



## Century Farm Applications

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CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Roger D Amundson

Name(s) to appear on certificate Roger D Amundson

Address Route 3 Blooming Prairie Minn

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

Section 4 & 9 Township Newry County Freeborn

Number of acres in the farm at present 400

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1856

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

S 1/2 of SE 1/4 of Section 4  
W 1/2 of NW 1/4 of Section 9

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>Jens Amundson</u>	from <u>1856</u> to <u>1895</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner <u>Martin</u>	from <u>1895</u> to <u>1947</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner <u>Sydney &amp; Joe</u>	from <u>1947</u> to <u>1972</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner <u>Roger</u>	from <u>1972</u> to <u>1976</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

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

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

Joe Amundson  
(Witness sign here)

Roger D Amundson  
(Signature of present owner)

Date July 8, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Private Works
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? Wisconsin
6. Was this a homestead? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
No
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? No
10. When was the present home built? 1905
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn & Beans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Austin Daily Herald Bloomington Times  
Austin, Minn " " Minn

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

Owatonna People Press  
Owatonna, Minn



The history of the farm goes back to the war of 1812. In that war it will be remembered, the United States government offered an inducement to the enlistment of soldiers. Each was entitled to a "bounty warrant" calling for 160 acres of land. These warrants, sometimes called "scrip" were transferable.

The records in the office of the Freeborn County register of deeds show that a Private Work assigned his certificate to the late Jens Amundson. Jens would be Great- Great Grand-father of the present owner Roger Amundson. Just what Jens paid for his warrant is not a part of the records. Neither is the exact date of the transaction between the two men nor the date when Jens actually exercised his right of purchase, It was about May 5, 1855 or 1856.

Having lived in Wisconsin for two years, Jens established himself on the tract of land near Blooming Prairie, Having complied with the land laws in other particulars, several years later Jens applied for a patent, or United States Deed. It was issued to him in a document which reads in Part:

"Assigned to Jens Amundson in whose favor said tract has been located, to have and to hold the said tract of land with appurtenances thereof, and to his heirs and assigns forever.

"In testimony whereof, I Abraham Lincoln, President of the United States of America, Have caused these letters to be made patent and the seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.

"Given under my hand at the city of Washington in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight-hundred and sixty-one, and of the Independence of the United States the eighty-fifth.

A. LINCOLN

W.O. Stoddard, Secretary.

J.H. Ranger, Recorder.

After Jens got his patent he was in no hurry to get it on the county records. It was 10 years before he filed it in the office of the Freeborn county register of deeds. The date of the filing was Oct. 21, 1880.

Rogers parents and uncle Joe still reside on the home farm after the death of their father Martin in 1946. Rogers parents Sydney and Evelyn Amundson and Joe sold the farm to Roger in with a life time lease to live there. Roger, Wife Elizabeth and four children Lori, Bradley, Douglas and Lois live on the adjoining farm and have and farm 1200 acres of land, in freeborn and steele county.



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner A.W.T. and Guida M. Anderson  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Same  
Address Route 2, Box 152, Glenville, 56036  
Address of farm, if different from above (Same) Minn.

Section 21 Township Freeman County Freeborn

Number of acres in the farm at present 160

Date of original purchase by member of your family July 28, 1866

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

S.W. quarter of Section No. 21 in Township No. 101  
N. of Range #21 W. containing 160 A. according to  
Government Survey.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
* Michael Catharine Connors	from — to <u>July 28, 1866</u>	<u>None</u>
(owner in 1876 or B4)		
Tollef Anderson	from <u>7/28 1866</u> to <u>1940</u>	<u>Father (Estate) to Son</u>
next owner		
A.W.T. & Guida M. Anderson	from <u>1940</u> to	
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		

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

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

Erlis A. Bruce  
(Witness sign here)

A.W.T. Anderson  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 24, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? (originally) Michael & Catharine Connors.
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Total = \$900.00 (5.50<sup>+</sup>/A)
4. Where was the first owner born? → Connors = ? Tollef Anderson = Hallingdal, Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? In Civil War for 5 yrs.
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 granary
10. When was the present home built? 1924
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, soybeans, hay  
small grain, feeder
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation: Albert Lea Tribune and Shell Rock Press (Glenville)  
cattle, beef cows

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Howard & Evelyn Bakken  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Howard & Evelyn Bakken  
Address R2 Alden, Minn 56009  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 17 Township Manchester County Freeborn

Number of acres in the farm at present 152.59

Date of original purchase by member of your family March 10, 1860

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
SE 1/4 EXC RWY R/W 17 103 22 152.59

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Nels Nelson Wangen</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1860 to 1929	<u>Father of Emma Erickson</u>
<u>Albert &amp; Emma Erickson</u> next owner	from 1929 to 1957	<u>Parents of Evelyn Bakken</u>
<u>Howard &amp; Evelyn Bakken</u> next owner	from 1957 to	<u>Howard &amp; Evelyn Bakken</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 (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:

Nels Hays (Witness sign here) Howard Bakken (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? Emma + Albert Erickson
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$180.00 for the whole section
4. Where was the first owner born? Vassvangen, Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Calmar, Iowa
6. Was this a homestead? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Did the first owner farm the land? No
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 three main rooms of the house are log. There is a log building still standing.
10. When was the present home built? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, Beans, Wheat
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Albert Lea Tribune

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Lee R Beach  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Lee R Beach - <sup>(Elaine) wife</sup> Elaine H. Beach  
Address Freeborn Minn Box 71 56032  
Address of farm, if different from above Allen Minn R.R. 56009

Section 18 Township Manchester County Freeborn  
Number of acres in the farm at present 195 more or less  
Date of original purchase by member of your family 1860

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

S.W. 1/4 Sec 18-103-22 Manchester Twp Freeborn County  
N.W. 1/4 N.W. 1/4 Sec 19-103-22 " " " "

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Horace M. Beach</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1860</u> to <u>1864</u>	<u>father &amp; husband</u>
<u>Elaine H. Beach</u> next owner	from <u>1863</u> to <u>1882</u>	<u>brother &amp; sister &amp; mother</u> <u>Elaine H. Beach</u> was a <u>daughter</u> of <u>Horace M. Beach</u>
<u>Samuel A Beach</u> next owner	from <u>1882</u> to <u>1923</u>	<u>father &amp; husband</u>
<u>Elaine H. Beach</u> next owner	from <u>1923</u> to <u>1946</u>	<u>no brothers &amp; sisters &amp; mother</u>
<u>Lee R Beach</u> next owner	from <u>1946</u> to <u>present</u>	<u>Samuel son of Samuel A Beach</u>
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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Abstract of Title ☒ Court file in Registration Proceedings ☐  
Land Patent ☐  
Original Deed ☐ Other (please explain Warrant Deed to Lee R Beach  
County Land Record ☐ dated Feb 20 1946

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

Albert A Koslowski (Witness sign here) Lee R Beach (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? Stephen S. Langmoil
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 155.69
3. What was the cost of land per acre? don't know
4. Where was the first owner born? Cattaraugus Co. New York
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? same as above
6. Was this a homestead? no.
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? no  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. When was the present home built? 1895
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? soy beans & corn
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Albert Lea Tribune Albert Lea Mirror & Alden Advance Alden m.

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



Copied from Original Abstract

United States by Abraham Lincoln presented to Horace M. Beach

SW fr. 1/4 of Sec. 18-103-22

Manchester Township - Freeborn County

Bounty Patent dated May 10, 1861

S. A. Beach, a prosperous and well-known farmer residing in Manchester township, was born in Ashford, Cattaraugus county, New York, November 18, 1857. His parents were Horace M. and Sarah (Hyde) Beach, both of New York. The father came to Minnesota and brought his family in 1858, settling in Manchester township, on section 18. Here he was occupied in farming interests until the Civil War broke out, when he enlisted in Company C, Fifth Minnesota volunteer infantry. He was shot and mortally wounded in the battle of Nashville and later died at New Albany Hospital, Indiana. After his death the family returned to New York, where they remained until 1880 and then came back to Minnesota. S. A. purchased the old homestead, buying out the heirs, and now owns a farm of 194 acres in section 18, where he carries on diversified farming, and where he has erected some fine buildings.

This information taken from the Freeborn County History of 1911.

## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner

Byron + Elaine Bjerke ok

Name(s) to appear on certificate

Address

R.R. #5 Box 10, Albert Lea, Minn.

