



## Century Farm Applications

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CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Elmer Anderson, Mr. + Mrs.  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Mr. + Mrs. Elmer Anderson  
Address 1309 Ridgeway Drive Ridgeview  
Watson (R1) Montevideo Drive  
Address of farm, if different from above Minn

Section 33+34 Township Big Bend County Chippewa  
Number of acres in the farm at present 272 AC

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1868

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

Father of Elmer Anderson bought it from person  
who had homesteaded it, possibly Elmer's uncle.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Elmer Anderson</u>	<u>from 1897 to 1932</u>	<u>present owner</u>
<u>(owner in 1876 or B4)</u>		
<u>Henry Anderson</u>	<u>from 1868 to 1897</u>	<u>father of Elmer Anderson</u>
<u>next owner</u>	<u>from to</u>	<u>dad</u>
<u>next owner</u>	<u>from to</u>	
<u>next owner</u>	<u>from to</u>	
<u>next owner</u>	<u>from to</u>	
<u>next owner</u>	<u>from to</u>	
<u>next owner</u>	<u>from to</u>	
<u>next owner</u>	<u>from to</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:

Glen A. Mills  
(Witness sign here)

Elmer H. Anderson  
(Signature of present owner)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Uncle of Elmer Anderson
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 2722
3. What was the cost of land per acre? UNK
4. Where was the first owner born? NORWAY
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? NORTH DAKOTA
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?  
N/O
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? The house is still same
10. When was the present home built? 1890's
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? WHEAT, CORN, SOY BEANS
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Montevideo American of Montevideo  
Memo. 56265

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

Springs (natural springs) are flowing on this farm, water can be used for domestic use.

at one time there was a dugout which served as living quarters for a family for a period of time.

# **State Fair Seeks 100 Year Old Family Farms**

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



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CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner ROGER ARMSTRONG

Name(s) to appear on certificate ROGER ARMSTRONG

Address R.R. 1 MURDOCK, Minn.

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

Section 8 Township LOURISTON County CHIPPewa

Number of acres in the farm at present 120

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1869

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

SW 1/4 SE 1/4 and S 1/2 SW 1/2 Section 8 LOURISTON  
TOWNSHIP, Chippewa County, Minnesota

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>HARVEY</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1869</u> to <u>1901</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>FRED</u> next owner	from <u>1901</u> to <u>1951</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>LESTER</u> next owner	from <u>1951</u> to <u>1970</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>ROGER</u> next owner	from <u>1970</u> to <u>now</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:

Sharon Armstrong  
(Witness sign here)

\*Roger Armstrong  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 7-15-76

See reverse side for additional information

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Home Steaded
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? OHIO
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? IOWA
6. Was this a homestead? YES
7. Did the first owner farm the land? YES
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
Trapping
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? 1924
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? CORN, WHEAT, HOGS
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:

West Central Daily Tribune - Willmar Minn.

Kerkhove Banner - Kerkhoven, Minn.

Related information: (please feel free to use additional sheets of paper) Originally from Ohio,

Harvey Armstrong worked at Stillwater Prison. He and his brother started walking west cent. They came to Buffalo Lake, thinking it would be a good place to farm, hunt, trap, and fish. They decided to settle here.



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Clarence Dalen *OK*  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Clarence Dalen  
Address R#1, Box 162, Montevideo, Minn. 56265  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 2 Township Tunaberg County Chippewa  
Number of acres in the farm at present 160

Date of original purchase by member of your family March 10, 1870

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

SW 1/4 of Section 2, Township 118, Range 41, containing 160 acres  
according to the official plat of the survey of said lands.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Olaf A. Dalen</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>3/10/1870</u> to <u>1907</u>	<u>Grandfather</u>
next owner	from <u>1907</u> to	<u>His grandchildren</u> *
<u>Clarence Dalen</u>	from <u>10/15/1935</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	
next owner	from to	

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Abstract of Title ☒ Court file in Registration  
Land Patent File # ( ) 7400 Pres. Proceedings ( )  
Original Deed ( ) Grant Other (please explain \_\_\_\_\_)  
County Land Record ( ) Pre-emption certificate # 3681

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

LaVone Dalen Blake  
(Witness sign here)

Clarence Dalen  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 28, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

