



## Century Farm Applications

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CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Arnold Ingen - Mrs. Amy Ingen  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Arnold Ingen - Mrs. Amy Ingen  
Address Route 3 Alexandria, Minn.  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 5-8 Township La Grand County Douglas

Number of acres in the farm at present 157 Acres

Date of original purchase by member of your family Aug. 30, 1876

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

S 1/2 SE 1/4 24. RR. + ex 3/4 ac in N.E. corner  
N 1/2 NE 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>John Johnson</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1876</u> to <u>1882</u>	
<u>Carl M. (Johnson) Ingen</u> next owner	from <u>1883</u> to <u>1932</u>	<u>Son</u>
<u>Antonette Ingen</u> next owner	from <u>1933</u> to <u>1941</u>	<u>wife of Carl M. (Johnson) Ingen</u>
<u>Clifford Ingen</u> next owner	from <u>1942</u> to <u>1964</u>	<u>Son</u>
<u>Arnold Ingen</u> next owner	from <u>1965</u> to <u>1976</u>	<u>Son</u>
<u>Mrs. Amy Ingen</u> next owner	from _____ to _____	<u>Amy - wife of Clifford Ingen</u>
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 checked="" 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:

Mrs. Vernon Norling  
(Witness sign here)

Arnold C. Ingen  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 25, 1976

Mrs. Amy Ingen

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 A.
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where was the first owner born? Trondheim, Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Norway
6. Was this a homestead? yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
blacksmith
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? no
10. When was the present home built? 1908
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? General Crop & beef cattle
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Lake Region Press, Alexandria, Minn. 56308

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

The family name was legally changed from Johnson to Argen in the late 1880's or early 1890's. Argen was the name of the home in Norway.



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner FRIEBERT BLANK  
Name(s) to appear on certificate FRIEBERT & ELVIRA BLANK  
Address Route 1 Box 27 CARLOS Mn.  
56319  
Address of farm, if different from above Same

Section 10-17 Township Belle River County Douglas  
Number of acres in the farm at present 665 Acres  
Date of original purchase by member of your family July 14-1874 10:00 AM.  
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
S.E. 1/4 of S.W. 1/4 Sec 10 N. 2 of N.E. 1/4 of S.E. 1/4 Sec 17 Twp 129 Rge 36

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<i>Micahel Herr to</i>		
(owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1871 to 1874	No blood relat.
<i>Ludwig Gutzman</i>	from 1874 to 1912	Husband - Aunt & Uncle to
next owner		
<i>Augusta Gutzman</i>	from 1912 to 1927	Aunt - the Blank's -
next owner		
<i>August &amp; Elizabeth Blank</i>	from 1927 to 1934	Wife died
next owner		
<i>August Blank</i>	from 1927 to 1960	father
next owner		
<i>Friebert Blank</i>	from 1960 to 1976	
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:

Elvira Blank  
(Witness sign here)

Friebert Blank  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 30 1976

See reverse side for additional information.



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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Nicolaas Leris
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 60 A
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$10.83<sup>1</sup>/<sub>3</sub>
4. Where was the first owner born? Prussia Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Germany
6. Was this a homestead? No
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Yes 15 A. wheat
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
Sort of Veterinary
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? yes an old log barn built in 1874
10. When was the present home built? 1974
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Beef, Corn, Grains
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Osakis Review

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

The original 60 A. has been added on to from time to time by purchases of adjoining land from time to time by August Blank and his son Herbert -

## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Emma Amundson ElvrumName(s) to appear on certificate Emma Amundson ElvrumAddress Evansville, Mn. 56326

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

Section 8 Township Urness County DouglasNumber of acres in the farm at present 320Date of original purchase by member of your family family came in June 1867  
but no records until 1874

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

S.W. 1/4 of S.W. 1/4 Sec. 8 township 128

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME

DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP

BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER

<u>Amund Olson</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1874 to 1892	<u>Father</u>
<u>Simon Amundson</u> next owner	from 1892 to	<u>son</u>
<u>Harald Amundson</u> next owner	from to 1971	<u>son of Simon</u>
<u>Emma Amundson</u> next owner <u>Elvrum</u>	from 1972 to	<u>wife of Harald who was</u>
	from to	<u>deceased 1971.</u>
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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Abstract of Title ( )

Land Patent (X)

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:

Emma Amundson Elvrum  
(Witness sign here)

Emma Elvrum  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-30-76

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? 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?  
\_\_\_\_\_
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? 1894
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Grain
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Alexandria Newspapers

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 Mr & Mrs Frank W. Foslien  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Mr & Mrs Frank W. Foslien  
Address Garfield, Mn. 56332  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 15-123-39 Township Moe County Douglas  
Number of acres in the farm at present 220  
Date of original purchase by member of your family 1867  
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
S.W. 1/4 SW 1/4, NW 1/4 NW 1/4 + Lots 4-5 & 6

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>James De Goe</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from _____ to _____	<u>None</u>
<u>Even Jorgenson</u> next owner	from <u>1867</u> to <u>1868</u>	<u>father</u>
<u>Paul Foslien</u> next owner	from <u>1868</u> to <u>1919</u>	<u>Sons of Even Jorgenson or Foslien</u>
<u>Frank O. Foslien</u> next owner	from <u>1919</u> to <u>1956</u>	<u>Son of Paul</u>
<u>Frank W. Foslien</u> next owner	from <u>1956</u> to <u>1976</u>	<u>Son of Frank O. Foslien</u>
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:

[Signature]  
(Witness sign here)

Frank W. Foslien  
(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? James DeGoe - It was a Grant from Pres. Grant
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 220
3. What was the cost of land per acre? —
4. Where was the first owner born? The 1<sup>st</sup> of the Fashins & was born in Wis.
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Wis.
6. Was this a homestead? No
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
The 2<sup>nd</sup> owner was also a black smith
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? The house is still standing and is used as a shop - It was lived in till 6 yrs. ago.
10. When was the present home built? 1970
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Small grain & Beef
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Lake Region Press, Alexandria, Mo.

