



## Century Farm Applications

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CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Robert Halland

Name(s) to appear on certificate Robert and Olga Halland

Address Storden, Minnesota 56174

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

Section 8 Township Township County Cottonwood

Number of acres in the farm at present 480

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1965

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
SE 1/4 8 107 37 160

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Martin Halland</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	<u>from 1870 to 1928</u>	<u>original owner</u>
<u>Carl Halland</u> next owner	<u>from 1928 to 1949</u>	<u>son of Martin</u>
<u>Ida Miller</u> <u>Arthur Halland</u> next owner	<u>from 1949 to 1965</u>	<u>son and daughter of Martin Halland</u>
<u>Robert Halland</u> next owner	<u>from 1965 to Present</u>	<u>son of Arthur Halland</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)	Court file in Registration
Land Patent ( )	Proceedings ( )
Original Deed ( )	Other (please explain _____)
County Land Record (X)	

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

Shirrell D. Shauer  
(Witness sign here)

Robert Halland  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 29, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? The Railroad
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$6 to \$8 ?
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Missouri
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?  
Made wooden shoes and wooden shovels for people in the surrounding area, as these things could not be purchased.
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? Only the original grainary  
still stands.
10. When was the present home built? 1970 - basement home and a house on it is being built this year.
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? heat, corn and milk
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Storden times-Jeffers Review, Storden, Mn. 56174

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Oliver A. Monson  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Oliver and Jeanette Monson  
Address Lamberton Minnesota 56153 Route #2  
Address of farm, if different from above Lone Tree Stock Farm

Section 4 Township Starden County Cottonwood

Number of acres in the farm at present 160 acres

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

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
SE 1/4 - SW 1/4 and NW 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 4 - 107 Range 32  
160 Acres.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Hans Monson</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1867</u> to <u>1895</u>	<u>Father Hans Monson</u>
<u>Oliver Monson</u> next owner	from <u>1895</u> to <u>1964</u>	<u>Son</u>
<u>Oliver Monson</u> next owner	from <u>1964</u> to <u>1976</u> and on	<u>Son</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	

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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:

S. D. Shanel  
(Witness sign here)

Oliver Monson  
(Signature of present owner)

Date July 10<sup>th</sup> 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? It was a homestead
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 Acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Unknown
4. Where was the first owner born? Trondheim Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Independence, Missouri
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. only a Tanner trade he learned in Norway
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? For home use only. One home. The log house which has been re-modeled. But the Black Walnut log part is still there
10. When was the present home built? 1867 and the granary
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Livestock and Grain
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Storden Times Storden Minnesota 56174

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

We are enclosing a writing as you state we hope it will be interesting for the younger relation. I know quite a few Pioneer stories about their hardships, but enclosing a few.  
Oline M. M. M.

State Fair  
Century Farms  
St. Paul Minnesota, 55108

Dear Sir: -  
My Grandfather Hans  
Mousson immigrated from Norway  
1865. His first stop was at  
Menomonie Wisconsin in company  
with his brother Sven Mousson  
and friend Mr Martin Halland  
they decided to go to Independence  
Missouri to seek employment  
as they had heard that they  
were laying the Railroad, <sup>there</sup> but  
they had much trouble with  
the Indians, as they were  
just taking up the track,  
So Grandfather Hans, his brother  
Sven, Mr Halland decided  
to leave there, 7 of them

42  
were American Citizens, but  
one day they met up with  
a politician. He asked  
them to get their vote. The  
Mex told them, they were  
not Citizens. - So the politician  
said, "If I can get your  
vote, I will give you Citizenship  
papers." So they said, "Yes, they  
would vote for him, and he  
immediately made them American  
Citizens. - Then they left Missouri  
driving a team of oxen to make  
the trip to Minnesota, their  
destination. While enroute one  
oxen died, it was replaced  
by a horse. These men  
all homesteaded close to the  
town of Stouder, Over Monson  
and Martin Halland were at

<sup>31</sup> This time married while  
Grandfather Hans, left his  
wife in Norway, with the  
promise he would send for  
her, as soon as a home was  
established, but life was a  
fear here at Storden too,  
just thirty miles west, it  
was an "Indian uproar" at  
Shetek, there they were  
killing "American settlers" and  
their family; Sven and  
Martin wanted to go east to  
New Ulm Minnesota, to get further  
away as a protection, but  
my Grandfather Hans said  
"Well Nat, I have a Muscle  
Loaded Gun I shall use that  
if they come. They did not  
go to New Ulm, this gun