\* Olga Dalen Knutson  
Julia Dalen  
Melvin Dalen  
Clarence Dalen  
Clareci Dalen Hanson  
Seymour Dalen  
Clifford Dalen

Russell Dalen Haugland  
Ruth Dalen Adrian



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1. From whom was the farm purchased? United States Government
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? Roldahl, Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Fillmore County, Minn.
6. Was this a homestead? yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
no
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? no
10. When was the present home built? About 1894
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, Oats, Barley, Wheat, Flax, Soy Beans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Montevideo American, Montevideo, Minnesota

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Thomas J. Dalen  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Thomas + Kay Dalen  
Address Milan, Minnesota  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 28 Township Kragero (119) County Chippewa

Number of acres in the farm at present 142

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1870

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section Twenty-eight (28),  
Township One Hundred Nineteen (119), Range Forty-Two (42)

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Halvor Dalen</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1870</u> to <u>1882</u>	<u>Husband</u>
<u>Dalen</u> next owner	from <u>1882</u> to <u>1893</u>	<u>Mother</u>
<u>Lars Dalen</u> next owner	from <u>1893</u> to <u>1910</u>	<u>Husband</u>
<u>Johanna Dalen</u> next owner	from <u>1910</u> to <u>1944</u>	<u>Mother</u>
<u>Arthur Dalen</u> next owner	from <u>1944</u> to <u>1967</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Thomas Dalen</u> next owner	from <u>1967</u> to <u>Present</u>	
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:

Arthur Dalen  
(Witness sign here)

Thomas J. Dalen  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-28-76

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? U.S. Government
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 240
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Homesteaded
4. Where was the first owner born? Dalen, Telemark, Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Fillmore County, Minnesota
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? 1904
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, Beans, + Small Grain
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Milan Standard

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



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Mrs. Anton Erickson (Josephine)  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Mrs. Anton Erickson (Josephine)  
Address 812 N 5 St Montevideo Minn  
Address of farm, if different from above Route 1 Montevideo Minn  
56265-

Section 12 Township Township County Chippewa  
Number of acres in the farm at present 160 acres

Date of original purchase by member of your family Homesteaded in 1968.

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

The southwest quarter (SW 1/4) of section 12  
in Township (18) one hundred sixteen north,  
Range 41 west of the 5th principal meridian containing  
PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP 160 acres more or less.

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Ole Erickson Markes</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1868</u> to <u>Dec 29, 1890</u>	
next owner	from to	
<u>Eric O Erickson</u>	from <u>Dec 29, 1890</u> to <u>1900</u>	<u>Son of Ole Erickson Markes</u>
next owner	from to	
<u>Berg, H. Erickson</u>	from <u>1901</u> to <u>1924</u>	<u>wife of Eric O Erickson (his widow)</u>
next owner	from to	
<u>Anton W Erickson</u>	from <u>1924</u> to <u>1950</u>	<u>Son of Eric O Erickson &amp; Bergitte Erickson</u>
next owner	from to	
<u>Josephine Erickson</u>	from <u>1950</u> to <u>(now)</u>	<u>Widow of Anton W Erickson</u>
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 <u>Recorded in</u>
County Land	<u>Book 49 of Deeds on page 199</u>
Record ( )	<u>April 28, 1924.</u>

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

Annabelle S. Haga  
(Witness sign here)

Mrs. Anton Erickson (Josephine)  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 27, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.



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1. From whom was the farm purchased? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway.
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Norway & La Crosse Co, Wisc.
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, not the first owner but his son was elected to the  
house of Representatives in 1884 and to the  
Senate in 1890.
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? I don't think so.
10. When was the present home built? Farm House built in 1905
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, Wheat, oats & Soy Beans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Montevideo American, Montevideo, Minn.

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

The first owner didn't hold any office that I know of but second owner (his son) was on the school board, town board, deputy sheriff, was elected to the House of Representatives in 1884 and to the Senate in 1890. Served 1 term in each office passed away in 1950.

CENTENNIAL  
CENTURY FARMER  
CERTIFICATE

This Certificate Is Presented To Mrs. John Erickson In Recognition For  
Having Had The Same Farm Property In The Marken-Erickson  
Family For 100 Or More Years.

Presented This Day June 18, 1971

## During The

# Agriculture

## Program Of Our Centennial.

Signed John P. K. K. John P. K. K.