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

**START**



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Bertil & Ruth Frykman  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Bertil & Ruth Frykman  
Address Evansville Minn 56326  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 29-30-31-32 Township Evansville County Douglas

Number of acres in the farm at present 360

Date of original purchase by member of your family Squatted fall of 1974  
purchased 40 acres May 18 78

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

SW 1/4, Sec 29; Lat 6, Sec 30; NE 1/4 and NE 1/4 and lat 2, Sec 31  
and 1/2 of NW 1/4 Sec 32 in Twp 129 range 40

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Mr John O Okerlund (owner in 1876 or B4)	fall 1874 to 1878	Squatters (no extra sheet) grandfather
Mr John O Okerlund next owner	from 1878 to 1900	grand father
Mrs Ellen Okerlund next owner	from 1900 to 1910	grandmother
Okerlund heirs next owner	from 1910 to 1918	uncles & aunts
Peter Frykman & heirs next owner	from 1918 to 1923	Father - uncles & aunts
Peter Frykman & estate next owner (Johnson)	from 1923 to 1936	Father
Bertil & Isola Frykman next owner	from 1936 to 1957	present owner & sister
Bertil & Ruth Frykman 1957 - 1976		present owner & wife

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Abstract of Title ☒ 1878  
Land Patent ☐  
Original Deed ☐  
County Land Record ☐  
Court file in Registration Proceedings ☐  
Other (please explain on separate sheet)

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

Carole Egeland  
(Witness sign here)

Bertil Frykman  
(Signature of present owner)  
Ruth Frykman

Date 6-28-76

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*Holler*

1. From whom was the farm purchased? Lara & Katherine Baker & Sophie Stundand
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 40 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$ 3.75
4. Where was the first owner born? Arrika, Sweden Sept 23, 1843
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Sweden & Minneapolis & St Paul
6. Was this a homestead? no
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? the place where the family lived in a dug out can be seen then a small house built, later moved & a large house built
10. When was the present home built? in 1894
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? grain & beef
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:

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

*other parcels from the same owners as above and also from St Paul & Chicago railway Co.  
State of Minnesota*

Evidence of living on land as squatters.

1. From Ellen Ahlund's obituary in 1910. She married in 1872 and later moved to farm S.W. of Evansville. according to the obituary of her eldest child Oscar Ahlund he was born in St Paul, Sept 8, 1874.

2. Hilma Ahlund Treflman was Ellen's second child, according to records <sup>born</sup> Feb 19, 1876 and according to her story in a dug out by the river at the present building site. as her father was able he purchased land east of the river beginning in 1878. the tract where the dugout was located was purchased Oct 1, 1881, and a small house was built upon the hill.



3. From advance census schedule for 1910 - Ellen Okerlund had marked this land since fall of 1874 - evidently coming after the birth of her son Oscar. Lawrence according to a note her husband John had been in Douglas county in 1873.

When Oscar & Hilma were babies sleeping in the dug out the Indians came for salt - wanted to look at them, but were careful not to awaken them.

There were 12 children in the family and all grew to adults. we have a family picture taken shortly before John Okerlund's death in 1900.

We realize the ownership of  
this farm starts in 1878 -  
but we know they lived  
here since 1874. and somehow  
acquired money to start buying  
land in 1878 - also it may  
be that the land was not  
for sale before that time.

We have a paper showing  
John O. Kuller's departure from  
Sweden in 1869, stating he left  
for America to work.

We send this in case you  
want to include it in the  
Century farms.

Sincerely

Ruth & Bertil Dryden  
Evansville, Wm.

**START**

## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner William H. Guiles *W.H.G.*  
 Name(s) to appear on certificate William H. & Christel E. Guiles  
 Address R.R. #1 Farwell, Mn.

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

Section 14 Township Holmes City County Douglas

Number of acres in the farm at present 159.68

Date of original purchase by member of your family Homesteaded 1866

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

S.W. 1/4 - N.E. 1/4 & lots one, six, and seven of Sec. 14, Twp. 127, Range 39

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Harrison Guiles (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1866 to 1917	Father
William R. Guiles	from 1917 to 1955	Father
next owner William H. Guiles	from 1955 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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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:

Christel E. Guiles  
 (Witness sign here)

William H. Guiles  
 (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? Government 3.80 A; 160 A. Homesteaded
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 163. 80 Acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? the total cost of the 3.80 A. was \$4.75
4. Where was the first owner born? Montgomery, County; New York
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? New York
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? none
10. When was the present home built? 1886
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Grain and Livestock
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Lake Region Press- Alexandria, Mn. 56308

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

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

I, William H. Guiles, am the third generation on this family farm. My grandfather, Harrison Guiles, settled here in 1866 and applied for Homestead rights. The requirements were to live on the land and improve on it. He immediately built a log house, and the hard work of clearing the land etc. was begun. After government survey and all was completed he received his Homestead Certificate July 1, 1874, signed by President ~~Ulysses~~ S. Grant.

