Rose Boyle Campbell Born 1854 Died 1927

They had eleven children.

Rose was born in Pennsylvania..the daughter of  
Edward and Ann (Patten) Boyle. Rose married  
George Feb. 27, 1870, 28 yrs. and 16 yrs. old

Her parents came to  
Carver County in 1856

FELIX and Margaret (Tranner) Campbell ..the parents off the above  
must be buried somewhere in the area. They came here with  
their six sons and one daughter, Mary Campbell Toole

Thomas, George, Peter, Patrick, Michael, John

Felix Campbell, born in County Monaghan Ireland

Margaret Traner, said to born near Dublin. Felix came to Carver County  
in the Spring of 1857, with four of his sons, Thomas,  
Michael, John and Peter. In Sept. 1858..the balance of  
the family came to Minnesota.

Felix secured a preemption claim and a homestead claim, going to George,  
to his son Edward...I don't know if Edward is still alive.  
Must try to locate other sons graves,,must be near Watertown



October 4, 1971

Dear Tom:

In an earlier letter you found legal via your action covering farms under the name of Micheal...this must be another of Felix sons. This Micheal had a son John, who owns the homestead now or did...as he also has son children.

Michael P. Campbell, my grandfather settled in Hollywood Township At Winsted...his tombstone reads 1852 died 1926 although he was born October 24, 1852, in Ireland died June 1926

*Jeffersonville, Ind. Aug 5-1851*  
Mary Keaton DeVaney Campbell on tombstone reads only 1851 - 1938 *(a widow)* born in Indiana, coming here married at Watertown about two years old. January 20 1879

Five sons were born to them

|                           |   |
|---------------------------|---|
| Dennis E. Sr. (alive yet) | <i>died 1975 buried in Winsted, Minn.</i> |
| Michael                   | buried in 2 sons-2 daughters              |
| John William 4/10         | buried in Winsted 2 daughters             |
| Paul James 10/24          | buried Winsted 1 son-3 daughters          |
| Martin J.                 | buried National C in Alps. no children)   |

You will note somewhere that the above Dennis E. was married twice also. His first wife.. Clara M. Campbell January 6 1883 October 4 1909....

Three children born to them

Dennis E. jr believe 8 children here  
Clara Campbell McCarthy (John J.) one son  
Paul M. Campbell, ~~(at Doctors)~~ John  
1 son, Paul  
1 daughter, Susan

Ells, his present wife is alive at this time *(deceased now)* and believe eight children born to them:

Madeline (Mark Roufs)  
Elderine (Fasking)  
Helen (Hazel)  
Kathleen (Kubash)

Jerome, never married...others died John etc.

Will try for more information on the Campbells in Watertown, such as Micheal

John

Peter all sons of Felix as to

Micheal P. Campbell (my grandfather) he had two brothers John, said to have gone to Canada....large family there.

Henry, the youngest of the three sons, died on the old John Campbell farm and is buried in Watertown on the Micheal Campbell lot (this info' via Mary Cerr Lyman)

All for now...

Love,  
Tom

*Eleanor L. Burns*



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Walter & Mary Ann Bussmann  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Walter & Mary Ann Bussmann  
Address RR, Norwood, MN 55368  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 4 Township Hancock County Carver

Number of acres in the farm at present 60

Date of original purchase by member of your family Dec. 29, 1868

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

Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter and the North Half of the Southeast  
Quarter of the Northeast Quarter, Section 4, Township 114, Range 25, Carver County.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

| NAME                                      | DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP | BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| William Bussmann<br>(owner in 1876 or B4) | from 1868 to 1878          | father                           |
| Friedrich Bussmann et al<br>next owner    | from 1878 to 1900          | brother & self                   |
| Henry Bussmann<br>next owner              | from 1900 to 1930          | father                           |
| Walter H. Bussmann<br>next owner          | from 1930 to 1963          | father                           |
| Walter J. Bussmann<br>next owner          | from 1963 to present       |                                  |
| next owner                                | from to                    |                                  |
| next owner                                | from to                    |                                  |
| next owner                                | from to                    |                                  |

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

|                        |                              |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Abstract of Title (x)  | 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:

Anna May Cope  
(Witness sign here)

Walter J. Bussmann  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-28-76

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Information you may be able to add to this form, while not essential to Century Farm certification, will be most valuable to future historians. The questions below are offered only as a guide, so please feel free to add any other data, especially family or pioneer stories concerning the farm and the area around it.

1. From whom was the farm purchased? Charles Footh & Casten Eickhof
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 60
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$20
4. Where was the first owner born? Osnabrueck, Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Cleveland, Ohio
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? no
10. When was the present home built? 1893  
crops: Corn
11. What are the farm's major ~~crops~~ or products? Registered Landrace Swine & Charolais Beef cattle
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Norwood Times, Norwood, MN 55368; Waconia Patriot, Waconia, MN 55387; Belle Plaine Herald  
Belle Plaine, MN 56011

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

The farm has been operated continuously by members of the family.

Our farm has been in production of Registered Landrace Swine since 1957. We have exhibited our animals at the Minn. State Fair every year since 1958 and have won Grand Championships 12 times and the Premier Breeder Award 13 times.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Gilbert Dietel  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Gilbert & Delores Dietel  
Address Norwood, Minnesota  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 18 Township Benton County Carver

Number of acres in the farm at present 98.42

Date of original purchase by member of your family see enclosed papers

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

Section 18-115-25

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

| NAME                                 | DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP | BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Jacob Dietel                         | from 1860 to 1878          | He was the first owner           |
| (owner in 1876 or B4)<br>John Dietel | from 1878 to 1910          | John was a son of Jacob          |
| next owner<br>William Dietel         | from 1910 to 1949          | William was a son of John        |
| next owner<br>Gilbert Dietel         | from 1949 to now           | Gilbert is a son of William      |
| next owner                           | from to                    |                                  |
| next owner                           | from to                    |                                  |
| next owner                           | from to                    |                                  |
| next owner                           | from to                    |                                  |

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

|                        |                              |
|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Abstract of Title ( )  | Court file in Registration   |
| Land Patent ( )        | Proceedings ( )              |
| Original Deed (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:

Delores Dietel  
(Witness sign here)

Gilbert Dietel  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 28, 1976

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Homestead
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? unknown
3. What was the cost of land per acre? unknown
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Indiana
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?  
unknown to us
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? 1950
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Dairy, Corn, Oats, Alfalfa
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Norwood Times, Norwood, Minnesta 55368

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



## A Short History Of The Dietel Family

As far as we know Jacob Dietel came to America in 1852. First he settled in Indiana and then came to Minnesota in 1856. County Register of Deeds records state the year 1860 when he filed for homestead. In 1878 he ~~3333333~~ sold the land to his son John. John also bought some neighboring land for his brother Lorenz in 1872. We have no record as to where Jacob is buried. Lorenz remained in Benton Township and is buried at Bongaards.

John was married to Dorothea Klancke in 1867. Eleven children were born to this union. Three passed away in infancy. The eight living children were Henry, John, William, Fred, Philip Anna (Mrs Max Ranzinger), Louisa (Mrs Diederich Engelen) and Dora (Mrs Fred Wolter). John passed away in 1910. He sold the land to his son William a few weeks before he died.

William married Helena Feltmann on Nov. 8, 1906. The children born to this union were Olga (Mrs Edward Schneewind), Hilma (Mrs Darwin Henderson), John, Raymond, Gilbert and Myrtle (Mrs Richard Schlechter). Of these six children only three are still living. Namely Hilma, John and Gilbert. William passed away in April of 1949. The land then went into an estate. Gilbert bought the land from the estate in the fall of 1949. Gilbert is now the present owner of the farm.

Gilbert married Delores Rolf in 1950. Three children were born to this union. They are Pauline (Mrs Larry Fruetel living in Mpls). Gordon and Dale living at home with us.

Mrs Gilbert Dietel

*Mrs Gilbert Dietel*

# UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

State of Minnesota,  
COUNTY OF CARVER.

} ss.

I, John Dietel

do declare on oath, that I first arrived in the United States on or about the  
10th day of May 1886 that it is bona fide my intention to become a citizen of the  
United States, and to renounce forever all allegiance and fidelity to all and every foreign prince,  
potentate, state or sovereignty whatever, and especially to the reigning sovereign of the Empire  
Germany, Emperor William II of whom I was formerly a subject.

Sworn and subscribed before me, this 24th  
day of May A. D. 1886, at

John Dietel

G. Krayenbuhl  
Clerk of the District Court, Carver County, Minn.

State of Minnesota,  
COUNTY OF CARVER.

} ss.

I, GUSTAVE KRAYENBUHL, Clerk of the District

Court of the County of Carver, in the State of Minnesota, do  
hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the declaration  
of John Dietel an alien.

John Dietel duly made before me, and filed in my office on this 24th  
24th day of May 1886.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at  
Chaska, in said County, the day and year aforesaid.

G. Krayenbuhl  
Clerk.



## A PIONEER IS CALLED

John Dietel, Sr., Passed Away Sun-  
day Morning After a  
Long Illness 1910

John Dietel, Sr., who has been ill  
for many months and suffered in-  
tensely, for several weeks past,  
breathed his last, on Sunday morn-  
ing March 6th, at 7:30 o'clock. His  
death was not unexpected by the  
family because he had been very  
weak for many days and they knew  
it was the only relief for the suffer-  
ing man.

Mr. Dietel was born in Ottingreen  
Bayern, Germany, on April 20, 1846.  
He came to America in 1872 with his  
parents and settled in the state of  
Indiana. Here his mother and a  
brother died. In 1880 the family  
moved to Minnesota and settled on  
the farm, where the end came last  
Sunday morning. In 1867 deceased  
was united in marriage to Dorothy  
Klanke. Eleven children, three of  
whom died in early life, were born of  
this union. The other eight viz:  
Henry, John, and Mrs. Max Ranzing-  
er, of Norway; Mrs. D. Engelen in  
this county; Miss Dora and William,  
on the farm; Fred in St. Paul and  
Philip now at Cottonwood, Minn.  
He leaves his wife, two brothers,  
one sister, eight children and fifteen  
grand children to mourn his early  
death. His age, 63 years, 10 months,  
and 7 days is all too soon for a good,  
conscientious, unassuming, honest  
man to die. John Dietel had many  
friends and no enemies. He was a  
good neighbor and true in every re-  
spect to all. His life, in this county,  
since 1886 needs no eulogy. He was  
one of the pioneers and this tells its  
own story. The funeral occurred  
Wednesday and the roads were so  
bad that neighbors walked for miles  
to be at the last rites. He was buried  
at Bongard. Rev. Rosenan officiat-  
ing at the house and at the grave.  
May he rest in peace.



## WARRANTY DEED.

*John Dietel*  
and Wife  
TO  
*William Dietel*

OFFICE OF REGISTER OF DEEDS,  
County of Carver.

I hereby certify that the within Deed was  
filed in this office for record on the 17<sup>th</sup>  
day of February A. D. 1910  
at 11 o'clock A M. and was duly  
recorded in Book 22 of Deeds, on  
Page 219

*Albert Meyer*  
Register of Deeds.

By *[Signature]* Deputy.

Taxes paid and transfers entered this

17<sup>th</sup> day of Feb 1910  
*J. B. Connolly*  
County Auditor.

I hereby certify that the taxes for the year  
1909 on the land within described are paid.

*Harry Zimmerman*  
County Treasurer.

**ALBERT MEYER,**  
Register of Deeds and Official Abstractor,  
CHASKA, CARVER COUNTY, MINN.

STATE OF MINNESOTA,

CARVER COUNTY DISTRICT COURT.

CERTIFICATE

OF

FILING DECLARATION.