Ivan Monson Carried in the  
Civil War, it is yet our  
possession, Grandfathers  
first made a dug out, and  
then started on building a  
log house. The "Black Walnut  
timber was gotten from the  
grove, I heard now the Old  
Buckbrook Church is built,  
The logs were hauled home  
I heard they were cut into timbers  
suitable for the house, The rip  
saw they used is also as yet  
setting there, it took two men  
to operate it, It took quite some  
time to get the house built  
than he sent for his wife and  
small child, to come here,  
He was not certain when they

#4  
were to arrive at Hindon Mr.  
So he was not there to meet  
them. They got a ride out  
here with a neighbor settled,  
They did not know where the  
home was built, so they stayed  
the first night in a dug out  
with a Hogon Box overhead as  
shelter, a rain storm came  
up that night filling the dug  
out with water, so they had to  
spend the remainder of that  
nite in the open. Grandfather  
soon built a stable of straw  
and a few more buildings, but  
the following Easter Morning a  
Prairie Fire swept through the  
yard, destroying the barn, several  
calves and 4 pigs, he immediately  
rebuilt, this time of lumber,  
hauling the lumber from Tracy M.  
<sub>ones place</sub>

He occasionally made trips to Gory  
as he would butcher a half  
take it there to sell. He would  
get about \$4.00 for it. Life was  
a continuous <sup>hardship</sup> fear for the early  
settlers as it was Indians, the  
Winter's Blizzard, the hardship  
of making a living. The women  
made all the Bread, Butter,  
they did all the sewing for the  
family. and the meat was  
all processed at home,  
The clothes were washed by  
hand, using "Home Made Soap"  
And they were just spotless  
clean. It was compulsory in  
Norway that every Male had to  
have a trade, Grandfather's trade  
was a tanner, As here in America  
he made shoes,

he tanned the hide of cattle  
and horses, and some wild  
animals, Making useful warm  
things to wear Coats, Mittens,  
Horse Blankets they always had as  
Covers, when going on trips, There  
was spun for use, as to  
knit stockings, Mittens & Comforters.

Grandfather Hans died in  
1895. Grand Mother Ingeborg in 1920

I & (my wife) and I are a yet  
living in the old log house  
It's been re-modeled with  
Hall Boards, plaster & different  
Windows, It's warm, Comfortable  
in winter, as well as Cool in Summer  
1867 to 1976

May this prove of interest  
to our younger generation July 10<sup>th</sup> 1976  
By Oliver Monson

Dear Sir

Just yesterday I heard of the  
State Fair track for Century  
Farms in Mn.

We live on such a farm in  
Ann Township, Coateswood Caounty  
Rever. Mr. <sup>1971</sup> In Andrew O. Anderson  
homesteaded the S. 24  $\frac{1}{4}$  of section  
24. at his death in 1929 at age  
93. the land went to his wife Julia.  
In ~~33~~ 1933 the land went to her only  
son Oscar A. In 1957 at Oscar's  
death the land went to his old-  
est son Earl A.

So you see this land has  
been farmed by the same family  
for 105 years now.

Mrs. Earl Anderson  
Rever, Mn.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Jerald Bray Burbank  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Jerald Bray Burbank  
Address Bingham Lake, Minn 56118  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 34 Township Lakeside County Cottonwood  
Number of acres in the farm at present 160  
Date of original purchase by member of your family Nov. 24, 1964  
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
E 1/2 NE 1/4 9th E 1/2 SE 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Jerald Bray Burbank</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1873 to <sup>Dept.</sup> 1919	<u>Father</u>
<u>Frederick S. Burbank</u> next owner	from <sup>Dept. 20,</sup> 1919 to <u>Nov. 24, 1964</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Lloyd &amp; Louise Richardson</u> next owner	from <u>Nov. 24, 1964</u> to _____	<u>Grand daughter &amp; husband</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:

Sylvia Sykes (Witness/sign here)  
Lloyd & Louise D. Richardson (Signature of present owner)

Date August 6, 1976

See reverse side for 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? Maine
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Pan Clare, 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?  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? House  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. When was the present home built? Don't know
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn & Soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Cottonwood County Citizens

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

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

**MR. & MRS. LLOYD ENSTAD**

**has been in continuous agricultural operation  
since 1870 , 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*

Wendell R. Anderson, Governor  
State of Minnesota

*Tyrus W. Sincock*

Tyrus W. Sincock, President  
Minnesota State Agricultural Society

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Hazel L. Enstad

Name(s) to appear on certificate Mr & Mrs Lloyd Enstad

Address Walnut Grove, Mn

Address of farm, if different from above Westbrook, Mn. Westbrook  
Twp.