Sept. 2 Aug. 1864

Committee



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner NORMAN HAGEN  
Name(s) to appear on certificate " "  
Address RR#1 Milan Minnesota  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 4 Township Big Bend County Chippewa  
Number of acres in the farm at present 280

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

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
South West Quarter of the South East Quarter and  
South East Quarter of the South West Quarter - Sec. 4 - Twp 119

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
(owner in 1876 or B4)	from to	
Niels Knutson (HAGEN)	from 1875 to 1922	Father
next owner		
Estate	from 1922 to 1934	the Mother <sup>+ Brothers &amp; Sisters</sup> and <del>Siblings</del>
next owner		
Edward Hagen	from 1934 to 1950	Father
next owner		
Estate	from 1950 to 1951	Sister & Present Owner
next owner		
NORMAN HAGEN	from 1951 to 1976	
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		

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Abstract of Title ☒ Court file in Registration Proceedings ( )  
Land Patent ☒  
Original Deed ( ) Other (please explain Patent File No. 32696  
County Land Record ( ) Dated Jan 15 1875 Recorded May 31 1906 Book  
"u" of Deeds. Page 560

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the information listed above is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:  
Mark Thorsland (Witness sign here)  
NORMAN HAGEN (Signature of present owner)

Date 6-28-76

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? 80
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Homestead-Grant
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Wisconsin, Waseca Minn
6. Was this a homestead? Yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
No
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? Yes
10. When was the present home built? Original house date unknown, Rebuilt 1948
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, Soybeans, wheat, Oats
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
The Milan Standard, Milan, Minn

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



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Russell Hanson *OR*  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Russell Hanson  
Address Milan, Minn.  
Address of farm, if different from above same

Section 34 Township Kargers County Chippewa

Number of acres in the farm at present 299 acres

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1973

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

NW 1/4 and N 1/2 SW 1/4 in Sec. 34, Township 119  
Range 42 except N 1/2 SW 1/4 and S.W. and N.W. 1/4 of Sec. 34  
Township 119 Range 42 lying below the 945 foot contour of the Fair Park  
reservoir  
PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Knud Hanson</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1869</u> to <u>1898</u>	<u>Great grand father</u>
<u>H.K. Hanson</u> next owner	from <u>1898</u> to <u>1923</u>	<u>Grand father</u>
<u>Carl Hanson</u> next owner	from <u>1923</u> to <u>1944</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Russell Hanson</u> next owner	from <u>1944</u> to <u>1973</u>	<u>Son</u>
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

Carl Hanson (Witness sign here) Russell Hanson (Signature of present owner)

Date June 12 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? St. Paul and Chicago Railroad Co.
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 200 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? about \$5.00 a acre.
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Fillmore County.
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 a good sized hole in the ground where the dug out stood.
10. When was the present home built? 1906
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, beans, wheat and beef.
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Milan Standard. Milan, Minn.

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

The Kviteleid Congregation was established in 1872 by Knud Hansen and others.

The nearest town was Benson Minnesota sometimes on their return they would have to hunt for their dug outs, on account of snow storms Knud Hansen moved from Norway with 8 children to 432

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Oscar A. + Helen Nygaard *OK*  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Oscar + Helen Nygaard  
Address Route 3 Box 70, Montevideo, Minn.  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 36 + 12 Township 117 County Chippewa  
Number of acres in the farm at present 320 acres  
Date of original purchase by member of your family 1875  
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
NE1-4 SW1-4 + S1-2 SE1-4 SW1-4 NE1-4 + N1-3 SE1-4  
N1-2 SE1-4  
36 36  
12

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
(owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1875 to 1-	
<u>Knut J. Nygaard</u>	from 1875 to 1918	<u>From father to son Oscar Nygaard</u>
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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Abstract of Title (✓)	Court file in Registration
Land Patent ( )	Proceedings ( )
Original Deed ( )	Other (please explain _____)
County Land Record ( )	<u>Found in Chippewa County</u>
	<u>History Record Book 8</u>

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

Lalorne A. Letten (Witness sign here)  
Oscar Nygaard (Signature of present owner)

Date June 29, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.