TO  
*John Dietel*

Filed the Twenty eighth day of  
May A. D. 1889,  
*[Signature]*  
Clerk.

## WARRANTY DEED.

*Lucas Dietel*  
TO  
*John Dietel*

Office of Register of Deeds,

County of Carver

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That the within  
Deed was filed in this Office for record on the  
15<sup>th</sup> day of January  
A. D. 1878, at 10 o'clock, A M., and  
was duly recorded in Book 7 of  
Deeds, on Pages 506.

*Fredrick Greiner*  
Register of Deeds.

By *[Signature]* Deputy.

Taxes paid and transfers entered this  
Twenty eighth day of January  
A. D. 1878, at 10 o'clock, A M., and  
was duly recorded in Book 7 of  
Deeds, on Pages 506.

**FREDERICK GREINER,**  
Register of Deeds and Dealer in Real Estate

Chaska, Carver Co., Minn.

## WARRANTY DEED.

*Racob Dietel*  
TO  
*John Dietel*

OFFICE OF REGISTER OF DEEDS. } SS.  
COUNTY OF CARVER, MINNESOTA,

I hereby certify, that the within Deed was filed  
in this office for record on the 25<sup>th</sup>  
day of May A. D. 1878  
at 10 o'clock A M., and was duly re-  
corded in Book 7 of Deeds, on  
page 169

By *[Signature]* Deputy.

Taxes paid and transfers entered this 25<sup>th</sup>  
day of May 1878  
*[Signature]*  
COUNTY AUDITOR.

**FREDERICK GREINER,**  
REGISTER OF DEEDS AND DEALER IN REAL ESTATE,  
CHASKA, CARVER COUNTY, MINNESOTA.



**This Indenture,** Made this 16th. day of February in the year of our

Lord one thousand nine hundred and Ten (1910). between John Dietel and Dorothea Dietel his wife of Carver County, Minnesota.

part 1<sup>st</sup> of the first part, and

William Dietel, of Carver County, Minnesota part 2<sup>d</sup> of the second part

**Witnesseth,** That the said parties ies the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of

Five thousand (\$5000.00) DOLLARS.

to them in hand paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have

Granted, Bargained, Sold, Released, Conveyed and Confirmed, and do by these presents Grant, Bargain, Sell

Release, Convey and Confirm unto the said part V of the second part, his heirs and assigns, forever,

all that parcel of land situate, lying and being in the County of Carver and State of Minnesota, known and described as

follows, to wit:

Commencing at a post on the center line running East and west in section Eighteen (18), Township One hundred and fifteen (115), Range Twenty five (25) a distance of (8) chains and (25) links west from the quarter section post on the east line of said section, thence running south parallel with the east section line of said section, (19) and (88) links to a post on the middle line of the south east quarter section, of said section, thence west along the said middle line (31) chains and (47) links to a post on the north west corner of the south west quarter (S.W. 1/4) of the South east quarter section of said section, thence west along, on the middle line of the South west quarter section, (8) chains and (25) links to a post, thence North parallel with the center line running north and south in said section (9) chains and (92) links to a post on the north line of said south west quarter section, thence east (8) chains and (25) links to the center post of said section, thence east (31) chains and (55) links to the place of beginning, containing (79-10/100) acres. Also Lot Four (4) of section eighteen (18), Township One hundred and fifteen (115) Range Twenty five (25), containing (35-80/100) acres more or less. Excepting from the above described lands, the right-of-way of the Hasting and Dakota Railway Company.

**To have and to hold the Same,** Together with all and singular the hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining, unto the said part V of the second part his heirs and assigns, forever.

And the said John Dietel and Dorothea Dietel his wife

part ies of the first part, do hereby, for their heirs, executors, administrators, and each and every of them, covenant and agree to and with the said part V of the second part, his heirs and assigns, in the manner and

form following, that is to say: That they at the time of ensembling and delivery of these presents were the true, lawful and rightful owner of said premises hereby conveyed and have them a good, sure, perfect and indefeasible estate in fee simple; and that they have full right, power and authority to grant, bargain, sell, remise, release, convey and confirm the said premises unto the said part V of the second part his heirs and assigns, in manner and form aforesaid; and that the said premises are free and clear of all incumbrances.

and that the said part V of the second part, his heirs and assigns, shall quietly enjoy and possess the said premises: and that they will Warrant and Defend the title to the same against all lawful claims.

**In Testimony Whereof,** The said part ies of the first part have hereunto set their hand and affixed their seal the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in Presence of

Aug. P. Prune  
Jacob Schlicher

John Dietel { SEAL }  
Dorothea Dietel { SEAL }  
\_\_\_\_ { SEAL }  
\_\_\_\_ { SEAL }

Revenue Stamp.

This Indenture, Made the *fourteenth* (14) day of *March* in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight and Seventy *two*

BETWEEN

*Lorenz Dietel of Cass County, and State of Minnesota*

party of the first part, and *John Dietel of Cass County, State of said*

party of the second part, Witnesseth, that the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of *Fifty* (50.00) DOLLARS, to *them* in hand paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold released, conveyed and confirmed, and do by these presents GRANT, BARGAIN, SELL, RELEASE, CONVEY AND CONFIRM, unto the said party of the second part, *his* heirs and assigns Forever, all that parcel of land situate, lying and being in the County of *Cass* and State of Minnesota, known and described as follows, to wit:

*Commencing at a post on the center line running East and West in Section eight (8) Township one hundred and fifty (150) Range twenty five (25), a distance of eight chains (8) twenty five (25) links West from the quarter section post on the East line of said Section, thence running South parallel with the East section line of said Section (17) chains (8) links to a post on the North line of the South East quarter section of said Section, thence West along the said North line (8) chains (25) links to a post on the North West corner of the South West quarter of the East East quarter section of said Section, thence West along the North line of the South West quarter section (8) chains (25) links to a post, thence North parallel with the center line running North and South in said Section (17) chains (8) links to a post on the North line of said South West quarter section, thence East (8) chains (25) links to the center post of said Section, thence East (31) chains and 55 links to the place of beginning Containing 79.100 of acres*

To Have and to Hold the same, together with all and singular the hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging, or in anywise appertaining, unto the said party of the second part, *his* heirs and assigns forever.

And the said *Lorenz Dietel*

part of the first part, do hereby, for *his* heirs, executors, administrators, and each and every of them, **Covenant and Agree** to and with the said party of the second part, *his* heirs and assigns, in the manner and form following, that is to say: That *he* at the time of enrolling and delivery of these presents, the true, lawful, and rightful owner of said premises hereby conveyed, and have therein a good, sure, perfect, and indefeasible estate in fee simple; and that *he* have full right, power and authority to grant, bargain, sell, remise, release, convey and confirm the said premises unto the said party of the second part, *his* heirs and assigns, in manner and form aforesaid; and that the said premises are Free and Clear of all Incumbrances whatever, and that the said party of the second part, *his* heirs and assigns, shall quietly enjoy and possess the said premises; and that *he* will **Warrant and Defend** the title to the same against all lawful claims.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, The said party of the first part has hereunto set *his* hand and affixed seal, the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in Presence of

*John Miller*  
*Robert Miller*

*Lorenz Dietel*

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This Indenture, Made the Twenty second day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy Eight between Jacob Dietel of the County of Carver and State of Minnesota party of the first part, and John Dietel of the same County and State of the second part; WITNESSETH, that the said part y of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of four hundred and thirty five ~~\$~~ 435 Dollars, to him in hand paid by the said part y of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, released, conveyed and confirmed, and do by these presents, grant, bargain, sell, release, convey and confirm, unto the said part y of the second part, his heirs and assigns, forever, all that parcel of land situate, lying and being in the County of Carver, and State of Minnesota, known and described as follows, to-wit:

Lot four (4) Section Eighteen (18) Township one hundred and fifteen (115) of Range twenty five (25) containing thirty five and 80/100 hundredth acres of land, same more or less -

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD THE SAME. Together with all and singular the hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining, unto the said part y of the second part, his heirs and assigns, forever;

And the said Jacob Dietel

party of the first part, does hereby, for his heirs, executors, administrators, and each and every of them, covenant and agree to and with the said part y of the second part, his heirs and assigns, in the manner and form following, that is to say: That he is at the time of enrolling and delivery of these presents, the true, lawful and rightful owner of said premises hereby conveyed, and has therein a good, sure, perfect, and indefeasible estate in fee simple; and that he has full right, power, and authority to grant, bargain, sell, remise, release, convey and confirm the said premises unto the said part y of the second part, his heirs and assigns, in manner and form aforesaid; and that the said premises are free and clear of all incumbrances whatever; and that the said part y of the second part, his heirs and assigns, shall quietly enjoy and possess the said premises; and that he will warrant and defend the title to the same against all lawful claims.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, The said part y of the first part, has hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in Presence of

James Bloomer Jr  
Herman Kuehmann

Jacob Dietel

Seal

Seal

Seal

Seal

State of Minnesota, County of Carver ss:

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on the 22<sup>d</sup> day of April 1878, before the undersigned, came

Jacob Dietel and

to me known to be the individual person described in and who executed the foregoing deed, and he in due form of law acknowledged that he executed the same freely and voluntarily, for the uses and purposes therein expressed.

James Bloomer Jr  
Notary Public



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Charles Eiden  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Charles Eiden  
Address RT. 1 Box 29 Cologne, MN  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 3 Township 115 Range 24 County Carver  
Number of acres in the farm at present 140 plus 145  
Date of original purchase by member of your family Oct. 1, 1860  
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 3 Twsp 115 Range 24, cont. 160 acres.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

| NAME                                    | DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP | BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER             |
|---|----------------------------|--|
| Nicholas Eiden<br>(owner in 1876 or B4) | from 1860 to 1889          | SW $\frac{1}{4}$                             |
| Henry Eiden<br>next owner               | from 1889 to 1889          | SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , w/ex. cont. 154.15 acres. |
| Henry Eiden<br>next owner               | from 1889 to 1920          | SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , w/ex. cont. 154.15 acres. |
| Gottfried Eiden<br>next owner           | from 1920 to 1968          | SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , w/ex.                     |
| Charles Eiden<br>next owner             | from 1968 to               | SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , w/ex.                     |
| next owner                              | from to                    |  |
| next owner                              | from to                    |  |
| next owner                              | from to                    |  |

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

Abstract of Title ☒ (X) Court file in Registration  
Land Patent ☒ (X) Oct. 1, 1860 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. Charles Eiden  
(Witness sign here)

Charles Eiden  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 12, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Information you may be able to add to this form, while not essential to Century Farm certification, will be most valuable to future historians. The questions below are offered only as a guide, so please feel free to add any other data, especially family or pioneer stories concerning the farm and the area around it.

1. From whom was the farm purchased? Fred Eiden, father of present owner
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? A German immigrant
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Was this a homestead? yes, this land was homesteaded by Nicholas Eiden in 1960
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes he settled 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? barn we use was built in 1900  
most of original buildings exist
10. When was the present home built? foundation is made of rocks like barn
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn, oats, alfalfa
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Carver County Herald, Chaska, Minn. 55318

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

Since this land was homesteaded each owner was the son of the previous owner. Present owner is a great grandson of original owner.

## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Fred R. and Nancy J. Frank

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

Address c/o Edna Frank  
Rt. 2 Box 128, Chaska, Mn. 55318

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

Section 9 Township 115 Range 24 County CarverNumber of acres in the farm at present 165Date of original purchase by member of your family 1860

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

Land located in Sec. 9-115-24

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

| NAME  | DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP | BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER  |
|---|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <del>Frederick Frank</del><br>(owner in 1876 or B4)   | from 1860 to 1868          | Greatgrandfather                  |
| <del>Joseph Staken</del><br>next owner                | from 1868 to 1872          | (Bond for Deed) given as mortgage |
| <del>Fritz Frank</del><br>next owner                  | from 1872 to 1919          | Grandfather                       |
| <del>Fred C. Frank</del><br>next owner                | from 1919 to 1946          | Father                            |
| <del>Edna L. Frank etal</del><br>next owner           | from 1946 to 1965          | Mother                            |
| <del>Fred R. &amp; Nancy J. Frank</del><br>next owner | from 1965 to present       | Son                               |
| next owner  | from to                    |                                   |

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

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

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

Carl W. Hansen Reg. of Deeds  
(Witness sign here)

Fred R. Frank  
(Signature of present owner)  
by Edna L. Frank

Date July 6, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? U. S.
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 120 A
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where was the first owner born? no
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? yes
10. When was the present home built? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn Hay Grain
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Weekly Valley Herald - Chaska

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 Harold A. Guethling

Name(s) to appear on certificate Harold A. Guethling

Address Rural Route 2, Box 116  
Colo gne, Mn.

Address of farm, if different from above 55322

Section 15, 14, 11 Township Benton County Carver

Number of acres in the farm at present 120 acres

Date of original purchase by member of your family Homestead in 1855

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

N. 15 A. of NE 1/4 Section 15

N. 15 A. of NW 1/4 Section 14

W 1/2 of SW 1/4 and W. 10 A. of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 Section 11  
PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

| NAME                                    | DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP | BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER               |
|---|----------------------------|--|
| John Guethling<br>(owner in 1876 or B4) | from 1855 to 1893          | Came from Germany and homestead described land |
| Ludwig Guethling<br>next owner          | from 1893 to 1939          | SON  |
| Harold A. Guethling<br>next owner       | from 1939 to present       | SON  |
| next owner                              | from to                    |  |
| next owner                              | from to                    |  |
| next owner                              | from to                    |  |
| next owner                              | from to                    |  |
| next owner                              | from to                    |  |

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

|   |                                      |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| Abstract of Title <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:

Sharon Guethling  
(Witness sign here)

Harold A. Guethling  
(Signature of present owner)

Date July 1, 1976

See reverse side for additional information

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 120
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where was the first owner born? ~~Germany~~ 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?  
yes
10. When was the present home built? 1893
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? CORN, oats, alfalfa
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
\_\_\_\_\_

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



Mrs. Wilmar Hermann  
Box 431 Norway

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner

Mrs. Wilmar M. Hermann  
(Better known as William Noll farm)

and Name(s) to appear on certificate

Mr. & Mrs. Orland Teltmann

Address

Norwood, Minnesota 55368

Address of farm, if different from above

Mrs. Orland Teltmann is  
daughter of Mrs. Wilmar Hermann. She & her husband & family  
live on & operate the farm

Section N. 1/4 35 Township 115 R 26

County Carver

Number of acres in the farm at present

160 acres

Date of original purchase by member of your family

1970

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

The North East quarter of Section Thirty Five (35) Township one  
hundred & fifteen (115) Range Twenty Six (26) 1st of 5th Principal  
Meridian Minnesota

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

| NAME | DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP | BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER |
|------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
|------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|

|  |                   |            |
|--|-------------------|------------|
| Matthias Noll<br>(owner in 1876 or B4) | from 1866 to 1902 | Son & wife |
|--|-------------------|------------|

|                            |                   |            |
|----------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| William Noll<br>next owner | from 1902 to 1934 | Son & wife |
|----------------------------|-------------------|------------|

|                           |                   |                    |
|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| Hilary Noll<br>next owner | from 1934 to 1970 | Daughter & husband |
|---------------------------|-------------------|--------------------|

|   |                     |  |
|---|---------------------|--|
| Mrs. Wilmar M.<br>Hermann<br>next owner | from _____ to _____ |  |
|---|---------------------|--|

|               |                     |  |
|---------------|---------------------|--|
| present owner | from _____ to _____ | But Mrs. Orland Teltmann (daughter)<br>& husband & family live on and<br>operate the farm. Mrs. Teltmann<br>is the great, great, grand daughter. |
|---------------|---------------------|--|

|            |                     |  |
|------------|---------------------|--|
| next owner | from _____ to _____ |  |
|------------|---------------------|--|

|            |                     |  |
|------------|---------------------|--|
| next owner | from _____ to _____ |  |
|------------|---------------------|--|

|            |                     |  |
|------------|---------------------|--|
| next owner | from _____ to _____ |  |
|------------|---------------------|--|

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

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

Court file in Registration Proceedings ( )

Other (please explain) Register of Deeds  
day of December A.D. 1866 at 4 o'clock Recorded  
in Book 7 of Century Deeds on page 153 & 154

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

D. J. Kehr  
(Witness sign here)

Mrs. Wilmar M. Hermann  
(Signature of present owner)

Date August 6th 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Information you may be able to add to this form, while not essential to Century Farm certification, will be most valuable to future historians. The questions below are offered only as a guide, so please feel free to add any other data, especially family or pioneer stories concerning the farm and the area around it.

1. From whom was the farm purchased? Minnesota Valley Railroad Co.
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$2.50
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Unknown
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, the original home + two other buildings, which are somewhat in use.
10. When was the present home built? Between the years 1911-1915
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Dairy, <sup>Corn, oats</sup> wheat, alfalfa
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Norwood Times, Norwood, Minnesota 55368

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

Mrs. Deland Teltmann is the great, great, granddaughter now living on the farm. I remember my grandfather, William Hall, tell how his parents would walk from Norwood to Carver to do their trading, and the problems they had with the Indians. The neighbors in this community were homesteaded all about the same time. It is in a good farming community.

## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner MR. + MRS CHARLES ITTEL (PRESENT)  
 Name(s) to appear on certificate ALBERT MAACK AND MR. + MRS CHARLES ITTEL  
 Address NORWOOD MINN 55368  
 Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 35 Township 115 County CARVER

Number of acres in the farm at present 270.

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1858

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

N.W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  - N.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  OF S.W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 35 Township 115 RANGE 26  
W  $\frac{1}{2}$  OF S  $\frac{1}{2}$  OF S.W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  OF S.W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 26 Township 115 RANGE 26

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

| NAME                                   | DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP | BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| HERMANN MAACK<br>(owner in 1876 or B4) | from 1858 to 1892          | FATHER                           |
| HERMAN MAACK<br>next owner             | from 1892 to 1927          | FATHER                           |
| ALBERT MAACK<br>next owner             | from 1927 to 1967          | FATHER IN LAW.                   |
| CHARLES ITTEL<br>next owner            | from 1967 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 (X)  | 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:

Ed Kihur

(Witness sign here)

Charles Ittel

(Signature of present owner)

Date 8-17-1976

See reverse side for additional information.



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1. From whom was the farm purchased? HENRY NIEDRICH.
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 ACRES.
3. What was the cost of land per acre? APPROXIMATELY 8 15<sup>00</sup>
4. Where was the first owner born? DON'T KNOW
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? DON'T KNOW
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?  
DONOT KNOW
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? APPROXIMATELY STARTED 1885
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? DAIRY.
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
THE NORWOOD TIMES NORWOOD MN 55368

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

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

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

Names to appear on 1976 Certificate ALBERT MAACK + MR. + MRS. CHARLES ITTEL

ADDRESS NORWOOD MINN

FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION BY THE FAMILY

1858

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

CENTURY FARMS  
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

Name of Centennial Farm owner

Charles Ittel

Name(s) to appear on certificate

Charles and Edwera Ittel

Address

Hamburg, Minn

Address of farm, if different from above

Section 35 and 26 TownshipYoung America

County

Carver

Number of acres in the farm at present

270

Date of original purchase by member of your family

1858

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

attached

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

| NAME  | DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP         | BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER |
|---|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <u>Herman Masack</u><br>(owner in 1876 or B4) | from <u>1858</u> to <u>1892</u>    | <u>Father</u>                    |
| <u>Herman Masack</u><br>next owner            | from <u>1892</u> to <u>1927</u>    | <u>Father</u>                    |
| <u>Albert Masack</u><br>next owner            | from <u>1927</u> to <u>1967</u>    | <u>Father-in-law</u>             |
| <u>Charles Ittel</u><br>next owner            | from <u>1967</u> to <u>present</u> | <u>Father</u>                    |
| next owner                                    | from to                            |                                  |
| next owner                                    | from to                            |                                  |
| next owner                                    | from to                            |                                  |
| next owner                                    | from to                            |                                  |

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

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

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

FA Kehner

(Witness sign here)

Charles Ittel

(Signature of present owner)

Date July 7, 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? August Diedrich
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Total cost \$400
4. Where was the first owner born? Unknown
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Unknown
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?  
Unknown
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? 1882
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Dairy-Corn-soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
The Norwood Times Norwood, Minn. 55368

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

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# Abstract of Title

*The following described land is situated in*

CARVER COUNTY, MINNESOTA

## C A P T I O N

✓ The Northwest Quarter of Section 35, Township 115 North, Range 26, West, Containing 160 acres of land, more or less, according to Government Survey thereof;

✓ Also, the Northeast Quarter ( $NE\frac{1}{4}$ ) of the Southwest Quarter ( $SW\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 35, Township 115 North, Range 26 West, containing 40 acres of land more or less;

✓ Also, Commencing at the corner stake on Southwest corner of Southwest Quarter ( $SW\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section 26, Township 115 North, Range 26 West; thence running East a distance of forty (40) rods; thence North a distance of forty (40) rods; thence West a distance of forty (40) rods; thence South a distance of forty (40) rods to the place of beginning, containing ten (10) acres of land, more or less;

✓ The Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter ( $NW\frac{1}{4}$  of  $SW\frac{1}{4}$ ) and the North Half of the Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter ( $N\frac{1}{2}$  of  $SW\frac{1}{4}$  of  $SW\frac{1}{4}$ ), all of Section 26

COMPILED BY  
CARVER COUNTY ABSTRACT  
COMPANY, INC. by:  
CARL W. HANSON, PRES.

## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner

DONALD LENZEN

Name(s) to appear on certificate

MR. & MRS. DONALD LENZEN

Address

RR. 2 CHASKA MINN.