Section 2 Township Westbrook County Cottonwood

Number of acres in the farm at present 120.08

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

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

N 1/2 NW 1/4 & N 41 acres of S 1/2 NW 1/4 Section 2 Township  
107 Range 38 W.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Torgus Einarson</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1870 to 1914	<u>Father</u>
<u>Norman Einarson</u> next owner	from 1914 to 1975	<u>Father</u>
<u>Hazel L. Enstad</u> next owner	from 1975 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"/>	<u>Information enclosed</u>

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

Janet A. Musick  
(Witness sign here)

Hazel L. Enstad  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-29-1976

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Home Stead
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? Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Almsted 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?  
Blacksmith
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? First house is still there but not used.
10. When was the present home built? Don't know
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn and Soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Westbrook Sentinel at Westbrook Mn.

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

The Einertson family came to Homestead in 1870

Our information was taken from old history of an account where Mrs. Torfus Einertson was a midwife at the Hans Anderson Home, when their daughter was born Feb. 22, 1871, the first girl born in that neighborhood.

Also our church records show the Confirmation of Ole Einertson, a brother.  
August 1, 1875

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner LOREN S. GRANT  
Name(s) to appear on certificate LOREN & AILEEN GRANT  
Address RR1 Box 73 BINGHAM LAKE MINN  
Address of farm, if different from above SAME

Section 28 Township LAKE SIDE County COTTONWOOD

Number of acres in the farm at present 240

Date of original purchase by member of your family NOV 5, 1873

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

E 1/2 of SW 1/4 Sec 28 LAKE SIDE TWP 105 N RANGE 35 W  
COTTONWOOD CO. MINN

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
JACOB F. GRANT (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1873 to 1910	JOHN G. GRANT (SON) (1929)
JOHN G. GRANT next owner	from 1910 to 1935	JACOB F. GRANT FATHER.
JACOB F. GRANT (HIERS) next owner	from 1935 to 1936	SONS & DAUGHTERS
GRANT HIERS next owner	from 1936 to 1942	SON: GEO. W. GRANT (SON) LOREN GRANT ARLO GRANT GRAND SONS OF J.F. GRANT
GEO. LOREN & ARLO GRANT next owner	from 1942 to 1963	LOREN & ARLO SONS of GEO. W. GRANT
LOREN & ARLO GRANT next owner	from '63 to '71	LOREN GRANT (BRO)
LOREN GRANT next owner	from 1971 to 1976	

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Abstract of Title <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Court file in Registration
Land Patent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Proceedings <input type="checkbox"/>
Original Deed <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please explain. <u>NATIONAL ARCHIVES WASH. DC.</u> )
County Land Record <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>FINAL CERTIFICATE NO 5916 WORTHINGTON MINN.</u>

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

Miss Walter Grant (Witness sign here) Loren S. Grant (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? HOMESTEAD PATENT
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 ACRES
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where was the first owner born? NEWINGTON CANADA
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? SEC 22 CARSON TWP  
COTTONWOOD CO. 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?  
LUMBER CAMPS & SAW MILL IN WISCONSIN
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? HOUSE & GRANERY
10. When was the present home built? 1877
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? CORN & SOY BEANS
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
"COTTONWOOD CO CITIZEN" WINDOM MINN

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

HIERS OF J.F. GRANT; EMMA JOSEPHINE GRANT FROST  
GEO. WILLIAM  
CHAS. FRANCIS  
JOHN GEDDES  
JAMES ALLEN  
FRED RAY  
MARY AGNES,

## Related information

Jacob F. Grant lived on the E  $\frac{1}{2}$  of S.W.  $\frac{1}{4}$   
Sec. 28, Lakeside Twp. 105 N. Range 35 W  
Cottonwood County, Minn in 1872 -

The National Archives

4205 Suitland Rd.

Suitland, Maryland 20409

Final certificate 5816 - Warthington

shows that J. F. Grant on Nov. 5, 1873  
applied for Homestead showing proof  
that he had applied for citizenship on  
Nov. 6, 1865. He made final payment  
at Warthington July 5, 1880 with witnesses  
to show that he had lived on the land  
and made improvements as required.