(Second owner of the above homestead)

William Robert, next to the youngest son of Harrison and Jennie (Darling) Guiles was married to Mary Maruska February 26, 1906. They had four children, Lillian Delores, wife of Arthur ~~De~~ ~~De~~ ~~De~~ Tewes; Laurretta Jane, wife of Eskil Johnson; Evelyn Beatrice, wife of Forest Granland; all residing in Douglas County at the present time, and William Harrison, the present owner and occupant of the homestead. His wife the former Christel Blank (Kingston,) had two children by a previous marriage, namely; Donald R. Kingston, married to Marilyn Tewes, live near Alexandria; Cheryl Linda, wife of S Sgt. Raymond W. Wille presently stationed at Rantoul, Illinois.

other data:

During the drought of the 30's, pastures dried up and in order for the cattle to survive, trees were cut down so they could eat the leaves. Every strand of grass availble was put up for winter feed, even odd corners and sloughs were cut with a sycthe. One hundred thirty bushels of oats were threshed from thirty acres, and wheat yielded about 7-8 bushels to the acre.

On another farm where the soil was more light and sandy, strong winds continued for several days and oats that was about four inches high was wiped out. Pidgeon grass grew in its place which was put up for winter feed for livestock and horses.



This Biography of Harrison Guiles was taken from the "Compendium of History of Northern Minnesota 1902." Geo. A. Ogle & Co. Publishers: Chicago 1902.

Harrison Guiles, deceased, one of the earliest settlers of Douglas County, and an ex-soldier of the civil war, was a gentleman of exemplary character, and gained a host of friends during his long residence in Holmes City Township, ~~and~~

Mr. Guiles was born in Montgomery County, New York, and was the son of William and Margaret Guiles, natives and farmers of the Empire State. His parents went to Holmes City Township, Douglas County, Minnesota, in 1860, making the journey from New York by team and wagon, occupying a period of eleven weeks. They were the parents of thirteen children, the eldest being Harrison, our subject.

He, and three of his brothers fought for "Uncle Sam" in the Civil War and were loyal and brave soldiers.

Harrison Guiles was reared on his father's farm, and the first call for volunteers was made in 1861; he enlisted in Company F, New York Volunteers, at Binghamton, N. Y. He served in the Army of the Potomac for two years and participated in the first and second battle of Bull Run and in minor skirmishes. He received his honorable discharge papers at Elmyra, New York, in 1863. He received no bounty, as many did, when he enlisted, and the pay of the soldier was small at the commencement of the Civil War. He survived the war more than thirty years and refused to apply for a pension. An application for the same was made by his widow in 1900 and was granted by the government.

Mr. Guiles remained in New York state until 1866 and then came to Douglas County, Minnesota, where he secured ~~land~~ a homestead of one hundred and sixty-four acres in the timber, previous to the government survey. It proved to be in section 14 in Holmes City Township, and this, still the home farm. A log house was built in 1866 and a start made toward the clearing of the land. This house was strongly built and sheltered the family for twenty-one years. It was replaced by a commodious and well appearing frame residence in 1886. Mr. Guiles cleared the timber from most of his land and brought the fields to a fine state of cultivation and raised good crops of grain. He had a small herd of 17 head of cattle and forty sheep.

The marriage of Mr. Guiles was solemnized at Milbourn, N. Y. March 12, 1864, when he led to the altar Jennie E. Darling, a native of Broome County, N. Y. They became parents of ten children, Ada, the eldest, and the only one born in New York. The rest according to age were; Cora L.; Lena; Alice Eugenie; Louis H.; John W.; William R. who resides at home and assists his mother in the management of the farm; Muriel V.; and Frances J. The parents of Mrs Guiles remained in the East. The father was of Connecticut Yankee stock and the mother of Scotch-English parentage.

Mr. Guiles died March 22, 1896, and was laid to rest in a cemetery not far from where he lived for so many years. He was prominent in local affairs and was a man of active public spirit. He served his township as justice of the peace, a member of the school board, and township supervisor, of which he was chairman at the time of his death.

Mrs Guiles is an estimable lady and intelligently manages her farm and business affairs. She lives happily in her pleasant, hospitable home, surrounded by the younger members of her own family and several of her grandchildren.

*P.S. Am enclosing this biography of Mr Guiles,  
(my grandfather)  
as there may be items of interest to  
Historians in it. C.B.L.*

## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Conrad Hanson *ok*  
 Name(s) to appear on certificate Conrad B. + Leila M. Hanson  
 Address Brandon, Minn *his wife*  
 Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 8 Township mo County Douglas

Number of acres in the farm at present 2.39

Date of original purchase by member of your family Sept. 7, 1867

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

W 1/4 of Sec 8 Twp 128 Range 39

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Sven Olson</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1867 to 1899	husband and father
<u>Hannah Olson</u> next owner	from 1899 to 1919	mother in law
<u>C. B. Hanson</u> next owner	from 1919 to 1949	father
<u>Conrad Hanson</u> next owner	from 1949 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 (✓)  
 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:

Audrey Ziegelman  
 (Witness sign here)  
 NOTARY PUBLIC - MINNESOTA  
 DOUGLAS COUNTY  
 My Commission Expires MAR. 18, 1983

Conrad Hanson  
 (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? Lewis Lewiston
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 159
3. What was the cost of land per acre? total Cost \$250.00
4. Where was the first owner born? Sweden
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Wisconsin
6. Was this a homestead? no
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
no
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? yes. The barn built in 1887 is still in use. also grainery and part of the old house is used as grainery
10. When was the present home built? 1970
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Dairy and grain
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Lake Region Press Alexandria Minn.