Address of farm, if different from above

Section

34

Township

Bancroft

County

Freeborn

Number of acres in the farm at present

112 acres

Date of original purchase by member of your family

June 22 1874

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

E 1/2 Sec 34 - Twp 103 - Range 21

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
	6/22	3/12	
Hans A. Bjerke	from 1874 to	1931	Grandfather
(owner in 1876 or B4)	3/12/	4/15	
Bennie Bjerke	from 1931 to	1959	Son of above
next owner	4/15		
Byron Bjerke	from 1959 to present	time	Grandson of Hans A. Bjerke and son of Bennie Bjerke
next owner	from	to	
next owner	from	to	
next owner	from	to	
next owner	from	to	
next owner	from	to	
next owner	from	to	

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Abstract of Title ( )

Court file in Registration

Land Patent ( )

Proceedings ( )

Original Deed ( )

Other (please explain

County Land Record ( )

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 July 9 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? L. P. Wedge Estate
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 Acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? wouldn't know
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? In the neighborhood
6. Was this a homestead? no
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes he did
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? 1896
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, beans, Dairy & hogs
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
~~No~~ Albert Lea Evening Tribune

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 A. Bruce Buchanan  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Mr + Mrs Bruce Buchanan  
Address 82 Northwood Lane  
Address of farm, if different from above Same

Section 28 Township Shellrock County Freeborn

Number of acres in the farm at present 180 acres

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1860

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

N 1/2 of NW 1/4 of Section 28, Twp. 101, Range 20  
80 acres

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Jean Smith</u> owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1860 to 1863	<u>Mother-in-law</u>
<u>James Buchanan</u> next owner	from 1863 to 1911	<u>Father</u>
<u>Hannah Stormer</u> next owner	from 1911 to 1946	<u>Mother</u>
<u>Grace + Winifred Wormer</u> next owner	from 1946 to 1959	<u>Cousins</u>
<u>R Bruce Buchanan</u> next owner	from 1959 to now	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

next owner James Buchanan is the great grandfather of R Bruce Buchanan  
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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:

Mabel E. Myers  
(Witness sign here)

R Bruce Buchanan  
(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? \_\_\_\_\_
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? \_\_\_\_\_
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? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn & beans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Evening Tribune - Albert Lee, Editor

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

We have the original document with Lincolns signature (by his secretary, Shaddard) which shows that this land was given to John Brewster for his service in the War of 1812 - It then went to Jane E. Stow and then to Jean Smith -  
We do not know the date of the building of the

present house, but it was one of the very first frame houses built in Fremont Co. -

The lumber was hauled by horses from Mc Gregor, Iowa. This house is still occupied,

James + Ann Buchanan came from Aylmer, Ontario to settle here in 1863. James died Jan, 1868 at the age of 41 years, and his wife Ann raised 8 children and lived to be 80 years old. (James Buchanan came originally from Scotland)



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Gary Buchanan  
Name(s) to appear on certificate M + Mrs Gary Buchanan  
Address R 2 Northwood Iowa 50459  
Address of farm, if different from above Same

Section 28 Township Shellrock County Iowa

Number of acres in the farm at present 110

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1868

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

E 1/2 SE 1/4 + E 1/2 E 1/2 S 2 1/4 SE 1/4  
N 2 1/4 SE 1/4 + E 1/2 Section 28 Twp 101 Range 20

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Jacob Beighley</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1868</u> to <u>1878</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Archie Buchanan</u> next owner	from <u>1878</u> to <u>1911</u>	<u>Mother</u>
<u>Herbert R Buchanan</u> next owner	from <u>1911</u> to <u>1958</u>	<u>Husband</u>
<u>Martha Buchanan</u> next owner	from <u>1958</u> to <u>1962</u>	<u>Aunt</u>
<u>Bruce Buchanan</u> next owner	from <u>1962</u> to <u>1975</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Gary Buchanan</u> next owner	from <u>1975</u> to <u>present</u>	
next owner	from to	

next owner Jacob Beighley was the great great grandfather of Gary Buchanan  
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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:

Mabel E. Meyers  
(Witness sign here)

Gary Buchanan  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 30, 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where was the first owner born? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Was this a homestead? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Did the first owner farm the land? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? no  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. When was the present home built? 1973
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn + Beans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
The Evening Tribune Albert Lee, M.D.

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Wilbur R. Buchanan  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Mr. & Mrs. Wilbur Buchanan  
Address Northwood Rt 2, Ia.  
Address of farm, if different from above (Farm address same - located in Shellrock Twp., Freeborn Co., MN.)  
Section 33 Township Shellrock County Freeborn  
Number of acres in the farm at present 500 acres - originally 1600  
Date of original purchase by member of your family 1855  
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
N 1/2 NW 1/4 33-101-20

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Jacob Beighley (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1855 to 1896	Father
Mr. & Mrs. William Buchanan next owner	from 1896 to 1931	Parents
S. Ross Buchanan next owner	from 1931 to 1966	Father
Wilbur R. Buchanan next owner	from 1966 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Court file in Registration
Land Patent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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:

Mrs. Carlyle Olson  
(Witness sign here)

Wilbur R. Buchanan  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 30 1976

See reverse side for additional information.



assigned by John S. How, Teamster,  
+ Private in N. Y. Militia, War 1812.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Daniel Reid<sup>To</sup>, whom it was
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? No amt. designated
4. Where was the first owner born? Penn. ?
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Penn.
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? 1928
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn, soybeans, oats, cattle, hogs
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Albert Lea Tribune, -

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner TRACY CHRISTENSEN  
Name(s) to appear on certificate MARVIN E. AND TRACY CHRISTENSEN  
Address R2 Box 169 WELLS, MINN. 56097  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 21, 28 Township FREEBORN County FREEBORN  
Number of acres in the farm at present 320  
Date of original purchase by member of your family 1857  
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
SW 1/4 OF THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 21 - 104 - 23  
NW 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 28 - 104 - 23

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
GEORGE C. SNYDER (owner in 1876 or BL)	from 1857 to 1876	FATHER
FREMONT SNYDER next owner	from 1876 to 1925	FATHER
VERIAN SNYDER BUCHANAN next owner	from 1925 to 1973	MOTHER
TRACY BUCHANAN CHRISTENSEN next owner	from 1973 to 1976	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

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

VaLuis Hallum - Freeborn Minn.  
(Witness sign here)

Tracy Christensen  
(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? UNITED STATES by ABRAHAM LINCOLN
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? NEW JERSEY
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? MICHIGAN - ILLINOIS
6. Was this a homestead? ~~YES~~ <sup>POSSIBLY</sup> BOUNTY PATENT FOR MILITARY SERVICE
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? HOUSE BUILT 1859, ADDED TO IN 1879 STANDING - ~~USED~~ <sup>USED FOR STORAGE</sup>
10. When was the present home built? 1945
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? CORN, BEANS, DAIRY
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
~~THE~~ EVENING TRIBUNE - ALBERT LEA

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

MR AND MRS. GEORGE C. SNYDER AND THEIR SIX SONS ARRIVED IN FREEBORN JULY 20 1857. THEY SETTLED ON THIS FARM AND LATER BOUGHT IT ~~THROUGH~~ <sup>THROUGH</sup> RAPHAEL SABADI, <sup>SOLDIER</sup> MR. SNYDER OWNED AT LEAST 740 ACRES IN THIS TWP. AND SOME IN FAIRBAULT COUNTY. HE WAS ABLE TO PROVIDE EACH OF HIS SONS WITH A FARM.

MRS. SNYDER DIED EARLY IN 1859. MR. SNYDER NEVER REMARRIED.



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Mrs Elmer Christian  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Mrs Elmer Christian  
Address Emmons, Minn R#2. 56029  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section \_\_\_\_\_ Township Freeman County Freeborn  
Number of acres in the farm at present 80 acres  
Date of original purchase by member of your family April 29th 1947  
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
(owner in 1876 or B4)	from <del>to</del>	<u>Hiram + Julia King</u>
next owner	<del>from</del> to	<u>Hans + Helena Olson Nyhus</u>
next owner	from <del>to</del>	<u>Hans + Helena Nyhus</u>
next owner	<del>from</del> to	<u>Severin + Olava Christian</u>
next owner	<del>from</del> to	<u>Severin + Olava Christian</u>
next owner	<del>from</del> to	<u>Elmer + Laura Christian</u>
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:

(Witness sign here) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date June 24 - 1976  
See reverse side for additional information.

Mrs Elmer Christian  
(Signature of present owner)

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Hiram + Julia D King
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? don't know
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway.
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Was this a homestead? no
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? no
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? yes.  
the Living House + few other Buildings
10. When was the present home built? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn + Beans now
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Albert Lea Tribune

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

This Farm in Freeman Twp. was bought from Hiram + Julia D King, by Hans + Helena Olson Nyhus. Nov 25 - 1876. it was sold to Severin + Olava Christian, May 10 - 1909. their daughter + son in law, who all lived on the farm, till in April 29th - 1947 - it was sold to their son + daughter in law Elmer + Laura Christian. Elmer passed away May 17 - 1965, but Laura his wife, still lives there + been there since, "1922" when they were married. 64 yrs. Elmer was born + raised on this farm; hopes to have it in the Family. for children + grandchildren

just a little note about this Beautiful  
Home & farm: it was 3 Generations living  
here, Hans, Mr & Mrs Severin Christian  
& Elmer & Laura Christian, from "1922"  
when Elmer & Laura were married til  
"1947" when, Severin Christian sold it  
to Elmer - & moved to A. Lea; there was  
also another son Melvin who made his  
home here til he was married.

Elmer & Laura had 2 daughters  
Lucille & De Louis - who also made their  
home on this farm; until 1949 & 1955  
when they were married. There is also  
5 Grandchildren; the farm is on the  
Minnesota & Iowa State Line, about  
10 miles from Albert Lea, Minn.

almost all acres are in fields, except  
for few acres of Building place now.  
just about 1/4 mile from Interstate 35  
10 years ago it was ~~Cattle~~ & Hogs raised  
on the Farm, but these last years  
its all grain crop farming.

it has lovely big evergreens & Walnut  
trees; some of these evergreens were  
planted by Hans Nyhus & still looks good.  
it is only 2 miles from Silver Lake  
Lutheran Church.