JACOB F. GRANT 1845-1936

Born 1845, September 11, Newington, Ontario.  
Died 1936, June 12, Eugene, Oregon.  
Buried at Windom, Minnesota.

Stayed at home on farm near Newington, Ontario till of age.

Emigrated to the Green Bay Section of Wisconsin, probably in the fall of 1866 or spring of 1867. Worked in lumber camp and saw mills until 1869 then emigrated to Cottonwood County, Minnesota by ox team with Pat Welch and two others.

Took claim (80 acres) in <sup>Carson</sup> ~~Storden~~ Township, North of Bingham Lake. Few years later traded claims with one Benjamin and obtained the original 80 acres of the home farm in Lakeside. Later bought 160 acres adjoining on the north from Monroe Frank.

Married Emma V. Greenfield living on adjoining claim (probably in spring of 1872) and lived with her folks through summer and went to work in woods near Mankato in winter. Daughter Emma J. Grant born March 16, 1873 -- the mother died March 24, 1873. Her parents took care of child. Continued to work claim in summer and work in woods in winter until spring of 1876 when he married Mary C. Geddes whom he had met at her home on farm  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles west of Winnebago Agency, now St. Clair, near Mankato.

They apparently lived that summer in the Greenfield Grainery in Lakewide, keeping Emma with them, then went to the A. Greenfield place on the Des Moines River, south of Windom, where he cut wood through the winter. George W. Grant was born in the dug out on this farm January 13, 1877.

Soon built small two story frame house with cellar on own land -- also a  $\frac{1}{2}$  dug out - sod wall barn. Later added one room, one story lean to on house. Following are birth dates of children, given in County record:

Emma Josephine	March 16, 1873
George William	Jan. 13, 1877
Charles Francis	March 18, 1878
John Geddes	March 12, 1880
James Allen	Oct. 16, 1881
Fred Ray	Dec. 27, 1883
Mary Agnes	Sept. 15, 1888

County Record  
1889 Town Record

Lived on farm until spring of 1905 when moved into Windom and built house north of town. Moved to Oregon in fall of 1910, having spent the previous year there with Charles Francis and built the house on the outskirts of Eugene.

*This was among James Allen Grant's  
papers.  
Contributed by Helen Grant Barker  
Dec. 1975*

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Frank B. Hiebert

Name(s) to appear on certificate Frank B. Hiebert

Address Bingham Lake, Minn.

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

Section 22 Township Carson County Cottonwood

Number of acres in the farm at present 200

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1875

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

Carson Twp. Section 22 106 North Range 35 West

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
C.C. Hiebert (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1875 to 1918	Father
Frank B. Hiebert	from 1918 to 1976	son
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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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:

Peter H. Fast  
(Witness sign here)

Date June 28, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

Frank B. Hiebert  
(Signature of present owner)

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Homesteaded
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Homesteaded
4. Where was the first owner born? South Russia
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? South Russia
6. Was this a homestead? Yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
No
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? No
10. When was the present home built? 1900
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Wheat, Corn, Oats, Beans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Yes

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

# CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Lemuel P. Richardson  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Mark L. Richardson  
Address Box 120-Route 1- Comfrey, Minn. 56019  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section Eight Township Selma County Cottonwood

Number of acres in the farm at present Two Hundred andn Forty

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1873

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
The Southwest Quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) and the South Half of the Northwest Quarter (S $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ )  
of Section Eight (8) in Township 8.

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Lemuel P. Richardson (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1873 to 1939	father
Mark L. Richardson next owner	from 1939 to present	
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 (x)	Court file in Registration
Land Patent ( )	Proceedings ( )
Original Deed (x)	Other (please explain _____)
County Land Record (x)	<u>Cottonwood County Court House</u>
	<u>Windom, Minnesota 56101</u>

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

Albert Klomps  
(Witness sign here)

Mark L. Richardson  
(Signature of present owner)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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President U. S. Grant  
United States of America

1. From whom was the farm purchased? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? A- Claim and Tree Claim
4. Where was the first owner born? Stockholm, New York State
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Berlin, 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? Yes - - Not in use
10. When was the present home built? Summer of 1897
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn and Beans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Cottonwood County Citizen, Windom, Minnesota 56101 or  
Comfrey Times, Comfrey, Minnesota 56019