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

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

My grandfather Swen Olson purchased this farm for \$250.00 after serving in the union army in the Civil war.

Conrad Hanson



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Leonard O & Amanda M. Hanson  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Leonard O. & Amanda M. Hanson  
Address Route 1 Carlos, Minn.  
Address of farm, if different from above Route 1 Carlos, Minnesota

Section 35 Township Spruce Hill County Douglas  
Number of acres in the farm at present 120 acres  
Date of original purchase by member of your family Feb 25, March 20, 1878  
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
N. E. 1/4 of Sec 35 Range 36

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Alfred &amp; Hedvig Lundberg</u> <u>Honstad</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>and 1878</u> to	<u>Grandfather &amp; Grandmother</u>
next owner	from to	
<u>Peter Lundberg</u> next owner	from <u>1921</u> to <u>1945</u>	<u>Uncle</u>
<u>Leonard &amp; Amanda Hanson</u> next owner	from <u>1945</u> to <u>1976</u>	<u>Granddaughter of Alfred Lundberg</u>
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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Abstract of Title ☒ Court file in Registration  
Land Patent ☐ Proceedings ☒  
Original Deed ☒ Other (please explain Records in  
County Land ☐ Court house  
Record ☐

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

Leonard Hanson & Amanda M. Leonard & Amanda Hanson  
(Witness sign here) & Milton (Signature of present owner)  
State Bank

Date July 1, 1976  
See reverse side for additional information.



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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Railroad
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? unknown
4. Where was the first owner born? Sweden
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? came here direct from 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? no
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? yes, part of old log house
10. When was the present home built? 1950
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? grain + corn
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Lake Region Echo, Alexandria, Minn. 56308

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner RUFUS LUNDQUIST

Name(s) to appear on certificate " "

Address MILTONA MINN

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

Section 10 Township SPRUCE HILL County DOUGLAS

Number of acres in the farm at present 160

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1875 (Homesteaded)

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
SE 1/4 of Sec 10 - Township 130 Range 36

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Ole Johnson</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1875</u> to <u>1891</u>	<u>Daughter</u>
<u>Mary Johnson</u> next owner	from _____ to _____	<u>Christine</u>
<u>Christine Lundquist</u> next owner	from <u>1891</u> to <u>1943</u>	<u>Son</u>
<u>Abel Lundquist</u> next owner	from <u>1943</u> to <u>1944</u>	<u>wife</u>
<u>Jennie Lundquist</u> next owner	from <u>1944</u> to <u>1947</u>	<u>Son</u>
<u>Rufus Lundquist</u> next owner	from <u>1947</u> to _____	

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

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

Erene Lundquist  
(Witness sign here)

Rufus Lundquist  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-18-76

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Homesteaded
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? Kingston 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?  
none
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? no
10. When was the present home built? 1905
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? beef-corn-oats-hay  
soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Lake Region Echo Alexandria Minn

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



## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Mrs. Frank M. (Hattie Mae) McCellanName(s) to appear on certificate Hattie Mae McCellanAddress 102 - N.E. 1st - Glenwood, MinnAddress of farm, if different from above Alexandria, Minn. Route 4.Section 34-127-37 Township Hudson County DouglasNumber of acres in the farm at present 125Date of original purchase by member of your family my husband bot it from his parents in 1921.

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

SE 1/4 NE 1/4 and Lot 2 and the north  
5.35 acres Sec 34 - Twp 127, Range 37 also 40A  
Sec. 34 - 127 - 37.

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>James &amp; Agnes McCellan</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	<u>from 1866 to 1921</u>	
<u>James &amp; Agnes McCellan</u> next owner	<u>from " to "</u>	
<u>" " "</u> next owner	<u>from " to "</u>	
<u>" " " "</u> next owner (single)	<u>from " to 1921</u>	
<u>Frank M. McCellan (son)</u> next owner	<u>from 1921 to 1923</u>	<u>Son. (Frank M. McCellan)</u>
<u>Frank M. &amp; wife (Hattie Mae)</u> next owner	<u>from 1923 to 1964</u>	<u>Frank M. &amp; Hattie Mae McCellan</u>
<u>Hattie Mae McCellan</u> next owner <u>my husband, Frank, passed away in 1964.</u>	<u>from 1923 to 1976</u>	<u>Wife. (Hattie Mae)</u> (wife)

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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:

(Witness sign here)

Hattie Mae McCellan  
(Signature of present owner)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

See reverse side for additional information.



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1. From whom was the farm purchased? A 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? Canada
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Canada
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? About ~~10~~ yrs ago + kept up.
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? grain.
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
"Lake Region Echo" Alexandria Minn. (56308)

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

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ST. PAUL, MN 55108

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One family farm from 1866-1976

In the month of August in 1866, James McEllan and bride, age 23 yrs and 16 years respectively came to Minnesota in a covered wagon from Canada and located on the bank of Lovers Lake where this ~~area~~ later became organized as Hudson Township, Douglas County. They were among the very earliest settlers.

Here they homesteaded one hundred sixty acres (160) of land in section 34. They later added 40 A. to the original farm. He built a log house in which they lived for over twenty years. He at once entered into the task of breaking his land and preparing it for planting of his crops.