Sincerely, Laura Christian



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner John B. Donovan  
Name(s) to appear on certificate John B. Donovan  
Address RR 1 Hartland, Minn. 56042  
Address of farm, if different from above same

Section 26 Township Hartland County Freeborn

Number of acres in the farm at present 80

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1871

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

SE 1/4 SW 1/4, and the South West Quarter of the  
South East Quarter of Section 26 in Township 104 North  
Range 22 West of the 5th P.M.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Richard Donovan</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1871</u> to -	<u>Grandfather</u>
<u>Richard Donovan Jr.</u> next owner	from <u>1891</u> to -	<u>Uncle</u>
<u>Thomas J. Donovan</u> next owner	from - to -	<u>Father</u>
<u>Wm. R. Donovan</u> next owner	from <u>1936</u> to <u>65</u>	<u>Brother</u>
<u>John B. Donovan</u> next owner	from <u>1965</u> to <u>present</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 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:

Monica Donovan  
(Witness sign here)

John B. Donovan  
(Signature of present owner)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? U.S. Govt.
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? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Was this a homestead? yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
No
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? no
10. When was the present home built? 7
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn and Soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Albert Lea Evening Tribune and New Richland Star

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

## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

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

Name of Centennial Farm owner Floyd and Gertrude Doppelhammer

Name(s) to appear on certificate same as above

Address Rt #2 Glenville, Minn. 56036

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

Section 8 & 9 Township 101 County Freeborn

Number of acres in the farm at present 180

Date of original purchase by member of your family 9-6-1873

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
The West one-half (W $\frac{1}{2}$ ) of the Northwest Quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section nine (9), and the East three fourths (E $\frac{3}{4}$ ) of the East one-half (E $\frac{1}{2}$ ), of the Northeast quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of section Eight (8), all in Township One Hundred One (101), North of Range Twenty Two (22), west of the Fifth Principal Meridian, lying and being in the County of Freeborn and State of Minnesota

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Frederick Doppelhammer (owner in 1876 or B4)	9-16-73 - 12-5-18	
John Doppelhammer	from 9-16-73 to 12-5-18	Father
next owner	12-5-18 to 5-5-49	Father
Floyd Doppelhammer	5-5-49 to present	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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Abstract of Title (x)  
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 6-28-76

See reverse side for additional information.



## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Harlan E. EastonName(s) to appear on certificate Austin, Erik, Edwin, Harlan, Robert Easton Hog Farms formed in 1971Address R#3 Blooming prairie, Minn.

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

Section 12 Township Newry County FreebornNumber of acres in the farm at present 400Date of original purchase by member of your family Homestead patent was earned in 1870 settled in 1862

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

The Northwest quarter (NW 1/4) of section 12 in township one hundred four (104), north of range 19 west of the fifth principal meridian in the county of Freeborn and state of Minnesota

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Austin Olson</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1862 to 1876	Father of Erik Easton
<u>Erik Easton</u> next owner	from 1876 to 1928	Erik Easton (father of Edwin)
<u>Edwin Easton</u> next owner	from 1928 to 1960	Edwin (father of Harlan)
<u>Harlan Easton</u> next owner	from 1960 to <sup>present</sup> 1976	Harlan Father of Robert
<u>Robert</u> next owner	from to	(
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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Abstract of Title ☒ No 6989  
 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:

Ronald L. Underwood  
 (Witness sign here)

Harlan Easton  
 (Signature of present owner)

Date July 10 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

you can keep the pictures.  
Robert & Sons are very active around the farms now  
and I am sure they will continue the family tradition  
on the land. They are the sixth generation

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? My father Edwin Easton
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80
3. What was the cost of land per acre? none it was homestead land
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? stayed in Wisconsin with friends
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? We raise Corn and hogs
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Blooming prairie Times Blooming prairie, Minn.

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

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

**EASTON HOG FARMS**

Harlan and Bob Easton

ROUTE 3, BLOOMING PRAIRIE, MINN. 55917

Austin Oleson was my great grandfather. There was an *Ø* in the Norwegian language so Austin was changed to Austin Oleson when they came to the U.S. The next generation they changed it to Easton as it is now.

Austin Oleson and <sup>his wife Margaret</sup> his son Ole came to Wisconsin in 1861 and stayed over winter. They heard about this Blooming prairie with flowers for miles so they came and filed for homestead - ~~two~~ 80 acre farms side by side. They built a log cabin on the line between the ~~two~~ 80 acres plots. Austin slept on his side and his son slept on his side. They each got there 80 acres by homestead rights. ~~Later~~ As soon as the son Ole got his homestead papers he sold his 80 acres to his father. These two 80 were combined in 1870 and still are in the Easton family. I bought an adjoining farm in 1968.

We formed the Easton Hog Farms in 1971 when my son came home to farm (to raise hogs). We farrow to finish over 2000 hogs a year now.





# THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

To all to whom these presents shall come. Greeting:

Revised Certificate No. 1030

APPLICATION - 476

REGISTER OF THE LAND OFFICE at

Whereas, there has been deposited in the General Land Office of the United States, a CERTIFICATE of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, whereby it appears that pursuant to the Act of Congress "To secure Homesteads to actual Settlers on the public domain," and the acts supplemental thereto, the claim has been established and duly consummated in conformity to law for the West half of the North West quarter of section twelve in Township one north and four of Range nineteen, in the district of lands subject to sale at Jackson Minnesota, containing eighty Acres

according to the Official Plat of the survey of the said Land returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the SURVEYOR GENERAL.

Now know ye, That there is therefore granted by the UNITED STATES unto the said Austin Olson

the tract of Land above described: To Have and to Hold the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said Austin Olson and to his heirs and assigns forever.

In testimony whereof, Ulysses S. Grant, President of the United States of America, have caused these Letters to be made Patent, and the Seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the CITY OF WASHINGTON, the fourth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty, and of the INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES the forty fifth.

By the President:

U. S. Grant

J. P. Smith

Secy

Wm. Smith, Recorder of the General Land Office.

A picture of the original  
Homestead patent.

This is a copy of the original  
Homestead papers received by my  
great grandfather Östlin Olsson and  
signed by Ulysses S. Grant

Harlan Easton





This is a picture of my great grandfather  
Austin Olson and my great grandmother Margaret.

Harlan

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Homestead Certificate No. 1030

APPLICATION 476

REGISTER OF THE LAND OFFICE at

Whereas, there has been deposited in the General Land Office of the United States, a **CERTIFICATE** of the  
Jackson Minnesota, whereby it appears that pursuant to the Act of Congress  
approved 20th May, 1862, "To secure Homesteads to actual Settlers on the public domain," and the acts supplemental thereto, the claim  
of Austin Olson has been established and duly consummated in conformity to  
law for the West half of the North West quarter of Section Twelve in Township one hun-  
dred and four of Range nineteen, in the district of lands subject to sale at Jack-  
son Minnesota, containing eighty Acres

according to the Official Plat of the survey of the said Land returned to the **GENERAL LAND OFFICE** by the **SURVEYOR GENERAL**:

Now know ye, That there is therefore granted by the **UNITED STATES** unto the said Austin Olson  
the tract of Land above described: To Have and to Hold the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances  
thereof, unto the said Austin Olson and to his heirs and assigns forever.

In testimony whereof, Ulysses S. Grant, President of the United States of America, have caused  
these Letters to be made Patent, and the Seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the CITY OF WASHINGTON, the Tenth day of October, in the year of our  
Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy, and of the INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES the ninety fifth

By the President: U. S. Grant

By A. Parish, Secy.

## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner

*John & Margaret Emerson*

Name(s) to appear on certificate

*Same*

Address

*Emmons, Minn 56029*

Address of farm, if different from above

Section *22 & 23* Township *Mansfield*County *Freeborn*

Number of acres in the farm at present

*120-*

Date of original purchase by member of your family

*1873.*

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

*NE 1/4 of 22 & W 1/2 of W 1/2 of 23  
22 - 101 - 23*

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME

DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP

BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER

*United States to*from *1873* to *1873**Homesteaded  
James came over first  
from North Ireland 1868*

(owner in 1876 or B4)

*James M. Emerson*from *1873* to *1875**son*

next owner

*Edward Emerson*from *1876* to *1888**Father*

next owner

*Samuel Emerson*from *1888* to *1950**Father son*

next owner

*John & Margaret Emerson*from *1950* to *1976**son & Father to Margaret -*

next owner

from to

*and still living here. (Brother's sister)*

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:

*Robert Emerson*

(Witness sign here)

*John M. Emerson*

(Signature of present owner)

Date *7-10-1976*

See reverse side for additional information.



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1. From whom was the farm purchased? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where was the first owner born? Enniskillen Ireland
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? born here
6. Was this a homestead? by James Emerson
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
Post Postmaster Mansfield Twp -
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? 1898
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Beans & Corn
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Evening Tribune Albert Lea, Minn 56009

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

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

7-10-76, this  
James Emerson and his sister Margaret were the first of ~~the~~ Emerson family to come to America, the year 1857 - when they landed in Quebec and then to Michigan. James had attended Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland where he studied ~~for~~ as a pharmacist & doctor. He supplied ships with drugs and merchandise as a storekeeper in Grand Traverse City - In 1866 they came to Minn. with his wife Margaret Hazle whom he met in Michigan. Settling first at Quatonna and then to Mansfield Township, about 18 miles S.W. of Albert Lea. Because of hopeful letters to his parents and sisters & brothers near Enniskillen in North Ireland nine brothers and sisters came across in 1870 - Two came later (13 in all) together with his father & mother and their 9 children came the father of Isabella (James' mother) James Musgrave, who was 81 years of age.