Address of farm, if different from above

Section

10 & 15

Township

DAHLGREN

County

CARVER

Number of acres in the farm at present

169

Date of original purchase by member of your family

1859 (HOMESTEAD)

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

169 A IN W 1/2 OF NW 1/4 15 115 24AND IN SW 1/410 115 24 169.00

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

| NAME  | DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP      | BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER |
|---|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <u>DIEDRICH LENZEN</u><br>(owner in 1876 or B4) | from <u>1859</u> to <u>1898</u> | <u>FATHER</u>                    |
| <u>WILLIAM LENZEN</u><br>next owner             | from <u>1898</u> to <u>1919</u> | <u>WIFE</u>                      |
| <u>IDA LENZEN</u><br>next owner                 | from <u>1919</u> to <u>1946</u> | <u>SON</u>                       |
| <u>WILLIAM LENZEN</u><br>next owner             | from <u>1946</u> to <u>1973</u> | <u>SON</u>                       |
| <u>DONALD LENZEN</u><br>next owner              | from <u>1973</u> to             |                                  |
|   | from to                         |                                  |
|   | from to                         |                                  |
|   | 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:

Walter Lenz  
 (Witness sign here)

Donald Lenz  
 (Signature of present owner)

Date

7/12/1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? HOMESTEAD
  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? ASBERG, MORES, 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? NO
  10. When was the present home built? 1875
  11. What are the farm's major crops or products? CORN, DAIRY, HOGS
  12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
WACONIA PATRIOT | CARVER County Herald  
Waconia, Minn. 55387 | Chaska, Minn. 55318
- Related information: (please feel free to use additional sheets of paper)

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CENTURY FARMS  
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Peter & Cora Lenzen

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

Address 292 B of 133 Chesapeake, Minn

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

Section 16 & 21 Township 115 Range 24 County CarverNumber of acres in the farm at present 120 Acres

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

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

Land located in Sec. 16 & 21-115-24

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

| NAME   | DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP | BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <u>Charles Luedloff</u><br>(owner in 1876 or B4) | from 1860 to 1899          | <u>Grandfather</u>               |
| <u>Rudolf Luedloff</u><br>next owner             | from 1899 to 1946          | <u>Father</u>                    |
| <u>Peter &amp; Cora Lenzen</u><br>next owner     | from 1946 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 (X)  | Court file in Registration     |
| Land Patent (X)        | Proceedings ( )                |
| Original Deed (X)      | Other (please explain _____)   |
| County Land Record (X) | Register of Deeds office _____ |

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

(Witness sign here)

Cora Lenzen  
(Signature of present owner)
Date July 9, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Rudolf Luedloff
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 120 Acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? ~~He arrived from Germany~~
4. Where was the first owner born? He arrived from 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? yes.
10. When was the present home built? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, Alfalfa, Grain
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:

Marion District, Chester Herald, Chester Mirror,  
(& Woodward Times) & Belle Plaine Herald  
Related information: (please feel free to use additional sheets  
of paper)

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CENTURY FARMS  
ST. PAUL, MN 55108



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner HAROLD D. MACKENTHUN  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Harold and Larry Mackenthun  
Address HAMBURG MINNESOTA  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 30 Township Young AMERICA County CARVER  
Number of acres in the farm at present 104 ACRES  
Date of original purchase by member of your family OCT. 13 - 1860  
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
East 1/2 of West 209.8 Acres of 8 1/2  
of Section 30 - 115 - 26

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

| NAME   | DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP       | BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <u>Henry Mackenthun</u><br>(owner in 1876 or B4) | from <u>1860</u> to <u>1894</u>  | <u>Father to</u>                 |
| <u>Diedrick Mackenthun</u><br>next owner         | from <u>1894</u> to <u>1935</u>  | <u>Father to</u>                 |
| <u>Do. Mackenthun</u><br>next owner              | from <u>1935</u> to <u>1967</u>  | <u>Uncle of</u>                  |
| <u>Harold D. Mackenthun</u><br>next owner        | from <u>1967</u> to <u>STILL</u> | <u>Present owner</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. <u>NO</u> )   |
| 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:

Larry H. Mackenthun  
(Witness sign here)

Harold D. Mackenthun  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 7-2-1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Pres. Abraham Lincoln
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 209.
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Homesteaded
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Chicago
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?

Worked in Chicago to earn money to start farming prior then walked here 2 weeks and 2 days to start homesteading his farming career.

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 & Beans small grain

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

Norwood Times, Norwood M. innesota

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

Henry settled here with his parents Mr. and Mrs. Curran Mackenthun who then stayed to Homestead the land for tittle while Henry left to earn some money in Chicago. In 2 years he came back to take over tittle. He then didn't want to spend any money for transportation so he walked 2 weeks and 2 days from Chicago to what now is Hamburg. The Farm is now under 6th. generation of Mackenthuns. Larry Mackenthun is now working the land with his father Harold Mackenthun.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner MAYNARD A. MACKENTHUN  
Name(s) to appear on certificate MAYNARD A. MACKENTHUN  
Address HAMBURG, MINNESOTA 55339  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 30 Township 115-26 County CARVER  
Number of acres in the farm at present 104 and 9/10'S ACRES  
Date of original purchase by member of your family OCTOBER 13, 1860  
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
West 1/3 of South 1/2 of SECTION 30, Township 115 North  
RANGE 26 West, Containing 104 and 9/10 acres

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

| NAME                                      | DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP | BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Henry MACKENTHUN<br>(owner in 1876 or B4) | from 1860 to 1894          | Father                           |
| Deitrich MACKENTHUN<br>next owner         | from 1894 to 1935          | Father                           |
| ALBERT MACKENTHUN<br>next owner           | from 1935 to 1975          | Father                           |
| MAYNARD MACKENTHUN<br>next owner          | from 1975 to               | SON                              |
| 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 ( ) |                              |

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

Deborah Bergstrom  
(Witness sign here)

Maynard Mackenthun  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 29, 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? ALBERT MACKENTHUN
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 153.81
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?  
No
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? \_\_\_\_\_  
CHICKEN BARN FROM ORIGINAL FARM
10. When was the present home built? 1936
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? DAIRY-CORN + BEANS
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Norwood Times, Norwood, Minn 467-2871

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

Hamburg, Minnesota 55339  
July 16, 1976

Carver  
sub?

Mr. James Frost  
Publicity Dept.  
Minnesota State Fair  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55108

Dear Mr. Frost:

We recently submitted an application for our farm which has been in our family for 100 years.

On page 2 of the application, in answer to question 9, we mistakenly listed a small chicken barn as being part of the original buildings. We have since found out that this building was built by the original owner during his retirement and was later moved to this farm. Please remove this building from our application.

Yours truly,  
Mrs. Maynard Mackenthun

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? United States to Anders Pehrson
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$1.87
4. Where was the first owner born? Sweden
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? 1934
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, Oats, Alfalfa, Cattle + Hogs
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Belle Plaine Herald - Waconia Patriot

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

We own another farm in Section 7, San Francisco Sup. This farm started as a 40 acre parcel in 1861, purchased from the United States by Lars and Catherine Anderson, grandparents of Gerhard Mellgren, father of present owner Le Roy Mellgren. In the year 1882 the parcel was enlarged to 80 acres. No one has lived on this farm since 1951, but we run the land.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner

Mrs. Walter Mauschund

467-3201  
8/2

Name(s) to appear on certificate

Mrs. and Mrs. Otto Pieper

Address

Mrs. and Mrs. Walter Pieper Mauschund

Address of farm, if different from above

Norwood, Minn.

Section

10

Township

Young America

County

Carver

Number of acres in the farm at present

214 acres (mostly the time)

Date of original purchase by member of your family

It was handed down from

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

Sec 10 Et Township 10

10

115

26

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME

1863

DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP

BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER

(owner in 1876 or B4)  
1863

Mat Mauschund  
from to

1863

Grandfather G. Pieper

next owner

Otto

from 1891 to

Otto Pieper my father

next owner

Mathilde Pieper

from 1915 to 1920

Mrs. Otto Pieper my mother from then

next owner

Murrel

from 1920 to Still have it

Murrel Mauschund (Pieper)

next owner

W. Pieper Mauschund

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 ( )

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

Harold L. Seniers  
(Witness sign here)

Mrs. Walter Mauschund  
(Signature of present owner)

Date

June 17, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

Cont August Born's daughter married a Supt of Schools. He had descendants who were related to the Wagon Master of Cronwell's Wagon Train. The other daughter <sup>my</sup> ~~was~~ were related to Nathan Hale. I'm sorry I lost but one life to give to my Country. She <sup>her sister</sup> were related <sup>to</sup> her mother Mrs. Tiffany who come over in the Mayflower. The descendants were very well educated for 300 years prior to this they had nothing but teachers, ministers etc in their relationship.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? The man who took a claim on it
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? after 1/2 year Mr. B. Pieper purchased it from my <sup>grandfather</sup> One hundred and eighty 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? "
6. Was this a homestead? My grandfather purchased the farm after it had been home stead for about 1/2 year
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
Not to my knowledge
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? ~~Yes~~ The only original bldg left is a 100 ft cow barn. It has long sawed lumber inside. There is 100 feet of it. We also added on a new part on one end but the original is still there.
10. When was the present home built? 1905
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? all grains, fire, etc. specialized in dairy farming.
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Norwood Times Norwood, Mass 55368

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

My grandfather Mr. Gottlieb Pieper came from Germany and took as rather purchased this farm from the original man who took a claim. He held it for 1/2 year then B. Pieper purchased it.

Mr. B. Pieper was a single man when he came from Germany. Later he married Mrs. Elizabeth Effert who with her husband came from Switzerland. They had 3 children 2 boys, Minder & August Born; also Elizabeth Born a girl.

Mr. Born was killed when two oxen ran away. The Bornes were moving a stone. The oxen became frightened and ran away. Mr. Born was killed. Mrs. later married Mr. B. Pieper on top of page.



My mother's parents were born in Germany.  
Her mother came to America with her sisters  
and her husband. They came in a sail  
boat.

Her parents in Germany had or rather  
owned a Hotel. They had a fine philosophy  
about food. <sup>my grandmother</sup> She taught her daughters to  
handle food with their fingers as  
little as possible as food was a gift from  
God and should be handled with respect.

Her first husband came home with T.B. from the <sup>Civil War</sup>  
as many did. The South would take a fence  
and put it around a post and then drive  
the <sup>prisoners</sup> ~~prisoners~~ in it. They would then  
throw in a bushel ~~basket~~ full of corn for  
them to eat. Some even didn't get any.  
So many got and died of T.B. <sup>one</sup>

When the women from the Community  
afterwards went to Chicago to get pensions;  
when it was her turn. She said "I will  
not take any money from the Government."

Her second husband was a Prussian;  
and was a lieutenant in the German  
army before he came to the United States.

## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner

Name(s) to appear on certificate

Address

Address of farm, if different from above

Section

Township

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)

Township of Young America Sec 10

6 1/4 SEC 17 NW 1/4 ; N 1/4 NE 1/4

2 1/4 4 1/4 4 1/4 89.36 acres 2 1/4 7 1/4 (80 acres)

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DATE (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP

BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO  
NEXT OWNER

|                       |                           |    |                        |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|----|------------------------|
|                       | from                      | to |                        |
| (owner in 1876 or B4) |                           |    |                        |
| Owner 1852            | from 1852 to 1976         |    | Grandfather Sub Pieper |
| next owner            |                           |    |                        |
| Grandfather           | from                      | to |                        |
| next owner            |                           |    |                        |
|                       | from                      | to |                        |
| next owner            |                           |    |                        |
| Preper Father         | from                      | to | Died in 1913           |
| next owner            | Preper                    |    |                        |
| My mother married     | from 1913 to 1962         |    | My mother died in 1962 |
| next owner            |                           |    |                        |
| Musiel Pieper Transak | from 1962 to present time |    |                        |
| 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 (✓)  
Land Patent (✓)  
Original Deed (✓)  
County Land  
Record (✓)

Court file in Registration Proceedings (4)  
Other (please explain

Other (please explain

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

(Witness sign here)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

See reverse side for additional information.

Frank Marshall Peper Mawchinski  
(Signature of present owner)



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Jennette Holmes
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 169.36
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where was the first owner born? My Grandfather was born in Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? The man with the claim was English
6. Was this a homestead? The man who took the claim was a farmer
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Yes & he homesteaded the land.
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? Mr. Pieper  
He engaged in dairying and some cash crops at first and what also cheese making.
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? The part that is standing  
Consists of one old part built by my grandfather and his sons much of the lumber was hand hewn
10. When was the present home built? House 1905 (new)
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Dairy
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Norwood Times, Norwood, Minn 55368.

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

My grandfather purchased one farm of  
149.56 acres from Jennette Holmes,  
who acquired the land about one half  
of a year before through a claim

My grandfather married a Swiss  
Lady by the name of Elizabeth Born  
It is happened that she and her husband  
were moving a store by sleigh drawn by a pair  
of oxen. They became frightened and ran away.  
Her husband Mr. Born was killed and she  
after some time later married my Grandfather  
Mr. Gutthief Pieper.

She had daughters and two sons by her first  
husband Mr. Born.