2// During the year that the grasshoppers destroyed the entire crop he devoted his time to cutting wood at 50¢ a day. While he was away his wife and a <sup>close</sup> neighbor lady often hid in the corn field to escape from the Indians that often walked past their place. In the years 1868-1870 Mr. McChellan paid as high as 24% interest on borrowed money.

It was a hard struggle during those days, yet, in time, he became a prosperous and successful farmer. He & his wife always took great interest in local civic and church affairs and had much to do with the early life & government of Hudson township.

He served as a member in this early township as a supervisor.



3/3/21  
Man was held in highest esteem.  
They passed away in 1922 & 1932 respectively.  
Mr & Mrs McClellan raised a  
family of 10 children. The only  
surviving member is Mrs  
J. J. (Hank) Ke of Alexandria Minn.

In the year 1921, they sold  
the farm to their son, Frank M.  
and in 1923 he was married to  
Hattie Mae Werline and they  
lived on the farm until his  
death in 1964. Since Frank's death  
his wife has spent part of  
the summers there. They are  
the parents of one daughter, Mrs.  
Don C. (Ollie Mae) Arfinsen who  
now lives with her husband and son  
in Benson Minn.

This farm has been in the McClellan family  
for 110 years, passing only from father  
to son and now to their son's wife,

Mrs F. M. (Hattie Mae) McClellan



## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner

Vernal L. Nelson

Name(s) to appear on certificate

Vernal & Marlene Nelson

Address

Oakdale Farm - Kensington Mn 56343

Address of farm, if different from above

Section

3-4-9

Township

Solem

County

Douglas

Number of acres in the farm at present

190.4

Date of original purchase by member of your family

Nov. 15, 1873

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

Sec 3 - 127-40 - SW 1/4 NW 1/4 & 1/2 NW 1/4 SW 1/4 - Sec 4 - 127-40 Lots 4-56 B.O.S3.20 ac of Lot 7 Sec 4-12740 N 10 ac of Lot 7 - N 10.04 ac of Lot 11

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>U.S</u>	from to <u>11-15-1873</u>	<u>Ole Olson Sarsland</u>
(owner in 1876 or B4)		
<u>Ole Olson Sarsland</u>	from to <u>1-10-1885</u>	<u>Christian Nelson</u>
next owner		
<u>Christian &amp; Julia Nelson</u>	from to <u>2-6-1925</u>	<u>Paul &amp; Ole Nelson</u>
next owner		
<u>Paul Nelson</u>	from to <u>1-30-1933</u>	<u>Ole Nelson</u>
next owner		
<u>Ole &amp; Andrew Nelson</u>	from to <u>12-8-1967</u>	<u>Vernal Nelson</u>
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		

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

Court file in Registration Proceedings ☐  
 Other (please explain)

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

Marlene V. Nelson  
 (Witness sign here)

Vernal L. Nelson  
 (Signature of present owner)

Date 7-2-76

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? our father
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? same as now
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? Sellar first in Wisconsin - then here
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 barn 100x30 is 100 years old - It is said to be first barn built thru ridge St Paul.
10. When was the present home built? part original - part 1968
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? turkey & beef
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Alexandria Newsgazer Inc. - Hoffman Tribune  
Alexandria 56308 Hoffman 56339

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

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CENTURY FARMS  
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

*We do have a quite complete family history of how the farm was settled - how they came here in covered wagon - We have many Indian Rock art.*

**START**

## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner FLORENCE NORRIS (MRS. STANLEY NORRIS)

Name(s) to appear on certificate FLORENCE NORRIS (MRS. STANLEY NORRIS)

Address 3504 ARCHITECT AVE. N.E., MPLS, MN.

Address of farm, if different from above KENSINGTON  
MINNESOTA

Section 21 Township 127 (SOLEM) County DOUGLAS

Number of acres in the farm at present 420

Date of original purchase by member of your family AUG. 30, 1876

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

NE 1/4, SEC. 21, TOWNSHIP 127, RANGE 40 (FROM  
HOMESTEAD CERTIFICATE NO. 1505 SIGNED BY PRES. U.S. GRANT)  
BY C. O. CONE, SECRETARY

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
CHARLES O. PETERSON (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1876 to 1895	HUSBAND
AUGUSTA PETERSON next owner	from 1895 to 1922	<del>SONS AND</del> MOTHER
PETERSON BROS. next owner	from 1922 to 1963	UNCLES
FLORENCE NORRIS next owner	from 1963 to PRESENT	
	from to	
next owner	from to	
	from to	
next owner	from to	
	from to	
next owner		

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Abstract of Title (X)	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:

Stanley M. Norris  
(Witness sign here)

Florence Norris  
(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? UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? DON'T KNOW
4. Where was the first owner born? KALMAR LAN, SMÅLAND, SWEDEN
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? MINNEAPOLIS
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?  
JUSTICE OF PEACE, WORKED IN SAW MILL
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 1890
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? WHEAT, OATS, BARLEY
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
LAKE REGION PRESS, ALEXANDRIA, MN; MINNEAPOLIS STAR

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

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CENTURY FARMS  
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

Historical data  
will be sent later  
(in connection with  
Florence Horn's farm

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

Items of interest pertaining to Century Farm owned by Florence Norris of Minneapolis, Mn. The farm is located in Solem Township, Douglas County, Kensington, Mn. (one mile north of Kensington):

1. I have in my possession the original Homestead Certificate No. 1505. and other documents pertaining to acquisition of School Lands.