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

Lemuel Preston Richardson, son of Thomas and Rachael (Smith) Richardson was born November 9, 1848 in Stockholm, New York. He moved with his parents to Berlin, Wisconsin, in 1854. His mother died the next winter and his father bound him out to Mr. Randall with whom he lived a number of years, taking the name of Randall. When Mr. Randall lost his wife and broke up housekeeping, Lemuel went to his father's home for two years and then worked for a neighbor, Mr. Ennis, where he spent three years. Mr. Ennis had a large apple orchard and young Lemuel decided that when he had a home of his own, he would have plenty apple trees.

When he reached the age of 21, Mr. Ennis gave him a team of colts as part payment. He purchased a wagon in the fall of 1870 and came to Sleepy Eye, Minnesota, the end of the railroad, where he worked using his team and wagon hauling stones for many foundations of buildings going up in that little town on the prairie. He made his home with Alvah and Amy Larrabee who had a family of four sons and two charming daughters.

In 1871, Lemuel Came to Cottonwood County and took a claim on the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 8, Selma Township, where he homesteaded 80 acres and used 80 acres as a tree claim on which he planted 15 acres of trees. He was six miles from his nearest neighbor, surrounded by waving prairie grass, not a tree in sight. He built a claim shanty and dug a well by hand.

In March 1876, he married Edna Larrabee, daughter of Alvah and Amy (Humphry) Larrabee, natives of New York and Vermont. Edna was born in Winnebago County, Wisconsin, in April 1857. She came to Minnesota at the age of four with her parents who homesteaded near Sleepy Eye.

The Richardsons had five children. Myrtle married Oscar Bean of Maine. They lived on various farms in Minnesota, but because of Oscar's failing health, they and their four children moved to California in 1926. Both are deceased.

Grace taught school six years in three districts in Selma Township. She was one of Comfrey's first teachers. In 1909 she became executive secretary for the Y. W. C. A. in St. Paul and worked for that organization in various towns for 30 years. She died in Claremont, California, in 1966.

Bert became a minister and was ordained in the Congregational denomination. He spent nearly 50 years ministering to northern Minnesota churches. He married Eva Klein. They had four children. She passed away in 1933. Bert died in Baudette, Minnesota in 1962.

Celia Married Rev. Frank Atkinson, a native of England, who for several years ministered to Congregational churches in several states. They retired in West Palm Beach, Florida, where Celia still lives. Frank died September 19, 1972.

Mark grew to manhood on the Richardson homestead and worked on the farm with his father. They had Holstein cows and raised Chester White hogs, raised chickens, and worked an apple orchard of 200 trees. The Comfrey Times of 1903 states: "It is something out of the ordinary to see a farmer in this part of the state selling apples, but last Saturday, L. P. Richardson was distributing apples grown on his own farm to merchants in Comfrey. The apples are large and sound. Mr. Richardson states that the trees are yielding largely this season of fruit that a few years ago people thought could not be grown on the prairies of Minnesota."

They raised grains--wheat, oats, flax, barley, and later on, Corn.

Mark married Ruth Burger, daughter of Frank and Parthenia (~~Keith~~) Keith Burger, in Delton Township, May 1917. Both attended the Selma Congregational church. For two years they lived with Mark's folks. Lemuel and Edna retired to Long Beach, California, in 1919, leaving Mark and Ruth to manage and work the farm.

They recall the dry years of 1926, 1934, and 1936 with scarcely any crops, and the 1929 depression. Soon things changed for the better. They were able to tile a part of the low places and build more buildings including a second house. In 1926 Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Richardson came from California to celebrate their 50th anniversary with old home friends, children and grandchildren. Edna died in California in 1930. Their daughter Myrtle and family came to live and care for her father during the last years of his life. He died December 27 1948, age 100 years.

Mark and Ruth had four children--Eugene, Elaine, Rolland, and Helen, who died of pneumonia at age eight months. The children graduated from Comfrey High School.

Eugene served nearly five years in World War II Army and came home to help on the farm. He married Norma Esau of Mt. Lake, and they lived in the second house. Eugene had his back hurt while in the service and became unable to do farm work, so he left the farm for other jobs. He died of a heart attack at the age of 54 in 1973. Eugene and Norma had two children--Kathleen, who married Llewellyn Brown of Algona, Iowa, (they have two children, Kevin and Jeffrey), and Mark Allen who enlisted in the air force in Oct. 20, 1972. He is in Charleston AFB, S.C.