Samuel Emerson, James brother became the owner of the farm in Mansfield Twp in 1873 - In 1850 John Emerson and his sister Margaret became the owners. Where they still live with John's wife Ruth. They have 5 children & 20 grand children. James C. Musgrave, father of Isabella was the 1st man buried in Mansfield cemetery 1789 to 1872.

Walter Emerson, son of James who moved to Alden Minn from the farm where they operated a drug store for years - collected and had given to him thousands of antiques & relics which he gave to the village of Alden - They are now displayed in the Community Museum on main street next to the new Post office.

John Emerson son of Samuel and his wife Ida is president of the museum board -

Freeborn

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

Names to appear on 1976 Certificate

Raymond J. Emmons

ADDRESS

Emmons, Minn 56029

Also see below

FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION BY THE FAMILY

1858

PLEASE RETURN THIS BY AUGUST 17, so we may fill out the certificate for you to have ready on September 4. The sign the FARMER Magazine is giving you will be mailed after the State Fair.

PLEASE MAIL THE ENCLOSED APPLICATION BLANK SEPERATELY or bring it with you to the Fair. The information on this sheet is most important for fairtime.

RETURN TO:

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

thank you for your immediate attention.

Glenn O. Emmons  
Northwood Ia 50459

Eskel C. Emmons  
Emmons Minn 56029



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Roger A. Enderson  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Roger A. Enderson Rt 5 Box 131  
Ernest Enderson 1004 Ulstad  
Address Albert Lea, Minnesota  
Address of farm, if different from above Rt 5 Box 131  
Albert Lea, Minn.  
Section 20 Township Riceland (103) County Freeborn  
Number of acres in the farm at present 160  
Date of original purchase by member of your family Nov 7, 1861  
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
S W 1/4 - 20 - 103 - 20

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<i>legally changed name in 1874</i> (Michael Anderson)	Nov 7 June 6	
Minkel Enderson	from 1861 to 1891	Father
(owner in 1876 or B4)	June 6 May 13	
Endre M. Enderson	from 1891 to 1930	Husband & Father
next owner	May 13 July 1	
Elise Enderson family	from 1930 to 1943	Mother & brother & sisters
next owner	July 1 March	
Ernest Enderson	from 1943 to 1968	Father
next owner	March	
Roger Enderson	from 1968 to Now	
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		

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Abstract of Title ☒ Court file in Registration  
Land Patent ☐ Proceedings ☐  
Original Deed ☐ Other (please explain. \_\_\_\_\_)  
County Land Record ☐

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

Ernest Enderson  
(Witness sign here)

Roger A. Enderson  
(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? government - homesteaded
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$1.00 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? No
10. When was the present home built? 1896 Added on to afterwards
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, beans & dairy
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Albert Lea Tribune Albert Lea, Minn.

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Lloyd & Rosemary Flaskerud

Name(s) to appear on certificate " " "

Address Glennville, Minn R2 56036

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

Section 16-21-22 Township Freeman County Frederick

Number of acres in the farm at present 154

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1871 ~~1871~~

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

REV DESC NO. 171 21 101 21, SE 1/4 SE 1/4 16 101 21,  
W 1/2 W 1/2 NW 1/4 22 101 21

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Eric K. Flaskerud (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1871 to 1911	Father to Mrs. Henry Nagel
Mr & Mrs Henry Nagel next owner	from 1911 to 1933	Parents of Mrs. W.A. Flaskerud
Mr & Mrs W.A. Flaskerud next owner	from 1933 to 1969	" of Lloyd W. Flaskerud
Mr & Mrs Lloyd W. Flaskerud next owner	from 1969 to -	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

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

H. A. Flaskerud  
(Witness sign here)

Lloyd Flaskerud  
(Signature of present owner)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Homesteaded by Erick K. Flasketrud
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where was the first owner born? Ringerike, Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Norway - Calmar, Iowa, Twin Lakes, Mn.
6. Was this a homestead? yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
Shoemaker's trade, considered one of the best violinists of the province.
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? \_\_\_\_\_  
The Kitchen part of the house
10. When was the present home built? it has been added onto through the years.
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn + soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Albert Lea Tribune

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



Mr & Mrs Erick K. Flaskerud were among the first to organize the Round Prairie Lutheran Church. The first meetings were held in the Flaskerud granary.

They gave land for the cemetery and the church site and assisted with the building.

A little hamlet called Knatvold once stood at the site of the present Freeman Township Hall. In time the little village died & faded from memory. Its post office was first run by Thomas E. Flaskerud as postmaster. He was succeeded by Erick K. Flaskerud in 1841. During its heyday, Knatvold had a store, the town hall and a creamery. The creamery served the Freeman Co-op Creamery Association which lasted from 1900 to 1914.

The store stayed in business until 1918.

The last years it was run by Mr & Mrs. Henry Nagel & family, daughter of Erick K. F.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner DORA FINK et al  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Mrs Dora Fink et al  
Address RT 1 Box 192 Albert Lea  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 32 Township Pickrel Lake County Freeborn  
Number of acres in the farm at present 200

Date of original purchase by member of your family 8/31/1874 and 5/13/1875  
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

NE 1/4 of Section 32, Township 102 North of Range 22  
West of the Fifth principal Meridian, Freeborn County, Minn

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<b>FREDERICK FINK</b> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <sup>1874</sup> 1875 to 1900	FERDINAND FINK and Mary Fink <sup>his wife</sup>
<b>FERD &amp; Mary</b> next owner	from 1900 to 1943	a son of Frederick Fink
next owner	from to	
<b>HAROLD FINK</b> next owner	from 1943 to <sup>1951</sup> 1953	a son of Ferdinand Fink
next owner	from to	
<b>DORA FINK et al</b> next owner	from <sup>51</sup> 53 to present	the wife and children of Harold Fink
next owner	from to	

~~next owner~~ Harold Fink died in 1951, the final decree was 1953

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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:

Roger Fink  
(Witness sign here)

Mrs Dora Fink  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 26, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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*Charles Germain*

1. From whom was the farm purchased? E.D. Zenton and Harriet Zenton, wife
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? approx \$7.00
4. Where was the first owner born? Waldek, Germany Oct 4, 1827
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Seneca Co., New York  
*We arrived in Pickard Lake Township Oct 4, 1856*
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 *We had a molasses press used by some of the neighbors*  
*Mrs. Frederick Zink was a midwife for the area*
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? The original buildings were put up by Ferdinand Zink starting in 1900
10. When was the present home built? 1900 and 1925
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn, beans, hogs
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Albert Lea Tribune Emmons Leader

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

*Ferdinand Zink and several of his brothers had a brick and tile factory on the farm. Because the railroad refused to run a spur line to the farm the brick and tile had to be hauled to Conger, Minn by wagon and loaded onto boxcars. This made it uneconomical and the Co. went out of business in 1905. Each of the partners lost about \$500.00 in the venture.*

## Additional information

When Frederick Zink arrived in Pickerel Lake Township Oct 7, 1856 there were deer in the area. That first winter was a very severe winter with deep snow and the deer all died. Deer did not get to be common in the area again for nearly 100 years.



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Raymond James Hansen  
James or R. Hansen  
Name(s) to appear on certificate James R. Hansen  
Address Route 1 Box 151 Hartland, Minn. 56042  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 27 Township Freeborn County Freeborn

Number of acres in the farm at present 160

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1867

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

The south half of the southwest quarter, the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter and the southwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section twenty-seven in township one hundred four north, of range twenty-three west, containing in aggregate one hundred sixty acres more or less.  
PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>James Hansen</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1867</u> to <u>1919</u>	<u>Grand father</u>
<u>Henry Hansen</u> next owner	from <u>1919</u> to <u>1961</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>James R. Hansen</u> next owner	from <u>1961</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	from _____ to _____	

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Abstract of Title (X)	Court file in Registration
Land Patent ( )	Proceedings (X)
Original Deed ( )	Other (please explain <u>Book -</u>
County Land Record (X)	<u>History of Freeborn County - 1911</u>

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

Marvin Munsh  
(Witness sign here)

James R. Hansen  
(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? History says he purchased a farm in  
Section 27
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? Denmark on the island of Fryen
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Manitowac, Wisconsin
6. Was this a homestead? ?
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
No
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? No
10. When was the present home built? 1963
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Albert Lea Tribune

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

We have already been honored by the Freeborn County Farm Bureau with a Century Farm Certificate.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Joseph E Herron  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Joseph E and Evelyn M Herron  
Address R#3 Blooming Prairie, Minn. 55917  
Address of farm, if different from above Same

Section 9 Township (104) Newry County Freeborn  
Number of acres in the farm at present 160  
Date of original purchase by member of your family Feb 20, 1869  
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
N 1/2 of NW 1/4 and SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 9  
Township 104 - Range 19

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>John Herron</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1869</u> to <u>1898</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Stephen E Herron</u> next owner	from <u>1898</u> to <u>1950</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Joseph E Herron</u> next owner	from <u>1950</u> to <u>1976</u>	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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Abstract of Title <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Court file in Registration
Land Patent <input type="checkbox"/>	Proceedings <input type="checkbox"/>
Original Deed <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please explain _____)
County Land Record <input type="checkbox"/>	

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

Donald D. Hoffman  
(Witness sign here)

Joseph E Herron  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 7-9-76

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Minnesota Central Railway Co (1869)
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 120
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$7.50
4. Where was the first owner born? Ireland
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Franklin County New York State
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?  
Newry Township Schools Teacher - Postmaster (see below)
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? No
10. When was the present home built? 1904
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Dairy Farm - Hay - Oats - Corn
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Blooming Prairie Times - Blo Prairie, Minn - 55917

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

Newry Township's first post office was established by a petition from the citizens in 1874 with John Herron as postmaster. Mail came by way of Geneva and Blooming Prairie, Minn to his home which was used as the post office until 1882. The business amounted to \$300 per quarter (approximately).  
We have farmed a partnership with our son, (over)



David and his wife Gaye. They together with their son Eric Matthew live in a mobile home on our farm. Eric, who was born on January 22, 1976, makes the fifth generation of Herron's living on this farm.

## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Miss MARION HOBAN  
 Name of Centennial Farm owners Miss MARCELLA HOBAN  
 Name(s) to appear on certificate (SAME AS ABOVE)  
 Address 512 10<sup>th</sup> AVE. SW. AUSTIN, MN. 55912  
 Address of farm, if different from above OAKLAND, MINNESOTA

Section 34 Township MOSCOW County FREEBORN

Number of acres in the farm at present 100 ACRES

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

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

S 100 A SW 1/4 SECTION 34 - RANGE 19 - MOSCOW TWP. - FREEBORN Co.

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
HARVEY B. and LOUISA EARL (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1856 to 1881	FATHER
NORMAN and HARRIET EARL next owner	from 1881 to 1924	Cousin
ROSE and MARTIN HOBAN next owner	from 1924 to 1937	MOTHER and FATHER
MARION and MARCELLA HOBAN next owner	from 1937 to —	—
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

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

Ditty C. Mohr  
 (Witness sign here)

Marion Hoban  
Marcella Hoban  
 (Signature of present owner)

Date JULY 20, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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MARION & MARCELLA HOBAN PURCHASED

1. From whom was the farm purchased? FROM ROSE and MARTIN HOBAN
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 100 ACRES
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? NO - (BEFORE HOMESTEADING) LAND GRANT.
7. Did the first owner farm the land? YES
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
NO
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? NO
10. When was the present home built? 1965
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? CORN - SOYBEANS - RASPBERRIES.
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
AUSTIN DAILY HERALD - AUSTIN, MN.

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 Donald P. Johnsrud  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Donald P. Johnsrud & Joanne M. Johnsrud  
Address Route 4, Box 54, Albeert Lea, MN 56007  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section # 13 Township Bancroft County Freeborn

Number of acres in the farm at present 80

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1865

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

The North Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 13, Township 103 North,

Range 21 West of the 5th P.M., Freeborn County, Minnesota

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Gulbrand T. Johnsrud (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1874 to 1879	Father
Erick Johnsrud next owner	from 1879 to 1925	Erick died 1925 left towife and Father children
Erick's Estate next owner	from 1925 to 1953	Father
Edwin H. Johnsrud next owner	from 1953 to 1971	Father
Donald P. Johnsrud next owner	from 1971 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)	Real Estate Tax Receipts _____

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

Mrs. Emma Bakke.  
(Witness sign here)

Donald P. Johnsrud  
(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? \_\_\_\_\_
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? Hayward, MN
6. Was this a homestead? No
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Yes, we believe so
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
Parochial School Teacher \*
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? Yes, the home built in 1878.  
Before that they had a log cabin which is no longer standing.
10. When was the present home built? 1878
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn & Beans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

In the history of the East Freeborn Lutheran Church it states that Gulbrand Johnsrud and his son, Torkel Johnsrud had charge of religious instruction of the children until a permanent parochial teacher was called in 1868.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner MELVIN KVAM *OK*  
Name(s) to appear on certificate MR and MRS MELVIN KVAM 50459  
Address NORTHWOOD, IOWA Rt. 3 50459  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 35 Township FREEMAN County FREEBORN (MINN)

Number of acres in the farm at present 160

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1869

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

SE 1/4 and N 1/2 of SW 1/4 of Sect 35 Freeman twp. = 120 A  
SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Sect. 35 Freeman twp. = 40 A.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>SYVER KVAM</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1869</u> to <u>1904</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	
<u>LARS S. KVAM</u>	from <u>1904</u> to <u>1919</u>	<del>FATHER</del> <u>Husband</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	
<u>MRS. LARS S. KVAM</u>	from <u>1919</u> to <u>1948</u>	<u>MOTHER</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	
<u>MELVIN KVAM</u>	from <u>1948</u> to <u>1976</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 _____)
County Land Record ( )	

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

Mrs. Ferrel Nagel  
(Witness sign here)

Melvin Kvam  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 23, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where was the first owner born? Gulbrandsdalen, Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? (Norway) and Twin Lakes, 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?  
Am not sure-
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? South part of house-  
Corn Crib-
10. When was the present home built? North-addition- 1904 or 1905 Hogs-  
cattle
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? CORN, Hay, Soybeans GRAIN.
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation: The Albert Lea Tribune, Albert Lea, Minn.

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

The Syver S. KVAM's were married in Norway in 1859. Both were born in Gulbrandsdalen, Norway. Came to America in 1869. with 3 children - lived at Twin Lakes awhile before homesteading in Freeman Twp. Freeborn Co., Minn. Sect. 35. A total of 8 children were born to them. Syver died in 1905. His wife in 1925. LARS took over in 1904. he passed away in 1919. Leaving the widow with 6 children - Melvin is the second son. Joseph, eldest, passed away in 1930. Melvin and TENA TRAE were married Sept 29, 1940. They have 3 daughters - Also 8 grand children

Wilhelm Kraus is in  
Methodist Hospital <sup>Rochester</sup> following  
Major surgery - on June 18 -  
and his wife is also there  
going through the clinic -  
I received this form for  
them and am filling it  
out on their behalf - so  
you will receive it by  
June 30. Hope this is OK.  
I am his sister.  
Friends & relatives are busy  
helping out with cultivating  
& chores during their  
absence -

Thank you -

Mrs. Gertrude (Luella) Nagel



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Mrs. David Hanson

Name(s) to appear on certificate see back

Address Rt 1 Albert Lea, Minn.

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

Section \_\_\_\_\_ Township Mundo County Freeborn

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

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

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

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Richard White</u> owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1857 to 1919	<u>father</u>
<u>Ray &amp; Morris White</u> next owner	from 1919 to 1958	<u>brother</u>
<u>Ray &amp; Louise</u> next owner	from 1958 to 1973	<u>father</u>
<u>Richard White</u> next owner	from 1973 to	
<u>Louise White</u> next owner	from to	
<u>Mrs. David Hanson</u> next owner	from 1973 to	
	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:

(Witness sign here)

(Signature of present owner)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

See reverse side for additional information.

I don't know exactly how to  
answer these two items. We (Mr. & Mrs.  
David Larson) now own 42 acres of the  
original land; ~~the~~ the rest of the land is  
in my father's estate with my mother  
(~~now~~ ~~Mr.~~ Louis White) and my brother  
(Mr. & Mrs. Richard White) as heirs to his  
estate. We do not farm together, so perhaps  
you would like to consider it two farms,  
~~as~~ with our name on one and mother  
& ~~David~~ Richard's name on the other, or  
three certificates, preferably <sup>one</sup> ~~with~~ for  
each family.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where was the first owner born? New York - Grandmother in Penn
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? no
10. When was the present home built? mother - 1960 (father - 1973) (mobile home)
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, beans, dairy
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Albert Lea Tribune

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

Dear Sirs: Our farm which we inherited in 1973 from our father, Ray L. White in 1973, was on your list in 1959 so I assume you have much of this information. The farm was homesteaded

by my grandfather, Richard White in  
and was his civil war payment. He lived  
here ~~at the~~ the rest of his life. Part of the  
original farm now is owned by my cousin.

The remainder became the property of my  
father, Ray and uncle Ferris (they bought  
out their brothers and sisters, and upon Ferris'  
death in my father again bought  
out the Ferris' half from the brothers or sisters.

My father died in 1973 and my mother, Lavinia,  
brother, Richard, and I are heirs to  
his estate. A part of the farm (151 acres)  
was sold in 1972 and is now White Woods  
nature park. My husband & I have purchased  
additional land, but are living on land  
& farming part of the original farm.

I do not know how much additional  
information is needed, but will do my best  
to answer any questions you may have.