A statement from the church at Lavekulla, Sweden, when my Grandfather left there, stating that he, Carl Oluf (Charles O.) was of good character and owed no bills.

My Grandparents Marriage Certificate from November 24, 1875, Solem Township, Douglas County; Charles O. Peterson and Augusta Dalen.

Charles O. Peterson's Bible (Swedish) containing family records.

Family picture album, including pictures of my great grandparents from Sweden.

Charles O. Peterson's New Testament (Swedish) dated 1857 from his church, presented to him June 10, 1860.

A New Testament dated 1853 from my grandmother's family, the Dalens.

Charles O. Peterson's beautiful leather billfold with it's book of "Notes" in Swedish giving details of his departure from Sweden (1866) and his arrival in America. Also other interesting notation<sup>s</sup> such as expenses, Wenersborg Church, addresses and family records.

Letters from his parents in Sweden dated 1883 to 1889, telling of their hardships and thanking their son for sending them money. A money order receipt dated July 6, 1891 sending money to his father. His parents were Peter and Christina (Stina) Johanson, Yareda Socken, Yareda, Sweden. Christina was known as "Samuels dotter (daughter). It was common practice for a son to use his father's first name, therefore the Peterson.

Several receipts for interest paid on purchase of School Lands in 1882.

2. I have the iron bound chest that my grandfather brought from Sweden. It has his Swedish address painted on it.
3. He designed and helped build the present farm home. He built a pine cupboard and table which I still have. He drove to St. Cloud with oxen for provisions. I have a large coffee box he purchased.

4. I have Charles O. Peterson's receipts dating back to Nov. 5, 1889 for the Swedish newspaper, "Svenska Amerikanska Posten". <sup>Swan J. Turnblad</sup> became the owner-publisher of it. In 1929 he founded the American Swedish Institute at 2600 Park Avenue, Minneapolis, Minn. My husband, Stanley Norris and I are now active members of the Institute.
5. Information from Mr. Peterson's "Notes" and additional interest:

Carl Olof Peterson (Charles O.) was born in Lavekulla, Yareda or sometimes spelled Jarda, Socken, Kallmar Lan, Småland, Sweden, March 3, 1845. He emigrated to America, leaving Lavekulla June 19, 1866; Left Goteborg June 22, 1866; left Hull, England June 28 and to Liverpool, arriving in New York July 14, 1866. He arrived in Minneapolis July 24, 1866 and worked there and in Watertown and vicinity until he came to Douglas County where he received his Homestead Grant in 1876. (He died February 17, 1895)

Augusta Dalen (Dahlen) Peterson was born October 2, 1854 in Kalle-goren, Skaraborgs Lan, Västergötland, Sweden, daughter of Lars <sup>JOHAN</sup> and Christina Dalen and emigrated to America with her parents in 1865, landing in Quebec. They went to DeKalb, Illinois where they lived for two years, then to Red Wing, Minn. living there for a year and came to Douglas County the following year 1869, her father taking a Homestead in Holmes City township. Mrs. Peterson died July 27, 1920.

The notation in the Bible: "Charles O. Peterson and Augusta Dalen married November 24, 1875, Town of Solum, Douglas County, Minnesota".

They were charter members of the Wenersborg congregation and remained active until their deaths. Mr. Peterson brought the church bell from St. Cloud by oxen.

Their family numbered <sup>876</sup> five sons, one daughter and two grandchildren:

Frans Robert Sept. 26/<sup>to</sup> June 12, 1963 (from Sept. 26, 1876)

Theodore Ludvig Feb. 24, 1878 to Dec. 10, 1955.

Carl Albin May 11, 1880 to August 9, 1930 (killed in farm accident at home)

Henry Fredrik June 27, 1882 to Feb. 10, 1963

Emma Christina Nov. 25, 1883 to Jan. 9, 1971

Joseph Mathiam June 26, 1891 to Feb. 23, 1966

Four of the sons never married. Joseph was married twice but had no children. Emma married Frank Edwin Osterberg, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. ~~Edwin~~ August Osterberg of Nora Township, Pope County. Their son Robert Edwin Raymond died May 31, 1963 and their daughter is Florence Edith Evelyn Osterberg Norris of Minneapolis (Mrs. Stanley M. Norris)



6. The original homestead of 160 acres has been gradually increased over the years to its present size of 420 acres plus ~~another~~ a woodlot of 28 acres in another section of Solem Township.

In 1974 I sold  $11\frac{1}{4}$  acres of wilderness land on Eng Lake to Douglas County to be used with other adjoining property as the Kensington Runestone Park. The home farm is located approximately a mile from the Runestone site. In the early days they raised dairy cattle, hogs, small grains, especially a great amount of flax. For a number of years the family owned and operated a steam powered threshing rig extensively throughout the community. ( I have pictures of it)

7. I have a document stating that my grandmother registered her farm as "Plainview Farm", July 8, 1913, Chapter 154, General Laws of 1909. There are also several old deeds and records of interest.

In 1974 my husband and I had the very pleasant experience of visiting the family church at Yareda, Småland and ~~also~~ also visited in the province of Västergötland ( my grandmother's birthplace of Skaraborgs Lan), Sweden.

Florence Osterberg Norris

## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner

Glen and Ethel Nylander *OK*

Name(s) to appear on certificate

Same

Address

Brandon, Minn

Address of farm, if different from above

Same

Section

16

Township

Brandon

County

Douglas

Number of acres in the farm at present

33.5 acres

Date of original purchase by member of your family

1874

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

S.W. 1/4, Sec 16, Twp. 129 Range 39 containing  
160 acres more or less.