One of the sons married a woman who  
was a descendant of Nathaniel Hale's family.  
The other son married a woman who had  
one of her ancestors related to was Cromwell  
Wagon Master

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner James P. Neaton

Name(s) to appear on certificate James P. Neaton

Address WATERTOWN, MINNESOTA

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

Section 6 Township 117 Range 25 County Carver

Number of acres in the farm at present 159.02

Date of original purchase by member of your family Dec. 10, 1860

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

SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 6 Township 117 Range 25, containing 159.02 acres.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

| NAME                                   | DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP | BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER                   |
|--|----------------------------|--|
| Dennis Neaton<br>(owner in 1876 or B4) | from 1860 to 1881          | SW $\frac{1}{4}$ <u>FATHER</u>                     |
| Paul J. Neaton<br>next owner           | from 1881 to 1936          | SE $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$               |
| Paul J. Neaton<br>next owner           | from 1905 to 1910          | NE $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ <u>FATHER</u> |
| Michael P. Neaton<br>next owner        | from 1910 to 1954          | NE $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$               |
| Michael P. Neaton<br>next owner        | from 1936 to 1954          | SE $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ <u>FATHER</u> |
| James P. Neaton<br>next owner          | from 1954 to               | SW $\frac{1}{4}$                                   |
| next owner                             | from to                    |  |

next owner

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

(Witness sign here)

(Signature of present owner)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? WS
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? IRELAND
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? INDIANA
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? 1913
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn Hay milk
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Carver County News Waterbury Minn

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Edward J. Nord  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Edward & Carol Nord  
Address Carver  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 32 Township Dahlgren County Carver  
Number of acres in the farm at present 120.93  
Date of original purchase by member of your family 1866

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

The west half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 32, Twp. 115 North of Range 24 West, & the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section Five Twp 114 North of Range 24 West.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

| NAME                                     | DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP | BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER                                |
|--|----------------------------|---|
| Andrew Anderson<br>(owner in 1876 or B4) | from 1866 to 1881          | father-son (change of name to Nord as in the register of deeds) |
| John Nord<br>next owner                  | from 1881 to 1890          | Brother - Brother   |
| August Nord<br>next owner                | from 1890 to 1905          | Brother - Brother   |
| John Nord<br>next owner                  | from 1905 to 1943          | Father - Son  |
| Fred Nord<br>next owner                  | from 1943 to 1961          | Father - Son  |
| Edward Nord<br>next owner                | from 1961 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:

Carol A. Hanson Rep Deeds  
(Witness sign here)

Edward J. Nord  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 7/8/76

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Peter Peterson
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 81.01
3. What was the cost of land per acre? 12.50
4. Where was the first owner born? Sweden
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? ?
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? Home, Barn  
Original home
10. When was the present home built? 1878
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn, alfalfa, dairy
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Waconia Patriot

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

The family of Andrew Anderson changed their name to Nord. John Nord was the son of Andrew Anderson. The first home of the Nord family is still standing. The log part of the barn still being used was the original barn used by the Nord family.



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Richard Paul Oelfke  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Richard Paul Oelfke  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 31 Township 115 Range 26 County Carver

Number of acres in the farm at present 125 acres.

Date of original purchase by member of your family June 1, 1861

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 31 T 115 R 26, cont 160 acres.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

| NAME                                    | DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP | BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER  |
|---|----------------------------|---|
| Kord H. Oelfke<br>(owner in 1876 or B4) | from 1861 to 1903          | SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec 31-115-26, 160 acres.   |
| Fred C. Oelfke<br>next owner            | from 1903 to 1931          | N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ & N $\frac{1}{2}$ of S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , 120 acres. |
| Paul Ed. Oelfke<br>next owner           | from 1931 to 1971          | 102 acres in SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .   |
| Richard Paul Oelfke<br>next owner       | from 1971 to               | 125 acres in SE $\frac{1}{4}$ .   |
| 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:

Paul Oelfke  
(Witness sign here)

Richard Oelfke  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6 X 29 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Paul Delfke
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 125
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?  
No
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use?  
Yes - House
10. When was the present home built? 1874 - Best
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Dairy
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Norwood Times Norwood Mn.

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Orwin Poppitz

Name(s) to appear on certificate Orwin Poppitz

Address R 2 Box 44 Chaska, Minn

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

Section 34 Township 116 Range 24 County Carver

Number of acres in the farm at present 160 acres, w/ex.

Date of original purchase by member of your family August 1, 1861

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 34-116-24, cont. 160 acres.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

| NAME                                  | DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP | BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER                |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| F.E. Poppitz<br>(owner in 1876 or B4) | from 1861 to 1891          | SE $\frac{1}{4}$ <u>Great Grandfather</u>       |
| Ernest Poppitz Jr.<br>next owner      | from 1891 to 1900          | SE $\frac{1}{4}$ w/ex. <u>Great Grandfather</u> |
| Ernest Poppitz Jr.<br>next owner      | from 1900 to 1913          | SE $\frac{1}{4}$ w/ex.                          |
| Albert E. Poppitz<br>next owner       | from 1913 to 1956          | SE $\frac{1}{4}$ w/ex. <u>Father</u>            |
| Orwin Poppitz, etal<br>next owner     | from 1956 to 1955          | SE $\frac{1}{4}$ w/ex.                          |
| Bertha Poppitz<br>next owner          | from 1955 to 1961          | SE $\frac{1}{4}$ w/ex. <u>Mother</u>            |
| Orwin Poppitz<br>next owner           | from 1961 to 1972          | SE $\frac{1}{4}$ w/ex.                          |
| Orwin Poppitz                         | from 1972 to               | SE $\frac{1}{4}$ w/ex.                          |

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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:

(Witness sign here) \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature of present owner) Orwin Poppitz

Date June 10, 1974

See reverse side for additional information.



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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Bertha B. Jepsen
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? 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? 1887
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn alfalfa oats
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 Elmer Rolf  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Mrs. Elmer Rolf  
Address Norwood, Mn. 55368  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 8 Township 114 Range 25 County Carver

Number of acres in the farm at present 220

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1876

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

Land located in Sec. 8-114-25

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

| NAME                                     | DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP | BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Patrick Doherty<br>(owner in 1876 or B4) | from 1860 to 1869          |                                  |
| John Hahn<br>next owner                  | from 1869 to 1872          |                                  |
| Owen Boylan<br>next owner                | from 1872 to 1876          |                                  |
| Henry Friedrich Rolf<br>next owner       | from 1876 to 1915          | Grand Father                     |
| Adam Rolf<br>next owner                  | from 1915 to 1954          | Father                           |
| Elmer Rolf<br>next owner                 | from 1954 to Present       |                                  |
| 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 ☒ Register of Deeds office

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

Mrs. Elmer Rolf  
(Witness sign here)

Elmer F. Rolf  
(Signature of present owner)

Date July 7, 1976

## 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? \$16.25
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? It was heavily wooded and  
needed clearing.
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
10. When was the present home built? 1884
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Dairy Farming
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
The Norwood Times. Norwood, Minn.

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

*Information was recieved from the  
Carver County Courthouse  
Chaska, Minn*



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner VICTOR H. & JEANETTE L. ROLF  
Name(s) to appear on certificate VICTOR H. & JEANETTE L. ROLF  
Address Box 78 Norwood MN 55368  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 4 Township HANCOCK County CARVER

Number of acres in the farm at present 180

Date of original purchase by member of your family SEP. 12, 1859

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

NORTHWEST QUARTER of SECTION 4 TOWNSHIP 114  
RANGE 25 also 20 ACRES in the West 1/2 of the NORTH  
EAST 1/4 of 4-114-25

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

| NAME                                  | DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP | BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| John H. ROLF<br>(owner in 1876 or B4) | from 1859 to 1899          | FATHER                           |
| CHRIST ROLF<br>next owner             | from 1899 to 1941          | FATHER                           |
| VICTOR S. ROLF<br>next owner          | from 1941 to 1975          | FATHER                           |
| VICTOR H. ROLF<br>next owner          | from 1975 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 ( ) Other (please explain \_\_\_\_\_)  
County Land Record ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

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

L. G. MELLGREN  
(Witness sign here) COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_  
My Commission expires Sept. 22, 1977

Victor H. Rolf  
(Signature of present owner)

Date July 1, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? JOHN E.C. THOTY
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$250.00 for 80 ACRES
4. Where was the first owner born? GERMANY
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? CLEVELAND, O.
6. Was this a homestead? NO. Either Thoty got it as a military bonus or he bought it from someone who did.
7. Did the first owner farm the land? NO. Not Thoty. J. H. Roff did.
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
NO. He was a shipwright by trade, but did no carpenter work other than the [farm]
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? The original house & barn etc, were of logs. The parts of the present house & barn & grainary were built by [J. H. Roff]
10. When was the present home built? Around 1875 remodeled 1916
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? CORN, OATS, ALFALFA
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation: DAIRY & HOGS

Unless a list of farms is issued to a newspaper I would prefer no mention be made of this. (NORWOOD TIMES)

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

John H. Roff & 2 brothers worked in shipyards in Cleveland. After moving to Minnesota they helped many neighbors build farm buildings, being experienced carpenters.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Harold Sauter  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Harold and Bernette Sauter  
Address Cologne, Minnesota  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 13 Township Benton County Carver

Number of acres in the farm at present 103

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1960

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

E 1/4 of the SW 1/4; SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 Section 13 Rng. 25  
NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 Section 24 Rng. 25

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

| NAME   | DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP  | BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <u>Jacob Sauter</u><br>(owner in 1876 or B4) | <u>from 1858 to 1874</u>    | <u>Father</u>                    |
| <u>Fred Sauter</u><br>next owner             | <u>from 1874 to 1905</u>    | <u>Father</u>                    |
| <u>Wm. Sauter</u><br>next owner              | <u>from 1905 to 1936</u>    | <u>Father</u>                    |
| <u>Geo. Sauter</u><br>next owner             | <u>from 1936 to 1960</u>    | <u>Father</u>                    |
| <u>Harold Sauter</u><br>next owner           | <u>from 1960 to present</u> |                                  |
|  | <u>from        to</u>       |                                  |
|  | <u>from        to</u>       |                                  |
|  |                             |                                  |

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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:

Russell R. Sauter  
(Witness sign here)

Harold Sauter  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-27-76

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? \_\_\_\_\_
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? 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? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. When was the present home built? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, oats, alfalfa, and dairy products
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Norwood Times, Waconia Patriot

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Gerald H. Schimmelpfennig  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Gerald H. Schimmelpfennig  
Address Norwood, Mn. 55368  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 7 Township 115 Range 25 County Carver

Number of acres in the farm at present 80

Date of original purchase by member of your family August 1, 1861

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
W<sub>2</sub> of SE<sub>4</sub> and NE<sub>4</sub> of SE<sub>4</sub> and Lot 3 of Section 7 Twsp 115 R 25, cont 156.32 acres.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

| NAME  | DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP | BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER  |
|---|----------------------------|---|
| John Schimmelpfennig<br>(owner in 1876 or B4) | from 1861 to 1891          | W <sub>2</sub> of SE <sub>4</sub> & NE <sub>4</sub> of SE <sub>4</sub> & Lot 3. |
| Christian Schimmelpfennig                     | from 1891 to 1927          | W <sub>2</sub> of SE <sub>4</sub> , 80 acres.                                   |
| next owner<br>Hilbert Schimmelpfennig         | from 1927 to 1963          | W <sub>2</sub> of SE <sub>4</sub> , 80 acres.                                   |
| next owner<br>Gerald H. Schimmelpfennig       | from 1963 to               | W <sub>2</sub> of SE <sub>4</sub> , 80 acres.                                   |
| next owner                                    | from to                    |   |
| next owner                                    | from to                    |   |
| next owner                                    | from to                    |   |
| next owner                                    | from to                    |   |

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

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

Anna Schimmelpfennig  
(Witness sign here)

Gerald H. Schimmelpfennig  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6/16/76

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? 156
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 156
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany - Loberz,
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Chicago (A few weeks)
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? The home, a sm. log barn, log hog barn.
10. When was the present home built? About 1856 or 57
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, alfalfa, oats
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Norwood Times and Waconia Patriot

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

*Attached copies made from  
our family tree book compiled  
in 1973. (we still have  
original deed.)*



# THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting:

Pre-Emption  
CERTIFICATE  
No. 3953

Whereas, John Schimmelpfennig of Barber County Minnesota, has deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the UNITED STATES, a CERTIFICATE of the Register of the Land Office at Henderson whereby it appears that FULL PAYMENT has been made by the said John Schimmelpfennig according to the provisions of the act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1820, entitled "An act making further provision for the sale of the public lands," for the west half of the South East quarter and the North East quarter of the South East quarter and the Lot numbered Three of Section seven in Township One hundred and fifteen North of Range Twenty five West in the district of lands subject to sale at Henderson Minnesota, containing One hundred and fifty six acres and thirty two one hundredths of an acre

according to the OFFICIAL PLAT of the Survey of the said lands, returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the Surveyor General, which said tract has been purchased by the said John Schimmelpfennig

Now know ye, That the **UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**, in consideration of the premises, and in conformity with the several Acts of Congress in such case made and provided, HAVE GIVEN AND GRANTED, and by these presents DO GIVE AND GRANT, unto the said John Schimmelpfennig and to his --- heirs, the said Tract above described; TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities, and appurtenances, of whatsoever nature, thereunto belonging, unto the said John Schimmelpfennig and to his --- heirs and assigns forever.