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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Knute J. Nygaard
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 240 Acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Iowa & Illinois
6. Was this a homestead? No - school land and some railroad land
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? He built all the buildings on this farm - was a good carpenter  
*Did carpenter work in Chicago and Minneapolis before bought farm*
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? Yes Granary built in 1890 is still in use.
10. When was the present home built? 1902 and is still in use.
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? small grain & row crops + dairying
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation: The Montevideo American

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



Knud J. Nygaard, my father, bought 160 acres of school land from the government and 80 acres of railroad land in 1875.

Eighty acres of my present farm were homesteaded in 1868 by my maternal grandparents, Lars and Ingebor Blix. My father bought that in 1883.

The closest town in 1868 was New Ulm, which was 80 miles away. My Grandpa Blix went to market there by skies in winter and by oxen in summer.

Later the railroad came to Willmar so they had only 40 miles to go; then it came to Benson, which was only 30 miles.

The railroad came to Montevideo between 1875 and 1880; also, to a small town by the name of Myers, now called Wegdahl.

Myers was only a few miles from the homestead; therefore, marketing in every way was much more convenient.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner John C. Oyen  
Name(s) to appear on certificate John C. Oyen  
Address Route 1, Watson, MN 56295  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Sections 9, 10, 15, 16 Township Tunberg County Chippewa

Number of acres in the farm at present 340.62

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1869

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

The South Half of the Southeast Quarter (S $\frac{1}{2}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section Nine (9);  
The Southwest Quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section Ten (10); The Northwest Quarter of the Northwest  
Quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section Fifteen (15); The Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter  
(NE $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section Sixteen (16) and part of the Southwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter  
(SW $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section Sixteen (16)

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
John B. Oyen	from 1869 to 1919	Father
(owner in 1876 or B4)		
Brynjolf J. Oyen	from 1919 to 1956	Father
next owner		
John C. Oyen	from 1956 to 1976	
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		

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Abstracts 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>Please see attached</u>
County Land Record <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>sheet</u>

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

Sigvald B. Oyen  
(Witness sign here)

John C. Oyen  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 28, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? United States of America; State of Minnesota and Hastings & Dakota Railroad Company
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Unknown
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? St. Paul, MN
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? 1905
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, beans, small grain and sheep
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Montevideo American

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

John B. Oyen and his wife, Guru, homesteaded a major portion of the present Oyen farm in 1869. Title to the entire tract has only been in the Oyen name since 1869 with the exception of an 80 acre tract of land which was purchased from Christen and Kirstine Jensen in 1889 and title to this 80 acres has been in the Oyen name ever since that time.

One-half of the premises were deeded by the original owner, John B. Oyen, to his two sons, Ole J. Oyen and Brynjolf J. Oyen in 1919. The one-half owned by Ole J. Oyen was conveyed to Selma Oyen, the mother of John C. Oyen, the present owner and occupant, so there has been continuous ownership by John C. Oyen through his father and grandfather since 1869 as well as ownership of the fractional share through his mother, uncle and grandfather since 1869.

This information is secured from examination of the Abstracts of Title as well as from Moyer and Dale's History of Chippewa and Lac qui Parle Counties published in 1916 which states that John B. Oyen homesteaded his farm in 1869. Brynjolf J. Oyen was born on the Oyen farm on December 13, 1877 and was the fourth child to be born on the farm.

Sigvald B. Oyen, as well as the present owner of the farm, John C. Oyen, have personal knowledge that the Oyen farm has been solely owned by their father and grandfather since the time of the original homesteading in 1869, Sigvald B. Oyen having been born on the farm on February 22, 1916.



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Gordon Sederstrom

Name(s) to appear on certificate same

Address Rt 3 Box 64 Monticello MN 56265

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

Section 26 35 Township 117 117 County 40 40 Chippewa

Number of acres in the farm at present 240

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1872

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

SW 1-4 26 - 117 - 40  
N 1/2 NW 1/4 35 - 117 - 40

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
(owner in 1876 or B4)	from to	<u>Halvor Ringsby</u>
next owner	from to	<u>Alfred Sederstrom - Son-in-law</u>
next owner	from to	<u>Gordon Sederstrom - Son</u>
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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Abstract of Title ☒ 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:

Gordon Sederstrom  
(Witness sign here)

Gordon Sederstrom  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 12, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Rail-road originally
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 240
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Was this a homestead? yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? 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? 1954
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Grain
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Montevideo American News

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner

I purchased in 1974

Eric G Siverson

Name(s) to appear on certificate

Nona J. Siverson

Address

Rt. 1 MILAN MINN.