Mrs. David Larson  
R1

Box 174 Albert Lea, Minn.  
56007



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Mr. + Mrs. Leo A. Loomis  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Mr. + Mrs. Leo A. Loomis  
Address Box 170 Clarks Grove, Mn. 56016  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 8 Township Bancroft County Freeborn

Number of acres in the farm at present 140

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1856 - Homesteaded

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

S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> + NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> + N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> 140 acres

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Henry R. Loomis (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1856 to 1894	Father
John O. Loomis next owner	from 1894 to 1937	Father
Joseph A. Loomis next owner	from 1937 to 1971	Father
Leo A. Loomis next owner	from 1971 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:

Helen Ray  
(Witness sign here)

Leo A. Loomis  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-30-76

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Government
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Homesteaded.
4. Where was the first owner born? Pennsylvania
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Iowa
6. Was this a homestead? Yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
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? 1894
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Soybeans, Corn, Wheat
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Albert Lea Evening Tribune

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Milo Madson  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Milo Madson  
Address Hartland Minn.  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 33 Township Hartland County Freeborn

Number of acres in the farm at present 200

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1868

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

NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 and the SW 1/4 of Section 33  
Township 104 N Range 22 W of 5th principle Meridian

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Mat Madson</u> (owner in 1876 on B4)	from <u>1863</u> to <u>1868</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>John Madson</u> next owner	from <u>1868</u> to <u>1917</u>	<u>Son</u>
<u>Joseph Madson</u> next owner	from <u>1917</u> to <u>1966</u>	<u>Son</u>
<u>Milo Madson</u> next owner	from <u>1966</u> to <u>present</u>	<u>Son</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	

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Abstract of Title <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Court file in Registration
Land Patent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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:

J. M. Skophammer  
(Witness sign here)

Milo Madson  
(Signature of present owner)

Date JUN 16 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Gallbrant Olson from U.S.
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Homestead
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? 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?  
no
10. When was the present home built? 1969
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Dairy & Corn & Soybean
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Albert Lea Tribune

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



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Mr Louis G. Marpe  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Mr & Mrs Louis G. Marpe  
Address Glenville Munn RR 2 56036  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 16 Township Munda County Freeborn  
Number of acres in the farm at present 139-45  
Date of original purchase by member of your family March 13 1876  
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
S 1/2 SE 1/4 & Govt. Lat no 4-16 101 22 139-45

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
(owner in 1876 or B4)	from to	
<u>Wilson</u>	from to	<u>Wilson to Anton Fischer</u>
next owner		
<u>Charles Marpe</u>	from <del>to</del>	<u>Anton Fischer estate</u>
next owner		
<u>Louis G. Marpe</u>	from <del>to</del>	<u>Charles Marpe estate</u>
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		

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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:

Mrs Louis G. Marpe  
(Witness sign here)

Louis G. Marpe  
(Signature of present owner)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Mr Wilson By Anton Fischer
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 139-45
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$10.00 per acre
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Chicago
6. Was this a homestead? no
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
yes, Carriage maker
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? no the old home was tore down in 1958
10. When was the present home built? 1958
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, beans, Hay
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Emmons Leader, Emmons Minnesota

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

Anton Fischer was the Present owner's Grandfather who's mother was the Present owner's mother  
Caroline Fischer Maize

## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Mrs. Henry Melander  
 Name(s) to appear on certificate Mrs. Henry M. Melander  
 Address R# 2, Box 25 Alder, Minn 56009  
 Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 10 Township Carlston County Freeborn

Number of acres in the farm at present 191.43

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

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

Govt lots 2, 3, 4, 8 SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  NW  $\frac{1}{4}$   
10 103 23 191.43

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>John Melander</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1856</u> to _____	<u>Henry bought the farm after his mother passed away</u>
<u>Henry Melander</u> next owner	from <u>?</u> to <u>1960</u>	<u>Son of John Melander</u>
<u>Mrs. Henry Melander</u> next owner	from <u>1960</u> to <u>1976</u>	<u>Wife of Henry Melander</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 <u>Copied from</u>
County Land Record ( )	<u>Abstract of John Melander</u>

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

(Witness sign here)

Date August 16, 1976

Mrs. Henry Melander  
 (Signature of present owner)

See reverse side for additional information.



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1. From whom was the farm purchased? John Melander Homesteaded here.
  2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 191.43.
  3. What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_
  4. Where was the first owner born? Calmar, Sweden
  5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Calmar, Iowa
  6. Was this a homestead? yes.
  7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
  8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? He opened the 1st Blacksmith shop in Albert Lea Min. Later when Alden was laid out and a settlement started, he came to He opened a saloon in Alden & continued a few years then returned and continued in only farming
  9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? The original home burned down
  10. When was the present home built? 1916
  11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn + Soy Beans
  12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
The Evening Tribune, Albert Lea Min - The Alden Advance  
56007 Alder. Minn. 56009
- Related information: (please feel free to use additional sheets of paper)

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

⑤ after coming from Sweden - John Melander remained some time in New York, then went west to what is now Calmar, Iowa. which Mr. Melander claimed the distinction of having named in honor of his Swedish home.



*Freeborn*

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

Names to appear on 1976 Certificate

Mrs. Henry Melander

ADDRESS

Route 2, Box 25

Alden, Minnesota 56009

FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION BY THE FAMILY

1856

PLEASE RETURN THIS BY AUGUST 17, so we may fill out the certificate for you to have ready on September 4. The sign the FARMER Magazine is giving you will be mailed after the State Fair.

PLEASE MAIL THE ENCLOSED APPLICATION BLANK SEPERATELY or bring it with you to the Fair. The information on this sheet is most important for fairtime.

RETURN TO:

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

thank you for your immediate attention.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Duane C. Morreim  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Duane C. & Janice Morreim  
Address RR #2 Box 160 Albert Lea, Minn. 56007  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 12 Township Manchester County Freeborn

Number of acres in the farm at present 160

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1858

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
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PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>KNUD KNUDSON</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from _____ to _____	<u>UNCLE</u>
<u>CARL MORREIM</u> next owner	from _____ to _____	<u>FATHER</u>
<u>A. CARLYLE MORREIM</u> next owner	from _____ to _____	<u>FATHER</u>
<u>DUANE MORREIM</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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (please explain _____)
County Land Record ( )	

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

Janice Morreim  
(Witness sign here)

Duane C. Morreim  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 30 June 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Home steeled
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Was this a homestead? YES
7. Did the first owner farm the land? YES
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. When was the present home built? 1892
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? CORN & PIGS
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Albert Lea Tribune

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner LaRuen E. MORREIM  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Mr. and Mrs. LaRuen MORREIM  
Address Rt. 2 Albert Lea, Minn.  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 13 Township Manchester County Freeborn

Number of acres in the farm at present 120

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1856

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

5 1/2 of SE 1/4 and E 3/4 of NW 1/4 of SE 1/4, all in  
Section 13, Township 103, North, Range 22, Containing  
120 Acres.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Ole Knutson Morreim</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1856</u> to <u>1898</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Theodore O. Morreim</u> next owner	from <u>1898</u> to <u>1947</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>LaRuen E. Morreim</u> next owner	from <u>1947</u> to <u>Present</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	

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

Apthia Rae Gandrud  
(Witness sign here)

LaRuen E. Morreim  
(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? U.S. Govt. (?)
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 120 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? 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. Part of our home is <sup>the</sup> original log house.
10. When was the present home built? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, hogs
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

*We were a Century farm and honored at the State Fair during Minnesota Centennial, 1958.*

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Ole Marlowe Olson

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

Address Rt 2 Box 181 Albert Lea Mn.

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

Section 1 & 2 Township Manchester County Freeborn

Number of acres in the farm at present 317

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1855

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

NE 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec 2 & N 1/2 NW 1/4 - N 1/2 NE 1/4 & SW 1/4 NE 1/4  
Sec 1 Manchester

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Mads Olson</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1855</u> to <u>1895</u>	<u>great grandfather</u>
<u>Ole M. Olson</u> next owner	from <u>1895</u> to <u>1945</u>	<u>grandfather</u>
<u>Martha Olson</u> next owner	from <u>1945</u> to <u>1949</u>	<u>grandmother</u>
<u>Ole Melankton Olson</u> next owner	from <u>1949</u> to <u>1973</u>	<u>father</u>
<u>Ole Marlowe Olson</u> next owner	from <u>1973</u> to <u>present</u>	<u>son</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	

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Abstract of Title ( )	Court file in Registration
Land Patent ( )	Proceedings ( )
Original Deed ( )	Other (please explain _____)
County Land Record ( )	<u>Century farm in 1958 please refer to records</u>

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

(Witness sign here)

Ole Marlowe Olson  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 5-30-76

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? John Andrew Johnson 1812
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 240
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$1.25
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Wisconsin
6. Was this a homestead? yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
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? 1902
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Albert Lea Tribune

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

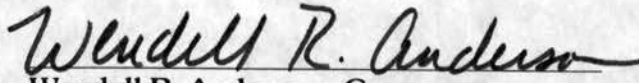


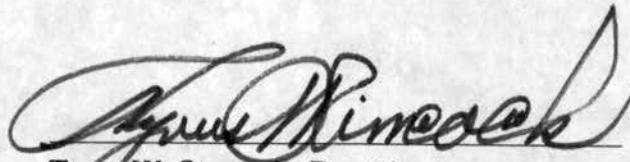
**BE IT NOW KNOWN that this farm of**

**MANFORD I. PETERSON**

**has been in continuous agricultural operation  
since 1871 , signifying more than 100 years  
of service and contributions to the community,  
state, nation, and world.**

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

  
Wendell R. Anderson, Governor  
State of Minnesota

  
Tyrus W. Sincock, President  
Minnesota State Agricultural Society



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner MAN Ford I Peterson

Name(s) to appear on certificate MAN Ford I Peterson

Address HOLLANDALE, MINN.

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

Section 8 Township RICE LAND County Freeborn

Number of acres in the farm at present 160

Date of original purchase by member of your family Sept 20, 1871

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

North East quarter of section eight in Township one  
hundred and three of Range twenty in the District of Lands  
subject to SHERIT JACKSON MINN.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Andrew Peterson</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	<u>from 1871 to 1914</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Ever Peterson</u> next owner	<u>from 1914 to 1947</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>MAN Ford Peterson</u> next owner	<u>from 1947 to 1976</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:

Julie Quehring  
(Witness sign here)

Manford I Peterson  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 17, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where was the first owner born? 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?  
\_\_\_\_\_
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? Corn & beans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
The Evening Tribune Albert Lea MINN.