In testimony whereof I, Abraham Lincoln, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

have caused these letters to be made Patent, and the Seal of the GENERAL LAND OFFICE to be hereunto affixed

Given under my hand, at the CITY OF WASHINGTON, the First day of August, in the YEAR OF OUR LORD one thousand eight hundred and Sixty one, and of the Independence of the United States the Eighty sixth

BY THE PRESIDENT.

Abraham Lincoln

By W. V. Stoddard Sec'y.

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W. V. Stoddard Recorder of the General Land Office.

Copy of original deed

## PARENTS

## CHILDREN

Name: Johann (John) Schimmelpfennig

Born: June 22, 1807  
 Place: Lobenz, Germany  
 Died: Jan. 7, 1892  
 Buried: Young America, Mn.

Name: Louisa Timm

Born: March 1814  
 Place: Labos, Prussia  
 Died: 1850  
 Buried: Germany

Name: Date of Birth

Franz July 13, 1841  
 ( Was one of more than 400  
 people killed in a forest  
 fire that completely wiped  
 out the village of Hinkley,  
 Mn. and several other com-  
 munities of western Pine Co.  
 Sept. 1, 1894.

Louisa Nov. 4, 1842  
 \*..... 1845

Name: Albertina Graunke

Born: Sept. 26, 1831  
 Place: Germany  
 Died: June 29, 1914  
 Buried: Free Thought Cemetery  
 Vergas, Mn.

William Jan. 12, 1855  
 Christian Dec. 22, 1856  
 Augusta Aug. 28, 1860  
 Maria (Mary) Feb. 11, 1863  
 Mathilda Oct. 7, 1865  
 Karl (Charles) Dec. 10, 1867  
 Bertha Feb. 7, 1870  
 Ottilia Jan. 11, 1873

Date of Marriage:  
 Place:

## REMARKS: Johann

Late 1855 or early 1856 a  
 boatload of single men and  
 men with families emigrated  
 from Bremen, Germany, to es-  
 tablish homes in America.

Among them was one Johann  
 (John) Schimmelpfennig, his  
 wife, Albertina, daughter,  
 Louisa, two sons, Franz and  
 the infant, William.

They had their passage to New  
 York paid. After at least 6  
 weeks on the Atlantic, they  
 arrived with \$30 cash in their  
 pocket. This took them inland  
 to Chicago. There they took  
 whatever jobs were available  
 to earn enough money to con-

## REMARKS: Louisa

In studying the reverse side of  
 Johann's deed, we learn that  
 \*.....a child was born to  
 Louisa in 1845, but the name is  
 not distinguishable.

From her daughter, Louisa's record  
 we learn that her mother died in  
 labor. Evidently that child died  
 too, which would explain Johann's  
 comment, also on the deed, where we  
 see very faintly, "3 sint gestorben":  
 one in 1845, one at birth in 1850,  
 and Franz.

REMARKS: Albertina  
 (See next page.)

remarks: Johann  
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tinue the trek to Minnesota, then a territory. (Added to the Union in 1858.) The trip to St. Paul was made by steamer, then to Shakopee in May of 1856, and on to Carver County in July.

The area was wilderness, but Johann was determined, and set about at once to select a site for his own homestead.

He first looked around the area ~~of~~ the present village of Carver where a few homesteads had already been taken. He decided, However, to search westward. This area was primitive too, but the west half of Section 7 in Benton Twp. of Carver Co. was the tract that Johann chose. Here the young farmer cleared brush and trees and erected a cabin 12' x 14'.

A preliminary government survey had been made a year or so before, and a year after the Schimmelpfennigs had built their cabin, they found, to their dismay, they had built on the neighboring piece of land which was still open for homesteading. On learning the proper boundaries Johann built another house, this time placing it in about the center of the quartersection homestead. This explains why the present Schimmelpfennig buildings are set in so far from the town lines and the road.

Application for the homestead had to be made at the General Land Office at Henderson, Mn. It contained "one hundred and fifty-six acres and thirty-two hundredths of an acre." ( 156 & 32/100 )

Johann borrowed \$25 from the Land Bank for his first two cows. His interest was figured at 15%, then considered a very reasonable rate. He was able to get this low rate because he was homesteading and was considered a good prospect for permanent residence.

The first year of the homestead, purchases of flour, salt, sugar and other staples had to be carried on their backs from St. Anthony (now S.B. Mpls.) to the cabin in Benton Twp.

The next year steamboats came up the Minnesota River as far as Carver, which shortened their shopping trips to a mere 20 miles. That same fall ox cartways had been built through to Carver and they could haul their flour by team.

#### REMARKS: Albertina

Albertina outlived her husband by more than twenty years. It was her custom to spend some time each year with each of her children.

See "Elmer Remembers"- p. 94 ff  
and

Myrna's "Just Reminiscing" p. 99.

After suffering a stroke, she spent the remainder of her bedridden life with her son, William, and is buried in the \* Free Thought Cemetery in Vergas, Mn.

\* Note: Free Thought Cemetery is located about  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles west of Vergas. William Schimmelpfennig and other early settlers started it about 1 mile from William's Homestead.



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A few years later Johann sold the east half of the original quarter-section to Carl Graunke. The price in the late 1850's was \$200 for the full 80 acres.

After the Civil War broke out ( Sumter, S.C. 1861 ) difficult times followed for the settlers. Money was entirely worthless and new currency was issued.

Food was scarce and hard to get. Though most of them had potatoes, and some had meal to make bread, very few had money to buy the food items not available from the land. Some actually starved. Others, heartbroken and discouraged longed for the old Homeland, and returned to Germany. Some left the land to find jobs in the cities. But Johann with faith and trust in the Lord, remained to surmount the trials of a pioneer in a new country.

A CHERISHED FAMILY HEIRLOOM IS THE ORIGINAL LAND GRANT,  
signed by PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN, dated Aug.1, 1861.

In 1891 Johann deeded the farm to his son, Christian, who also at that time assumed the care of his parents until they died.

ref : Johann's original Land Grant. ( See reproduction. )

Norwood Times, Norwood, Mn. Aug. 12, 1955.

Delano Eagle, Delano, Mn. Aug. 25, 1955.

"Calendar of Memorial Days of the Moravian Church, Chaska, Mn.  
- Issued in the Golden Anniversary Year, 1908."  
Courtesy, Paul Klammer New Ulm, Mn. (p. 6.)

PARENTS

CHILDREN

Name: Christian Schimmelpfennig  
Born: Dec. 22, 1856  
Place: Benton Twp. Carver Co. Mn.  
Died: May 28, 1941  
Buried: Young America, Mn.

Name: Date of Birth  
Arthur July 13, 1881  
William C. Dec. 16, 1882

Name: Maria (Mary) Schmidt  
Born: Feb. 1, 1860  
Place: Brandenburg, Germany  
Died: Aug. 8, 1947  
Buried: Young America, Mn.

Helen 1884  
Otto 1886  
Walter 1888  
(Helen, Otto and Walter were victims of the diphtheria epidemic of Oct. 1890.)

Date of Marriage: Jan. 13, 1880  
Place:

Anna Apr. 16, 1891  
Bruno Dec. 25, 1892  
Herbert Dec. 11, 1894  
Erna Feb. 15, 1897  
Hilbert Dec. 29, 1898  
Edwin (Died at 6 mos.) 1899  
Ernest Dec. 9, 1902  
(Died Aug. 1912 of blood poisoning.)

REMARKS: Christian

REMARKS: Mary

Was baptized in infancy, instructed in the Lutheran faith and confirmed by the Rev. F. Streckfuss.

Mary Schmidt was 4 years old when she came to America with her parents, 2 brothers and one sister.

At age 18, while working on the farm for his father, he earned \$20 chopping white oak fence posts and making 160 rods of fence.

Landing in New York, the family spent a few years there before moving to Illinois, and still later to Minnesota.

( In 1955 when the Centennial of the farm was observed, 5 of the original hand-hewn posts still stood where Christ had placed them.

Her childhood was spent in her parental home, but she had very little opportunity for education.

Her religious instruction was received in the St. John's Church of Bongards, where she was also confirmed.

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remarks: Christian

With the \$20, which represented many days of hard work, the young man bought a pocket watch of the hunting case style which was then the vogue. (In 1955 this watch, too, was the prized possession of the youngest son, Hilbert, and was still in good running order.)

In 1877 Christ paid off his two brothers and 5 sisters giving each \$200, and took over the operation of the farm.

In 1920 the road past the Schimmelpfennig homestead was widened and graded. It was then that the spot where Johann's first cabin had stood became clearly visible. The yellow clay showed where it had been filled in to the old cellar.

Christ owned the farm exactly 50 years when, in 1927 he sold it to his son, Hilbert, and retired with his wife to a home that had been built in Norwood-Young America.

LaCorda remembers her Grandfather as a tall, distinguished-looking man, as was typified by the unique hirsute adornment worn by him, as had also been worn by his father, Johann, before him. Beards were "in" in those days, too, but this was no ordinary beard; this was the symbol of a well-groomed man.

Christ and Mary were privileged to observe their Golden Wedding Anniversary in January, 1930, and their Sixtieth Year in 1940.

remarks; Mary

Together with her husband, she was intent on seeing that all her children were educated in the schools of that day, both public and parochial.

She was a soft-spoken, gentle, often pensive, but always gracious, lady. Her daughter, Anna, tells us she remembers her mother telling that the emotional impact of losing 3 small children in the space of only 10 days of the diphtheria epidemic of 1890, was "something only a mother would be able to understand.....".

LaCorda remembers her Grandmother as a petite figure with the softest, whitest hair, always parted in the middle, always neatly in place, but a bit of curl insisting to cover the ear.

She lived a long and useful life, never idle, always busy, baking and serving those delicious fresh "loaves" for which she was famous, - at least with her grandchildren !

Even in her retirement she tended her garden with loving care, and each Schimmelpfennig Day she would bring her "Ar-tour" a head of cabbage from her own garden.



## PARENTS

## 3rd CHILDREN

29.

Name: Hilbert H. Schimmelpfennig

Born: Dec. 29, 1898

Place: Benton Twp. Carver Co., Mn.