Elaine attended Mankato Normal school and became a grade school teacher in Mt. Lake and Northfield for ten years. In September 1952, she married a Nebraska farmer, Frank Sabacky. In 1954 they purchased a home and land near Litchfield, Minnesota, where they live.. They have three children--Dean, married to Debbie Birch, June 1975-- Diane and Julie. Elaine has been teaching school in Dassel, Minnesota for the last eleven years.

Rolland enlisted in the navy for two years. After his discharge in November, 1947, he enrolled at Hamline University. In 1949 he married Paulina Peterson. They graduated from Hamline in 1950. They went to Southern California where they still live. Polly is a kindergarten teacher. Rolland is Regional Commercial Manager for Farmers Insurance Group. They have three children--Debra, Jerald, and Douglas.

Mark and Ruth have eight grandchildren whom they enjoyed as they grew up. Now they are being educated and preparing to take their place in the world.

In 1939, Mark and Ruth purchased the Richardson homestead, the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of section 8. Later they acquired the S $\frac{1}{2}$  of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ . Because of Mark's health they retired from farming in 1959 and rented out the land, though for some years Mark helped with light field work. In the late 30's he and Ruth had planted a twenty five tree orchard which needed care along with a garden, flower borders and lawn.

They purchased a camper and did some travelling--thru northern Minnesota, to California, Florida, National Parks, and sights along the way.

They enjoyed living on the farm in the house built in 1897. The same plaster is on the walls though they have been papered and painted

many times. The roof has been shingled twice. It has been remodelled by making two rooms where there were porches, a bath room, running water, and cupboards. Electricity came in 1946.

They hope to celebrate their 60th anniversary in the spring of 1977.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner John & Hazel Takle  
Name(s) to appear on certificate John & Hazel Takle  
Address Walnut Grove, Minnesota  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 28 Township Ann County Cottonwood  
Number of acres in the farm at present 160  
Date of original purchase by member of your family 1872  
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
NE 1/4 Sec. 28 TWP. 108 RANGE 38.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Ingebrit Takle</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1872</u> to <u>1934</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Jens Takle</u> next owner	from <u>1934</u> to <u>1945</u>	<u>Father Son</u>
<u>John Takle</u> next owner	from <u>1945</u> to <u>76</u>	<u>Grandson</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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County Land Record ( )	

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

Gunda Maurer (Witness sign here)  
John Takle (Signature of present owner)

Date July 6, 1976  
See reverse side for 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? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where was the first owner born? Voss, Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Goodhue County, Minn. 1871
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? 1895
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn + Beans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Walnut Grove Tribune, Walnut Grove, Minn.

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

Ingebrit Jakle + family lived in a dug out on the creek bank on the farm and ~~is~~ still the indentation is still visible.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner ROLAND and HELEN (WIFE) WRAY  
Name(s) to appear on certificate " " "  
Address HERON LAKE MN 56137  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 26 Township SOUTH BROOK County COTTONWOOD

Number of acres in the farm at present 280

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1876

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

N 1/2 of SE 1/4 SEC 26 Twp 105 RANGE 38 COTTONWOOD Co.  
NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 SEC 36 SW 1/4 SEC. 24 SOUTH BROOK " "

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME FROM U.S.A.	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>T. J. WHITE</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1876</u> to <u>1894</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
<u>M. J. WHITE</u> next owner	from <u>1894</u> to <u>1902</u>	<u>SON</u>
<u>MILO SMITH</u> next owner	from <u>1902</u> to <u>1947</u>	<u>NEPHEW</u>
<u>ROLAND + HELEN WRAY</u> next owner	from <u>1947</u> to <u>1976</u>	<u>SON-IN-LAW + DAUGHTER.</u>
<u>JEAN SWENSON</u> next owner	from <u>1976</u> to <u>1976</u>	<u>a portion TO DAUGHTER</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	

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County Land Record (X)	

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

David Hanson  
(Witness sign here)

Roland Wray  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-16-76

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Homestead from U.S.A.
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 120
3. What was the cost of land per acre? second selling price \$500<sup>00</sup>
4. Where was the first owner born? MAINE
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? MAINE
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? 1880's.
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
COTTONWOOD & CITIZEN WINDOM MN

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