Address of farm, if different from above

Section

26

Township

Kragro

County

CHIPPewa

Number of acres in the farm at present

370

Date of original purchase by member of your family

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

S 1/2 of SW 1/4 Sec 26 in Town 119 North of Range  
42 west of fifth Principal Meridian in Minn containing 80 Acres

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME

DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP

BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER

John Anderson (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1872 to 1882	Johnson <del>Eric</del> Father
son Ole Johnson next owner	from to 1900	Eric Siverson Brother in Law
father Eric Siverson next owner	from 1901 to 1936	John Siverson SON
son John Siverson next owner	from 1936 to 48	Sisters Agnes Victor Emma Sophia Godfrey Emma
Brothers & Sisters next owner	from 1948 to 1948	CHARA JULIA Esther SIBERT Godfrey & Victor Siverson (brothers)
AG & VK Siverson next owner	from 48 to 54	A G Siverson Brother
AG Siverson next owner	from 54 to 69	EG & AG Siverson Nephew
EG & AG Siverson	69 74	VK & EG Siverson Father & SON

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

Court file in Registration Proceedings ( )

Other (please explain) Some of above sales were not recorded but took place anyway.

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

Nona J. Siverson  
(Witness sign here)

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Eric G Siverson  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 25, 1976



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1. From whom was the farm purchased? V. L. Siverson
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? Sweden
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 Log cabin  
Siverson (Summer home) A. E. & Evelyn
10. When was the present home built? 1910
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Wild geese CATTLE sheep  
& beans & wheat
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Milan Standard or Montevideo American

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Ernest A. Stennes  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Ernest A. & Beverly J. Stennes  
Address R 5 Box 45, Montevideo, Minn 56265  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section Sec 4 Township W Sparta County Chippewa  
Number of acres in the farm at present 270

Date of original purchase by member of your family April 15, 1874

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

N 1/2 S 1/2 Sec 4 Twp 117 R 41 Original purchase  
W 1/2 SW 1/4 Sec 3 " " (1896)  
Lot 3 (unplatted) Sec 5 " " (1896)

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Jacob J. Stennes (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1874 to 1906	Father
Elias J. Stennes next owner	from 1906 to 1940	Father
James G. Stennes next owner	from 1940 to 1966	Father
Ernest A. Stennes next owner	from 1966 to 1976	Father
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:

Lorraine Silsby  
(Witness sign here)

Ernest A. Stennes  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-25-76

See reverse side for additional information

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Henry Anderson
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$6.875
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Fillmore County
6. Was this a homestead? No
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
Carpenter
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? No
10. When was the present home built? 1894
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, Soy Beans, Hogs
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Montevideo American

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



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Lyle M. Torgeson  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Lyle M. Torgeson  
Address Watson, Mn. Rt 1 Box 37 56295  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section No. 3 Township Tunberg County Chippewa  
Number of acres in the farm at present 227.80 acres  
Date of original purchase by member of your family \_\_\_\_\_  
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
NE 1/4. Sec/ 3 T 118 North Range 41, West of the 5th P.M. in Chippewa Co Mn.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Ole Torgeson</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>Sept. 20 1875</u> to <u>1953</u>	<u>Olive Turi Torgeson</u>
<u>SEE ATTACHMENT</u> next owner	from <u>1953</u> to <u>1962</u>	
<u>Lyle M. Torgeson</u> next owner	from <u>1962</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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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:

Lorraine Galsrud  
(Witness sign here)

Lyle M. Torgeson  
(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? U.S. of America
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 147.80
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Homestead
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? 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?  
Postmaster, & Co. Commissioner
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? None there. Now
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, beans, oats & wheat
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Montevideo American-News, Montevideo

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

Decree of Descent  
Dated March 17, 1953  
Filed December 7, 1953

Probate Court, Chippewa County, Minn.  
( in the matter of the Estate of  
Olive Turi Torgeson, Deceased)

To

Theodore Torgeson  
Edward Torgeson  
Julius Torgeson  
Daniel Torgeson  
Hannah Torgeson  
Elias Torgeson and  
John Torgeson, surviving children of decedent.

Ole Torgeson's original homestead contained 147.80 acres.  
He purchased an additional 80 acres from Hastings and Dakota R.R. Co.  
Making the present farm 227.80 acres.