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

FREEBORN COUNTY

HOUANDALE - RT. 1

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MANFORD & MATILDA

PETERSON

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CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Wallace and Agnus (Tennis) Roberts, husband & Wife  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Wallace and Agnus Roberts  
Address Rt #1 Albert Lea, Minn. 56007

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

Section 26 Township 102N (Pickerel Lake) County Freeborn

Number of acres in the farm at present 298

Date of original purchase by member of your family 11-30-1870

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
The S $\frac{1}{2}$  of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec 25, and the N $\frac{1}{2}$  of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ; the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ; The East  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and the E $\frac{1}{2}$  of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec 26 and Lots One, Two and Three of Government Lot 1, of Section 26, and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec 26, all in Twp 102N, R22W of the Fifth Principal Meridian and lying and being in the County of Freeborn, State of Minn

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Peter Tennis Sr. (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1870 to 1893	Father
Peter Tennis Jr. next owner	from 1893 to 1956	Father
Agnus Tennis Roberts next owner	from 1956 to present	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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Abstract of Title (x) Court file in Registration  
Land Patent (x) Proceedings ( )  
Original Deed ( ) Other (please explain \_\_\_\_\_)  
County Land Record ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Ab. Laund  
(Witness sign here)

Wallace Roberts  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-28-76

See reverse side for additional information.



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Glenn F. Ruble  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Glenn and Maureen Ruble  
Address RA1 Box 297, Albert Lea, Mn 56007  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 12, 13 Township Pickrel Lake County Freeborn  
Number of acres in the farm at present 170  
Date of original purchase by member of your family 1856  
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
Rev Desc No. 292, 12 102 22 142-38  
Grant Lot 3 13 102 22 33-58

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
John Ruble (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1856 to 1886	father - son
Fred Ruble next owner	from 1886 to 1954	father - son
Clifford Ruble next owner	from 1954 to 1968	father son
Glenn Ruble next owner	from 1968 to present	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

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

Maureen Ruble  
(Witness sign here)

Glenn F. Ruble  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 30, 1976

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where was the first owner born? Mifflin Co., Pa.
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Beloit, 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?  
The Quibles were emphatically farmers having purchased and raised some of the finest and best blooded cattle and horses in America.
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? yes, the house and possibly other buildings
10. When was the present home built? about ~~1900~~ 1886
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, oats, Hay and Dairy products
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Albert Lea Evening Tribune

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner ELdo & Lucas Scherb  
Name(s) to appear on certificate ELdo & Lucas Scherb  
Address RR #2, Glenville, Minn. 56036  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 4 Township Nunda County Freeborn

Number of acres in the farm at present 160

Date of original purchase by member of your family June 4, 1868

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

Northwest Quarter of Section 4, Township 101 North, Range 22  
West of the 5<sup>th</sup> p.m., Freeborn County, Minn.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
George L. Scherb (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1868 to 4/22/19	father of Bernhard Scherb
Bernhard G. Scherb next owner	from 4/22/1915 to 3/1/68	father of Lucas & Eldo Scherb
ELdo & Lucas Scherb next owner	from 3/1/68 to present date	
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 ( )	Other (please explain _____)
County Land Record ( )	

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

Rev. Delbert Ring  
(Witness sign here)

Eldo H. Scherb  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 26, 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? George Scherb purchased from Bela Rhoades
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Paid \$400 for the 160 acres
4. Where was the first owner born? George Scherb born in Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Indiana
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 - a small garage and a smoke house
10. When was the present home built? 1884 & remodelled in 1928
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Oats, Corn, pigs & cattle
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Albion Lea Evening Tribune, Albion Lea, Minn  
56007

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



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner HENRY M SCHMIDT

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

Address EMMONS MINN PI 56029

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

Section 10 Township MANFIELD County FREEBORN

Number of acres in the farm at present 360

Date of original purchase by member of your family May 10 - 1861

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

West 1/2 of Southeast 1/4 and East 1/2 of Southwest 1/4 of section 10  
in Township 101 North of Range 23 West

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
HENRY J SCHMIDT (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1861 to 1878	Father
HENRY J SCHMIDT next owner	from 1878 to 1897	
C SCHMIDT next owner	from 1897 to 1906	
GEORGE C SCHMIDT next owner	from 1906 to 1954	
HENRY M SCHMIDT next owner	from 1954 to present	
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:

(Witness sign here)

Henry M Schmidt  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-23-1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Homestead deed 1861
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? ?
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Illinois
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?  
MO
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? part of the house is the original home built in 1878
10. When was the present home built? several annexes
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn soybeans sheep
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Albert Lea Tribune, Alden Tribune, Empress Leader

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Elmer Schneider  
Name(s) to appear on certificate ELMER SCHNEIDER  
Address 1511 LOUIS ST. ALBERT LEA MINN.  
Address of farm, if different from above ALBERT LEA RR.1 MINNESOTA  
Section 14 & 15 Township PICKEREL LAKE County FREEBORN  
Number of acres in the farm at present 195

Date of original purchase by member of your family SEPTEMBER 27, 1864  
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
W 1/2 OF THE SW 1/4 OF SEC. 14 AND THE E 1/2 OF THE SE 1/4 OF SEC. 15 T.P. 102 NORTH OF RANGE 22 WEST

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>C. CHARLES SCHNEIDER</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	<u>from 1864 to 1889</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
<u>CHARLES SCHNEIDER JR.</u> next owner	<u>from 1889 to 1911</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
<u>ALBERT C. SCHNEIDER</u> next owner	<u>from 1911 to 1954</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
<u>ELMER C. SCHNEIDER</u> next owner	<u>from 1954 to 1976</u>	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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Abstract of Title (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:

Kenneth Guber  
(Witness sign here)

Elmer Schneider  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 30, 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? John Ruble
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80
3. What was the cost of land per acre? 4/6.00
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? New York State
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? \_\_\_\_\_
10. When was the present home built? 1881
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn and hogs
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
The Evening Tribune Albert Lea, Minnesota

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

A barn! 40' x 70' with 2 ft. stone walls built in 1875 is still used and in good repair.



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Robert E. D. Schoen  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Robert E. D. Schoen  
Address Wells, Minn. R#1 Box 68  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 33 & 34 Township Freeborn County Freeborn

Number of acres in the farm at present 317

Date of original purchase by member of your family Dec. 1863

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

W 1/2 of the S.W. qtr. and 1/2 of S.E. qtr. of Sec. 34 & The E 1/2 of the S.E. qtr. of Sec. 33 in Township 104 N. of Range 23 W

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Marion L. Scott</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1863 to -	<u>Alfred T. Schoen &amp; wife Lynda E.</u> <del>Mother-in-law &amp; mother</del>
<u>Alfred T. &amp; Lynda E. Schoen</u> next owner	from - to -	<u>Laurence T. Schoen</u> <del>Son</del>
<u>Laurence T. Schoen &amp; Bertha</u> next owner	from 1935 to 1943	<u>Son</u>
<u>Robert E. D. Schoen</u> next owner	from 1943 to present	<u>Son</u>
next owner	from to	we don't have dates for this as the abstract is at the Land Bank at Blooming Prairie.
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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Abstract of Title ( ) Court file in Registration  
Land Patent (x) Proceedings ( )  
Original Deed (x) Other (please explain \_\_\_\_\_)  
County Land Record ( )

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

Dean H. Southsch  
(Witness sign here)

Robert Schoen  
(Signature of present owner)

Date July 20, 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Nicolas Alcon, Pvt. Capt. Montanos Co.  
New Mexico Volunteers - War with Mexico
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? IT was assigned to him as <sup>Bounty</sup> Land
4. Where was the first owner born? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Wisconsin
6. Was this a homestead? Marion Scott & husband bought it and Homesteaded it.
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? yes  
Hotel, Broom factory, Mining Co., Postmaster.
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? 1918
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Dairy, Corn, Beans, oats,  
Alfalfa
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
The Evening Tribune - Albert Lea, Minn. 56007

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

In 1857 L. T. Scott opened the ballroom of his hotel to a Rev. Isaac Ling for the first religious service. Mr. & Mrs. Scott had the first child in the township Feb. 12, 1857. Mr. Scott was an organizer of the first school and served on its board, and also for the 1st Methodist Episcopal Church. Mr. Scott was the 1st post master. The office established in a log house on the banks of Freeborn Lake in 1857

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Mr. & Mrs. Russell Simonson and Selma Simonson

Name(s) to appear on certificate same as above

Address Emmons, Minnesota 56029

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

Section 20 Township Mansfield County Freeborn

Number of acres in the farm at present 320

Date of original purchase by member of your family 160 A. Homesteaded 1862

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

South East Section 20

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Nels Johnson	from 1862 to 1925	Husband
(owner in 1876 or B4)		
Hannah Johnson	from 1925 to 1947	Wife
next owner		
Russell Simonson	from 1947 to present	Son
xxxxxxx		
& Selma Simonson	from 1947 to "	Daughter
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		

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Abstract of Title (x)	Court file in Registration
Land Patent ( )	Proceedings ( )
Original Deed (x)	Other (please explain _____)
County Land Record ( )	Deed signed by Uleses Grant