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME

DATES (YEARS) OF  
OWNERSHIPBLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO  
NEXT OWNERJohn A. Linnard  
(owner in 1876 or B4)

from 1874 to 1913

Father (120 A)John A. Linnard  
next owner

from 1874 to 1913

Atto & Hilma Nylander (John A. Linnard)  
Father & Father in law. (40 A) (my parents)Carl Linnard  
next owner

from 1913 to 1941

Brother in law and BrotherArthur Peterson  
next owner

from 1941 to 1944

Uncle  
Heir and son of Carl LinnardCarlton Linnard  
next owner

from 1944 to 1967

Cousin and grandson of original owner.Glen & Ethel Nylander  
next owner

from to

present owners, grandsons of

next owner

from to

original owner.

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Abstract of Title (X)

Land Patent ( )

Original Deed ( )

County Land

Record ( )

Court file in Registration

Proceedings ( )

Other (please explain Book of family tree and old family records.)

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

Eunice Peterson  
(Witness sign here)Glen Nylander  
(Signature of present owner)Date July 7-1976

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? State of Minnesota
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? Småland Sweden
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Alexandria, Minn
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?  
worked in a wagon factory in Alexandria (a trade he learned in Sweden)
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? I understand some of the old logs house is covered by siding.
10. When was the present home built? remodeled and added to at various times.
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Barley, Oats, Corn
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Lake Region Press - Alexandria, Minn  
The Daily Journal - Fergus Falls, Minn

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

Martinius Thompson Skrove *ok*

Name(s) to appear on certificate

George E. and Laura Skrove

Address

Box 20, Brandon Minn., 56315

Address of farm, if different from above

Section

34

Township

Brandon

County

Douglas

Number of acres in the farm at present

71 acres

Date of original purchase by member of your family

1974

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

Section 34, Township 129, Range 39.

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>Martinius Thompson Skrove</u>	from <u>1874</u>	to <u>1925</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner			
<u>George E. Skrove</u>	from <u>1925</u>	to <u>1976</u>	<u>Son</u>
next owner			
	from	to	
next owner			
	from	to	
next owner			
	from	to	
next owner			
	from	to	
next owner			

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Land Patent ( )

Original Deed (X)

County Land Record (X)

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:

Laura Helm Skrove  
(Witness sign here)

George E. Skrove  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 24 - 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Ethan M. Wright.
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$6.00
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Jackson, Minn.
6. Was this a homestead? No.
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Yes for 51 years
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 old log house was taken down 1930. Part of the barn is made of logs still stands. Other farm buildings are old.
10. When was the present home built? A new large house built 1921.
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? <sup>was oats</sup> wheat, corn, beans, dairy
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Lake Region Echo, Alexandria Minn., 56308.  
The official newspaper of Douglas County.

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

George and his wife are now retired and live on the original farm. George is 78 years old, wife Laura is 73 years. Mr. George Skrove was the youngest of a family of sixteen children. All were born with the first child born at Jackson, Minn. The grasshoppers took all the crop at Jackson for 2 years, so Pioneer Skrove, moved to Douglas County in 1873. His wife and baby came up by covered wagon in 1874. Then they had the grasshoppers for 2 years again. Martinus Skrove passed away 1925, his wife passed away 1940 at the age of 86 years.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Lloyd and Elda Sletto

Name(s) to appear on certificate Same

Address Rt #1 Evansville, Minnesota 56326

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

Section 17 and 18 Township Evansville County Douglas

Number of acres in the farm at present 280

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1870

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

~~West half of the Northwest quarter of Section Twenty-~~ South half of the Southwest quarter of Section 17, Township 129 N Range 40 W.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Nels C. Christensen (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1870 to 1945	Father
Henry Christensen next owner	from 1945 to 1949	Father
Elda Christensen (Sletto) next owner	from 1949 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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Land Patent ( )	Proceedings ( )
Original Deed ( )	Other (please explain <u>Various documents</u>
County Land Record ( )	<u>and family knowledge of when the grandfather</u>
	<u>moved into the present farm.</u>

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

E. J. Schmitt  
(Witness sign here)

Elda Christenson Sletto  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 7-9-76

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Lars Isakson
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? \_\_\_\_\_
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? Dug Out no longer able to find it.
10. When was the present home built? 1963
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Wheat
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Yes

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

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## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner

Palmer A. Spilseth & Esther P. Spilseth

Name(s) to appear on certificate

Same

Address

Kensington, Minn.

Address of farm, if different from above

Kensington, Minn.

Section

22

Township

Solem

County

Douglas

Number of acres in the farm at present

200 acres

Date of original purchase by member of your family

Nov. 25, 1873

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

W 1/2 of D. E. 1/4, & D. E. 1/4 of S E 1/4 of Section 22  
Range 40 Twp. 127

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME

DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP

BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER

<u>Peter Jorgensen (Spilseth)</u> (owner in 1876 or 1874)	from 1873 to 1898	Father to Son
<u>Jorgen Spilseth</u> next owner	from 1898 to 1943	Father to Son
<u>Palmer &amp; Esther Spilseth</u> next owner	from 1943 to present time	Father to Son & wife
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)

Land Patent ( )

Original Deed ( )

County Land

Record ( )

Court file in Registration

Proceedings ( )

Other (please explain)

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

(Witness sign here)

(Signature of present owner)

Date

June 29, 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? John Nelson & wife
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? Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Norway
6. Was this a homestead? yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
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? small grain
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Lake Region Press, Alexandria, Minn.