Died: Mar. 8, 1964

Buried: Norwood City Cemetery

Name: Anna Koehler

Born: Mar. 24, 1904

Place:

Died:

Buried:

Name:

Date of Birth

Pearl Mae

May 13, 1928

Carol June

June 15, 1929

(Died Aug. 18, 1932)

Harold

Nov. 19, 1930

Margaret

Feb. 28, 1932

Lois

Aug. 5, 1935

Gerald

June 11, 1937

VerJean

Oct. 24, 1942

David

Nov. 15, 1944

Date of Marriage: Oct. 16, 1927

Place: Zoar Reformed Church of Dahlgren

Her present Address: CENTENNIAL FARM, Norwood, Mn. 55368

## REMARKS: Hilbert (Hilp)

Bought the Schimmelpfennig Homestead from his father, Christian, in 1927.

The Centennial of this homestead was noted in 1955. Forty-nine descendants of Johann Schimmelpfennig were present to observe the occasion.

The homestead has since been affectionately referred to as CENTENNIAL FARM.

## REMARKS: Anna

Was confirmed May 17, 1917 by her father, the Rev. Wm. Koehler, in the Reformed Church of Dahlgren Twp.

Attended Winona State College and taught school for 4 years.

In 1954 did private tutoring near Mayer, Mn.

Taught Kindergarten at Mayer, Mn. one year, 2 years at Bongard, Mn. and one year at East Union School.

Was employed at Waconia Nursing Home - 1962.

Transferred to the Norwood Nursing Home in 1969, and does private nursing jobs as called.

## PARENTS

Name: Gerald Schimelpfenig

Born: June 11, 1937

Place: Centennial Farm

Died:

Buried:

Name: Genelle Boelke

Born: Dec. 26, 1942

Place: Albert Lea, Mn.

Died:

Buried:

Date of Marriage: July 6, 1963

Place: Zion Lutheran Church, Cologne, Mn.

Present Address: CENTENNIAL FARM, Norwood, Mn. 55368

## CHILDREN

Name:

Date of Birth

John Christ

Sept. 18, 1966

James Gerald

Nov. 19, 1969

## REMARKS: Gerald

Baptized in E. & R. Church of Peace, Norwood, Mn., Arthur Schimmelpfennig and Theo. Scott, sponsors. Was confirmed there in 1951.

Graduate, Central High School, Norwood-Young America, 1955.

As Gerald remembers it, he has farmed all his life - ever since his father promised him all the chocolate milk he could drink if he kept the cornfield free of weeds. He worked Centennial Farm until he was called into Military Service (Medic) 1960-1962.

Besides operating the farm now, he also works full time for Northwest Airlines, Minneapolis.

As present owners and operators of Centennial Farm, Gerry and Genelle have as a sincere primary interest to restore and to keep the farm and its original buildings for the enjoyment of future generations of Schimmelpfennigs.

Other mutual interests find expression in fishing, volley ball, dancing, and visiting - especially with members of the Schimmelpfennig Clan at Reunions.

## REMARKS: Genelle

Baptized and confirmed in Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Wells, Mn.

At age 13 moved with parents and brother to a farm near Cologne, Mn.

Graduate, Central High School, Norwood - Young America, 1960.

Attended Glenwood Hills Hospital School of Nursing, to become L.P.N., 1962.

Works on call at Waconia Hospital, Waconia, Mn. 1973.

## PARENTS

## CHILDREN

Name: John Christ Schimelpfenig

Name:

Date of Birth

Born: Sept. 18, 1966

Place: Centennial Farm

Died:

Buried:

Name:

Born:

Place:

Died:

Buried:

Date of Marriage:

Place:

Present Address: CENTENNIAL FARM, Norwood, Mn. 55368

REMARKS: John Christ

REMARKS:

Was baptized Oct. 9, 1966,  
 Harold Schimelpfenig,  
 VerJean Schimelpfenig-  
 McBride and Mr. & Mrs.  
 Gordon Boelke, sponsors.

Named after his Gt.-Gt.-  
 Grandfather, Johann (John)  
 and his Gt. Grandfather,  
 Christian (Christ) he is  
 privileged to live with  
 his parents and brother,  
 James, on the same farm...  
 in the same house.....  
 founded and built by his  
 great-great-grandfather,  
 Johann in 1855.



Name: James Gerald Schimelpfenig

Born: Nov. 19, 1969  
Place: Centennial Farm  
Died:  
Buried:

Name:

Date of Birth

Name:

Born:  
Place:  
Died:  
Buried:

Date of Marriage:  
Place:

Present Address: CENTENNIAL FARM, Norwood, Mn. 55368

REMARKS: James

REMARKS:

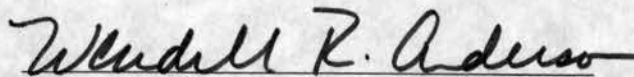
Sponsors at Baptism were  
Lois Schimelpfenig-Benson  
and Gordon Boelke.

**BE IT NOW KNOWN that this farm of**

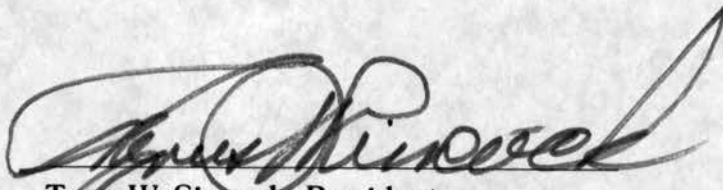
**GERLAD H. SCHIMMELPFENNIG**

**has been in continuous agricultural operation  
since 1861 , signifying more than 100 years  
of service and contributions to the community,  
state, nation, and world.**

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



Wendell R. Anderson, Governor  
State of Minnesota



Tyrus W. Sincock, President  
Minnesota State Agricultural Society

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Burnell H Schluter

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

Address Cologne, Minn 55322

Address of farm, if different from above E 1/2 of SW 1/4

Section 3 Township Hancock County Carver

Number of acres in the farm at present 80

Date of original purchase by member of your family 3-16-1869

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
E 1/2 of SW 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

| NAME   | DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP      | BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER |
|--|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <u>J. F. Schluter</u><br>(owner in 1876 or B4) | from <u>1869</u> to <u>1904</u> | <u>Father</u>                    |
| <u>Friedrich Schluter</u><br>next owner        | from <u>1904</u> to <u>1947</u> | <u>Uncle</u>                     |
| <u>Friedrich Schluter</u><br>next owner        | from <u>1947</u> to <u>1964</u> | <u>Father</u>                    |
| <u>Burnell Schluter</u><br>next owner          | from <u>1964</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:

Delores Schluter  
(Witness sign here)

Burnell Schluter  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-28-76

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$225 for 80 acres
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? \_\_\_\_\_
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 and all the other buildings too
10. When was the present home built? 1873
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn alfalfa
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Waconia Patriot, Norwood Times, Belle Plaine Herald

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

The original owner was Swan Johnson

10-11-1860

\$225.00

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Thomas Sons

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

Rt. 1  
Address Norwood, Mn. 55368

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

Section 8 Township 114 Range 25 County Carver

Number of acres in the farm at present 80

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1869

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

Land located in Sec. 8-114-25

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

| NAME                   | DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP | BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER |
|------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| John Doherty           | from 1869 to               | (Patent from U.S. Govt.)         |
| (owner in 1876 or B4)  |                            |                                  |
| John Hahn              | from 1868 to 1873          |                                  |
| next owner             |                            |                                  |
| Thomas Sons            | from 1873 to 1917          |                                  |
| next owner             |                            |                                  |
| Theodore & Philip Sons | from 1917 to 1949          |                                  |
| next owner             |                            |                                  |
| Theodore Sons          | from 1949 to 1969          |                                  |
| next owner             |                            |                                  |
| Thomas Sons            | from 1969 to Present       |                                  |
| next owner             |                            |                                  |
|                        | from to                    |                                  |
| next owner             |                            |                                  |

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Original Deed ☒ Other (please explain \_\_\_\_\_)  
County Land Record ☒ Register of Deeds office

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

Norma Jean Kessler  
(Witness sign here)

Thomas Sons  
(Signature of present owner)

Date July 7, 1976

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\_\_\_\_\_
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\_\_\_\_\_
10. When was the present home built? \_\_\_\_\_
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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 Gilbert Sudheimer  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Gilbert Sudheimer  
Address WACONIA RT I  
Address of farm, if different from above SAME

Section 23 Township 116 Range 25 County Carver

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

Date of original purchase by member of your family Sept 15, 1864

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 23-116-25, cont. 160 acres.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

| NAME                                      | DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP | BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER  |
|---|----------------------------|---|
| Ludwig Sudheimer                          | from 1864 to 1875          | SE $\frac{1}{4}$  |
| (owner in 1876 or B4)<br>George Sudheimer | from 1875 to 1883          | SE $\frac{1}{4}$ cont. 120 acres.   |
| next owner<br>Christine Sudheimer         | from 1883 to 1883          | SE $\frac{1}{4}$ w/ex. of 2.81 acres.   |
| next owner<br>Lewis Sudheimer             | from 1883 to               | SE $\frac{1}{4}$ w/ex. (cont. 120 acres)  |
| next owner<br>Fred Sudheimer et al        | from 1907 to 1958          | N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ & SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ subj to life estate. |
| next owner<br>Gilbert Sudheimer           | from 1958 to               | NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ & W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$                      |
| next owner                                | from to                    |   |
| next owner                                |                            |   |

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|--|------------------------------|
| Abstract of Title <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  | Court file in Registration   |
| Land Patent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>        | Proceedings ( )              |
| Original Deed <input checked="" 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)

(Signature of present owner)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

See reverse side for additional information (OVER)

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? UNITED STATES
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? ~~GERMANY~~
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? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? OATS & WHEAT
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
WARREN PATRIOT

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner ERWIN & GERTRUDE THOMAS  
Name(s) to appear on certificate ERWIN & GERTRUDE THOMAS  
Address RR 1 BOX 28 HAMBURG, MINN. 55339  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 20 Township Young America County Carver  
Number of acres in the farm at present 120

Date of original purchase by member of your family Mar 2, 1875

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

W 1/2 of N.W. 1/4 Sec 20 - 115 - 26 and N.W. 1/4 of S.W. 1/4  
Sec 20 - 115 - 26

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

| NAME                                      | DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP                              | BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER |
|---|---|----------------------------------|
| <u>Wm Thomas</u><br>(owner in 1876 or B4) | <u>Mar 2</u><br>from <u>1875</u> to <u>1911</u>         | <u>Father</u>                    |
| <u>Wm Thomas Jr.</u><br>next owner        | <u>Jan 20</u><br>from <u>1911</u> to <u>1948</u>        | <u>Father</u>                    |
| <u>Erwin Thomas</u><br>next owner         | <u>Mar 3</u><br>from <u>1948</u> to <u>present time</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 <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:

Kenneth Oelke  
(Witness sign here)

Erwin Thomas  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 25, 1976

See reverse side for additional information



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Frederick Stockmann
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 120
3. What was the cost of land per acre? "10.80 (Total paid 1300.00)
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Worked on various farms
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? \_\_\_\_\_
10. When was the present home built? about 1885
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn and hogs
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
The Norwood Times, Norwood Minn.

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Donald Wallace  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Donald Wallace  
Address Carver, Minnesota 55315  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 23 Township 115 County Carver

Number of acres in the farm at present 80 acres

Date of original purchase by member of your family March 1858

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

79.72 Acres in the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  & in SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of 23-115-24

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

| NAME                                   | DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP | BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Andrew Larson<br>(owner in 1876 or B4) | from 1858 to 1883          | Great Grandfather                |
| John Larson<br>next owner              | from 1883 to 1931          | Grandfather                      |
| Oscar Wallace<br>next owner            | from 1931 to 1963          | Father                           |
| Donald Wallace<br>next owner           | from 1963 to present       | Present owner (son)              |
| 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 (X) 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:

Lawrence Fickelhorn  
(Witness sign here)

Donald Wallace  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6/25/76

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Federal Government
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? Sweden
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?  
None that we know of
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? some
10. When was the present home built? 1900
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn Oats Dairy
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Carter County Herald Chaska Minn.