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

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## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Arnold W. Thompson Dr  
 Name(s) to appear on certificate Arnold W. Thompson  
 Address Hoffman Minn 56339  
 Address of farm, if different from above Kensington Minn.

Section 3 & 4 Township Salem County Douglas  
 Number of acres in the farm at present 200

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1874

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

Lots 1, 2 & 3 Sec 4 & N.W. 1/4 Sec. 3, Twp 127, Rge 40 and  
Lot 3, Sec. 33 & S.W. 1/4 of S.W. 1/4 Sec. 34, Twp. 128 Rge. 40.

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Thore Osmundson</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1874</u> to <u>1882</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Torge Thompson</u> next owner	from <u>1883</u> to <u>1919</u>	<u>Son of Thore Osmundson</u>
<u>Hilma Thompson</u> next owner	from <u>1919</u> to <u>1928</u>	<u>Wife of Torge Thompson</u>
<u>Edwin Thompson</u> next owner	from <u>1929</u> to <u>1958</u>	<u>Son of Hilma &amp; Torge Thompson</u>
<u>Arnold W. Thompson</u> next owner	from <u>1959</u> to <u>1976</u>	<u>Brother of Edwin Thompson</u>
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:

Olle C. Nelson  
 (Witness sign here)

Arnold W. Thompson  
 (Signature of present owner)

Date July 7 - 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? it was Homesteaded
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 159 1/4 Acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? It was a Homestead
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Kenyon 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  
no
10. When was the present home built? 1975
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn Oats Barley & Flax
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Lake Region Press. Alexandria, Minn.

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

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Hoffman Minn.,

July 8 1976

Minnesota State Fair

Century Farms

St. Paul Minn 55108

Dear Sir,

This Farm has been farmed  
for more then 100 years by the  
Thompson family

Roger Thompson is the present  
operator of this farm and he  
is a Great Great Grand Son of  
Thor Osmundson, who came to  
Douglas Co. in the fall of 1864  
and located on this land but the  
land was not surveyed at that  
time, Therefore the Abstract does  
not date back to 1864,

The Old home was completely destroyed  
by fire and as were all records  
pertaining to the first 10 years of ownership

Sincerely Arnold W. Thompson  
Hoffman Minn.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner August Herman Tonn  
Name(s) to appear on certificate August Herman Tonn  
Address Nelson Bl. Minn 56355  
Address of farm, if different from above Carlor, Minn

Section 12 Township Carlor County Douglas  
Number of acres in the farm at present 160  
Date of original purchase by member of your family 1875  
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
Section ~~12~~ 12 - 129-37

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>August Tonn</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1875</u> to <u>1890</u>	
<u>August Tonn</u> next owner	from <u>1875</u> to <u>1890</u>	
<u>Augusta Tonn</u> next owner	from <u>1890</u> to <u>1927</u>	<u>Wife</u>
<u>Louisa Tonn</u> next owner	from <u>1927</u> to <u>1950</u>	<u>Daughter</u>
<u>Augusta Tonn</u> next owner	from <u>1950</u> to <u>1962</u>	<u>Sister This 80 acres later</u>
<u>August Tonn</u> next owner	from <u>1950</u> to <u>1962</u>	<u>Son</u>
next owner	from to	<u>Sold to August Tonn</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"/>	<u>and memory</u>

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

Elda E. Tonn  
(Witness sign here)

August Herman Tonn  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 29 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? JOHN F. N. DEFION
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$1.25
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Belle Plain
6. Was this a homestead? no
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
no
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? yes  
house, barn, 2 graineries and chicken barn
10. When was the present home built? 1880 to 1885
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? grain and hay
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Lake Region Press, Alexandria Mirror 52308

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



## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner

*Irvin A. Walstad*

Name(s) to appear on certificate

*Irvin and Ethel Walstad*

Address

*Gayfield Minn. 56332*

Address of farm, if different from above

Section

*11*

Township

*noe*

County

*Douglas*

Number of acres in the farm at present

*198*

Date of original purchase by member of your family

*1958*

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

*S.E. 1/4 Section 11 Twp. 128N Rge. 39W.*

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME

DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP

BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER

<i>Mathias (Anderson) Walstad</i> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <i>1873</i> to <i>1897</i>	<i>Mathias (Anderson) Walstad</i> <i>Husband</i>
<i>Bertie Walstad</i> next owner	from <i>1897</i> to <i>1907</i>	<i>Bertie Walstad (widow)</i> <i>Mother</i>
<i>Andrew Walstad</i> next owner	from <i>1907</i> to <i>1944</i>	<i>Andrew Walstad</i> <i>Father</i>
<i>Mathias Walstad</i> next owner	from <i>1944</i> to <i>1958</i>	<i>Mathias Walstad</i> <i>Brother</i>
<i>Irvin Walstad</i> next owner	from <i>1958</i> to <i>Present</i>	<i>Irvin Walstad</i>
	from to	
	from to	
	from to	

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 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:

*Myrtle McKay*  
 (Witness sign here)

*Irvin Walstad*  
 (Signature of present owner)

Date *7-12-76*

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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? Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Norway
6. Was this a homestead? yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
No
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? Part of our house is the original log house
10. When was the present home built? addition early 1900
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? small grain, live stock
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Lake Region Press, Alexandria, Minn.

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

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