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



# CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owners Walter C & Arlington R. Wagner

Name(s) to appear on certificate SAME as above

Address Route 5 Box 181; Excelsior, Minn  
55331

Address of farm, if different from above SAME AS ABOVE

Section 22 Township Chanhassen County Carver

Number of acres in the farm at present 95

Date of original purchase by member of your family Feb 8, 1858

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

<sup>Balance in 1860</sup>  
<sup>15.20 acres</sup>  
(Lot 4 Sec. 22-116 ent) & Lot 4 Sec. 22-116- 23.160 acres ent. 1860.

According to list of lands transmitted by the Register of U.S. land office  
Forest City, Minn.

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

| NAME                                       | DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP | BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Franz E. Wagner<br>(owner in 1876 or B4)   | from 58 to 1860            | 15.20 Acres (our Great Uncle)    |
| <del>XXXXXXXXXX</del> (160) acres in 1860  | from to                    | Gustav Wagner (our Grandfather)  |
| next owner                                 | from to                    | Gustav Wagner " " "              |
| <sup>our Grandmother</sup> Virginia Wagner | from 1907 to 1923          | Herbert C. Wagner (our father)   |
| next owner<br>H.C. Wagner                  | from 1923 to 1949          | Walter C. & Arlington R. Wagner  |
| 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 (X)        | Proceedings (X)              |
| 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:

Richard C. Wagner  
(Witness sign here)

Walter C. Wagner  
(Signature of present owner)

Date Aug 17, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Mar 8 - 1949 Herbert C Wagner (father)
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 175 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? ?
4. Where was the first owner born? Saxony - Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? New York, New Jersey
6. Was this a homestead? yes by Grandfather (Gustav Wagner)
7. Did the first owner farm the land? the first 15 acres by ~~our~~ great uncle (Franz Wagner) (sold to Gustav Wagner about 1860) (Believe to some extent on the clear land)
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? while in New York, New Jersey had a metal embroidery factory and supporting business
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? A portion of old home still remains, now used as a kitchen lead too, old granary still in use. Present house is built on original foundation
10. When was the present home built? 1908
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? wheat or soy beans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:

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

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CENTURY FARMS  
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

Sold 80 Acres to F.H. Peavey & Co. in Aug. 1958



8/17/76

Other Historical information about the Wagner family & farm

Gustave Wagner came to the U.S.A. in 1849 and located in New York State. He was a manufacturer of Ladies' Dress and Cloak Trimmings. The address of firm was 339 Broadway, New York. The factory, 184 & 186 Broad Street, Newark, New Jersey.

We were told that our grandfather (Gustave Wagner) made his first trip to Minnesota in 1853, but how many trips or how long he stayed we do not know, before he took possession of the land he claimed.

However we do have birth records stating that two children born to his first wife Wilhelmine Albertine Wagner were born in Chanhassen.

Pauline Albertine Wagner  
Born January 16th, 1856  
in Chanhassen, Carver County  
State of Minnesota

William Albert Wagner  
Born July 9th, 1857  
in Chanhassen, Carver County  
State of Minnesota

Wilhelmine Albertine Wagner, maiden name was Wilhelmine Albertine Weinhardt. Born in Weissenburg, Kingdom of Bavaria, Germany in the year 1825. She was the first wife of Gustave Wagner and mother of the above named children. She died Sept. 10th, 1859 in Chanhassen, Carver County, State of Minnesota, in Child - bed. Gustave Wagner and his two wives and two children are buried on the farm in the family plot.

We are giving <sup>this</sup> bit of information to prove that our Grandfather, Gustave Wagner, did live with his wife and family on the farm in the early 1850. We were told that some time after the death of his first wife he found it impossible to continue on with the small children living there so returned New York.

We knew the man William Albert Wagner very well, he came to visit us on the farm often. He died at Duluth, Minn. where he resided in 1941.



Gustave Wagner Married a Virginia Richmond Van Cleef in Aug. 1860 in Newark, New Jersey. The family resided there until Mr. Wagner's place of business burned down in the winter of 1880. He had no insurance on business so family decided to move west for a new start. On their way to Minnesota they stopped off for a visit with the Frenz Ernest Family (a brother of Gustave, and the man who first owned the 15.20 acres on Hazeltine Lake). in Chicago, Illinois

While in Chicago they received the sad news of the house on the farm being burned down. Their son (William Albert Wagner) who went ahead to prepare the home for the rest of the family, wrote them the sad news. This was in the spring of 1881. The family set up house-keeping in a hurridly built up structor , which still stands and is used as a kitchen lean-to of the present house which was built in 1908.

This goes to show you some of the hardships the family had to go through over the years. Our father Herbert Wagner resided on the farm until he was 87 years old. Then went to live with our sister. He passed away in June 1965.

Hope this bit of family history will be of value to you,

Yours truly,

Walter C. & Arlington R. Wagner

Cover Co.

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

Names to appear on 1976 Certificate Walter C. & Arlington R. Wagner

ADDRESS Route # 5 Box 181

Excelsior, Minn. 55331

FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION BY THE FAMILY March 1949

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 Clifford Westermann & Irene Kellermann

Name(s) to appear on certificate Same as above

Address Mayer, Minnesota 55360

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

Section 24 Township Camden County Carver

Number of acres in the farm at present 95

Date of original purchase by member of your family July 1, 1861

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

N 1/2 of N 1/2 Sec. 24-116-26

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

| NAME   | DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP | BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Gottlieb Westermann<br>(owner in 1876 or B4) | from 1861 to 1889          |                                  |
| Friedrich Westermann<br>next owner           | from 1889 to 1912          | Son                              |
| Julius Westermann<br>next owner              | from 1912 to 1939          | Son                              |
| Clifford Westermann<br>next owner            | from 1939 to now           | Son                              |
| Irene Kellermann<br>next owner               | from 1939 to now           | Daughter                         |
| 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 (X)        | Proceedings (X)              |
| 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:

Shirley L. Baumann  
(Witness sign here)

Clifford Westermann  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 28 1976

See reverse side for additional information.



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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Land Patent U.S. Government
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80
3. What was the cost of land per acre? None
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?  
Yes, he made spinning wheels and was a carpenter.
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? Not original but home built in 1875  
and is now used as a grainery.
10. When was the present home built? 1903
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, alfalfa, oats & dairy
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Waconia Patriot Waconia, Minnesota 55387

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

Gottlieb Westermann came to this farm in 1858 and he enlisted and fought in the Civil War while his family remained on the farm.

Friedrich Westermann served as Carver County auditor from 1896 -- 1900.

*Friedrich Westermann WAS ALSO A Justice of the Peace*

## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner

*ok*  
Roy Wolff and Maxine Wolff

Name(s) to appear on certificate

Roy O. Wolff and Maxine K. Wolff

Address

Rt 2 Box 49 Chaska, Minnesota

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

Section 3-115-24 Township DahlgrenCounty Carver

Number of acres in the farm at present

84.27 acres

Date of original purchase by member of your family

Oct 13, 1860

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

12.52 A in NW 1/4 ofSW 1/4; E 1/2 of NW 1/4 sec.3 115 24 84.278 1/4 A

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

| NAME  | DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP        | BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER |
|---|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <u>Julius W. Wolff</u><br>owner in 1876 or before | from 1860 to 1901                 | FATHER                           |
| <u>Emil Wolff</u><br>next owner                   | from 1901 to 1909                 | BROTHER                          |
| <del>Arthur Wolff</del><br>next owner             | from <del>1909</del> to <u>WW</u> |                                  |
| <u>Arthur Wolff</u><br>next owner                 | from 1909 to 1943                 | FATHER                           |
| <u>Herbert Wolff</u><br>next owner                | from 1943 to 1956                 | FATHER                           |
| <u>Roy O. Wolff</u><br>next owner                 | from 1956 to Present              | SON                              |
| 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:

James P. Wolff  
 (Witness sign here)

Roy O. Wolff  
 (Signature of present owner)

Date 7/5/76

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? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where was the first owner born? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Was this a homestead? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Did the first owner farm the land? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. When was the present home built? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn - oats - alfalfa
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Cannon County Herald - Chaska, Minn 55318

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

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CENTURY FARMS  
ST. PAUL, MN 55108



## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Arthur & Orville WolterName(s) to appear on certificate sameAddress Norwood, Minn.

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

Section 26 Township Young America County CarverNumber of acres in the farm at present 240Date of original purchase by member of your family May 6, 1859

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

80 acres in SE 1/4 of Sec. 26, Twp. 115, Range 26

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

| NAME   | DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP      | BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER |
|--|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <u>Rhinehart Wolter</u><br>(owner in 1876 or B4) | from <u>1859</u> to <u>1867</u> | <u>father</u>                    |
| <u>Friedrich Wolter</u><br>next owner            | from <u>1867</u> to <u>1916</u> | <u>"</u>                         |
| <u>Fred Wolter Jr.</u><br>next owner             | from <u>1916</u> to <u>1967</u> | <u>"</u>                         |
| <u>Art. &amp; Orville Wolter</u><br>next owner   | from <u>1967</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 ( )  | Court file in Registration            |
| Land Patent ( )        | Proceedings ( )                       |
| Original Deed ( )      | Other (please explain _____)          |
| County Land Record ( ) | <u>family records; may be</u>         |
|                        | <u>verified at County Court house</u> |

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

William Peschke  
(Witness sign here)

Orville Wolter  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 7-6-76

Arthur Wolter

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Julius Wagner
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? about \$2.50
4. Where was the first owner born? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Was this a homestead? no
7. Did the first owner farm the land? no
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
Land was granted to James Sommers, Seaman, War with Mexico.
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? 1875
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, oats, soybeans & cattle.
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation: \_\_\_\_\_

Related information: (please feel free to use additional sheets of paper) We have in our possession the original land grant to James Sommers, signed by Pres. James Buchanan.

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Lothar Walter & Linda Walter  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Lothar & Linda Walter  
Address Norwood, Minnesota  
Address of farm, if different from above Norwood

Section 26 Township Young America County Carver  
Number of acres in the farm at present 202

Date of original purchase by member of your family Feb. 25 - 1868

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

Commencing at the SE 1/4 of Section 26 Township 115 North of Range 26  
And containing in all 178.35 Acres of land more or less

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

| NAME   | DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP      | BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER                              |
|--|---------------------------------|---|
| <u>(Father)</u><br><u>John Walter</u><br>(owner in 1876 or B4) | from <u>1868</u> to <u>1903</u> | <u>known as J. Fred Walter</u><br><u>John F. Walter (Son)</u> |
| <u>John F. Walter</u><br>next owner                            | from <u>1903</u> to <u>1952</u> | <u>Lothar &amp; Linda Walter (Son)</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                         |   |

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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:

Kenneth Oesche  
(Witness sign here)

Lothar Walter Sr  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-29-76



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Information you may be able to add to this form, while not essential to Century Farm certification, will be most valuable to future historians. The questions below are offered only as a guide, so please feel free to add any other data, especially family or pioneer stories concerning the farm and the area around it.

1. From whom was the farm purchased? Henry Schlichting
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$ 65<sup>00</sup>
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?  
Cattle Buyer
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? 1874
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Dairy - Beet - Hogs  
Corn, Grains - Beans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Norwood Times Norwood, Mo. 55368

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