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

Mrs Russell Simonson  
(Witness sign here)

Russell Simonson  
(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? Homesteaded
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? Sweden
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Illinois
6. Was this a homestead? Yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
No
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? No
10. When was the present home built? 1875 remodeled 1918 remodeled 1961
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn, soy beans. oats
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Kiester Courier, Kiester, Minnesota 56051

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



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Herman E. Sorlie

Name(s) to appear on certificate Herman & Myra Sorlie

Address Route 1, Box 30, Hartland, Minn. 56042

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

Section 25 Township Hartland County Freeborn

Number of acres in the farm at present 160

Date of original purchase by member of your family July 27, 1865

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

NE 1/4 - 25 - 104 - 22

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Iver J. Sorlie (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1865 to 1936	father
Victor H. Sorlie	from 1936 to 1956	father
next owner		
Herman E. Sorlie	from 1956 to present	
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		

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

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

Victor W. Sorlie  
(Witness sign here)

Herman E. Sorlie  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 28, 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Elizabeth Johnson
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$1.875
4. Where was the first owner born? Hadeland, Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? section 36, Hartland, 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?  
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? 1880
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn & soy beans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Albert Lea Tribune - Albert Lea, Minn. 56007

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Clayton O. Stoa  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Clayton O. & Darlene A. Stoa  
Address R4 Box 203 Austin, Minn  
Address of farm, if different from above R4 Box 208 Austin, Minn

Section 17 Township Moscow County Freeborn

Number of acres in the farm at present 400 A.

Date of original purchase by member of your family Fall of 1876

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

Section 17 - 103 - 19 Moscow Township  
Freeborn County, Minnesota

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Berthold J. Stoa (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <sup>Fall of</sup> 1876 to 1921	Joseph Stoa - son
Joseph Stoa next owner	from 1921 to 1960	Son of Berthold
Harold L. Stoa next owner	from 1960 to 1965	Grandson
Clayton O. Stoa next owner	from 1965 to 1976	Grandson
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 ( )	<u>youngest daughter of</u>
	<u>Berthold J. Stoa</u>

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

Cora A. Stoa  
(Witness sign here)

Clayton Stoa  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 7/13/76

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? George Cornevedux
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 A.
3. What was the cost of land per acre? 5.00 per A.
4. Where was the first owner born? Aadalen, Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Bancroft Township
6. Was this a homestead? No
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
No
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? ~~No~~ Yes - barn & granary
10. When was the present home built? 1926
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, Hay, Soybeans  
pigs & dairy
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Albert Lea Tribune Austin Daily Herald

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

Berthold J. Stoa youngest daughter Cora A. Stoa lives on the farm. She is 82 years old and remember many things that were told to her by her parents.



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner LEWIS J. SULLIVAN  
Name(s) to appear on certificate LEWIS J. AND AVON SULLIVAN  
Address RT1-BOX 83 HARTLAND MINN  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 5 Township BATH County FREEBORN

Number of acres in the farm at present 256

Date of original purchase by member of your family JUNE 1872

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
NW 1/4 OF NW 1/4 SEC 5 BATH TWP. RANGE 21

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
WINONA-ST PETER LAND CO (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>JUNE</u> to <u>1872</u>	
<u>J. J. SULLIVAN</u> next owner	from <u>1872 AUG 5</u> to <u>1905</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
<u>C. R. SULLIVAN</u> next owner	from <u>1905</u> to <u>1943</u>	<u>SON</u>
<u>LEWIS J. SULLIVAN</u> next owner	from <u>1943</u> to <u>TODAY</u>	<u>SON</u>
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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Abstract of Title ( )	Court file in Registration
Land Patent ( )	Proceedings ( )
Original Deed (X)	Other (please explain <u>also</u> )
County Land Record ( )	<u>Personal Papers</u>

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

Mary Sandvold  
(Witness sign here)

Lewis J. Sullivan  
(Signature of present owner)

Date JUNE 22 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? WINONIA ST PETER LANDCO
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 40 A.
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$10.00
4. Where was the first owner born? CO. KERRY IRELAND  
<sup>TRALEE</sup>
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? NEWBURYPORT MASS  
THEN EMPIRE TOWNSHIP - NEAR FARMINGTON
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? PRESENT HOUSE BUILT IN 1890
10. When was the present home built? 1890
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? CORN + BEAN
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
ALBERT LEA TRIBUNE ALBERT LEA MINN  
ELLENDALE EAGLE ELLENDALE MINN.

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

## THE FAMILY HISTORY

WRITTEN BY LEWIS J. SULLIVAN, MAY 1, 1972

My grandfather, John James O'Sullivan, fled from County Kerry in Ireland. The "O" of the Sullivan was dropped. J.J. and his two brothers landed in Boston, Massachusetts and went to New Bury Port, 31 miles north of Boston. Here, in Essex County, they had other relatives. J.J. was a foreman in a comb factory. We have record of him receiving his naturalization papers in Howard County, Massachusetts on November 11, 1854. He developed lung trouble and was told to go West.

A letter that has been preserved and oral tradition give evidence that they may have settled at Savannah, Georgia. James B. Sullivan has said that the Big Fire in the famous movie historically and actually took place on our ancestor's plantation. The movie is Gone With the Wind.

My grandmother Sullivan, Mary Elizebeth Hartnett (the late and famous Hall of Fame baseball player for Chicago -- Gabby -- was a direct decendent of Mary's father) came from County Cork in Ireland during the potato famine. She was the oldest in the family and was sent to New Bury Port, Massachusetts to find work. She worked in the textile mill to earn money to send to Ireland. Some of the family died of starvation before she could send them help or before they could escape. She had one sister who also came. She married a man by the name of Doyle. Grandma and grandpa (Mary and J.J. Sullivan) were married in New Bury Port, Massachusetts.

J.J. Sullivan was with the U.S. Military as a civilian. It is not known in what capacity. One of his brothers joined the Army. He was killed in the Battle of Bull Run. J.J. and his wife travelled to Minnesota afoot. They first settled in the Empire Township, 4 miles north and 3 miles east of Farmington. His other brother came with him and was killed while digging a well on the Rosemount farm. He may be buried in the Hyland Cemetary 3 miles west of Rosemount or at Hastings, Minnesota. A tornado destroyed the church at the Hyland Cemetary along with all records before 1870. I also checked with the Bureau of Statistics in Minneapolis but they do not start until 1870.

On January 1, 1863, J.J. and Mary Sullivan bought 80 acres of school land from the commission at \$5.00 per acre or \$400 with terms of \$60 down and \$60 per year at 7% interest due in 20 years. The description of the land is: S.W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of N.W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  and N.W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of S.W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 16 in Township 114 (Empire) Range 19 of Dakota County. This land is just west of the present Gopher Ordinance Plant which is being used by the U of M for an agriculture experiment station. On September 1, 1871, they sold the land for \$500. The transaction was recorded November 28, 1878. (It was often the custom to sell land informally with just a handshake and often it was not recorded officially until years later.)

I NOW HAVE RECORDS THEY MOVED TO FARM IN June 1872

I have searched and searched for the exact date they moved to Freeborn County but I could not find it. It must have been 1872 or ~~possibly~~ 1873 because my father, Cornelius (Con) Raymond Sullivan was born on this farm November 17, 1873. (He later married Margaret Burns from Beaver Lake.) The farm was bought from the Winona and St. Peter Railroad. The deed shows June 28, 1876. It is the N.W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the N.W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Bath Township in Freeborn County. The price was \$478 for 47.88 acres. These pioneers then expanded and on June 15, 1883 they bought the N.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the N.W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the S.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the N.W.  $\frac{1}{4}$ . These 128 acres were bought for \$1,220.10. I presently own this land. The papers are in Freeborn County records -- dated November 23, 1887.

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ACTUAL NOTES FROM J.J.'S DIARY KEPT FROM 1885 TO 1910 ARE:  
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1898 = Oats \$10.20 per Bu., Barley \$2.64 per Bu.  
August 1, 1907 = "We had 150 loads of hay up"  
March 17, 1894 = "We had Mass at our house today. First time ever, by a fine Irish Priest fresh from Ireland - grand speaker."  
March 28, 1896 = "Baby born...Nice girl" (Margaret Mary Sullivan) "paid Pete Ryan for labor 69 cents per day"  
August 1, 1896 = "We sold hogs for \$2.40 per 100 lbs. Wheat is 45 cents and Heifers are \$1.80 per hundred."

FROM THE ELLENDALE EAGLE DATED JANUARY 10, 1902

*"J.J. Sullivan received a check for \$605 for Hogs. Mr. Sullivan is well along in years but energetic and enjoys good health."*

The present house was built in 1890 for \$1,111.11 taking 132 days of labor at \$2.50 per day. Total labor for the carpenters was \$264. As soon as the house was finished a tornado hit and demolished it. The present house had to be rebuilt.

J.J. Sullivan, a community leader, helped found the Poplar Grove Creamery at Bath in 1891. He was its first Vice President. A post office was established with James St. John as the postmaster. Mail was dispatched twice a week and then later three times a week. John E. Johnson was the mail carrier. The post office was later moved to Hartland. Also in 1891 a general store was started and continued until 1957. The operators were: Henry Harty, James St. John, M.J. Ralekee, William P. Shea, Art Bartness, William Bartness, Clement Erickson, A.A. Madson, George Larson, Earl Bartness (Junior) and Lyle Bird.

The St. Aiden's Church at Bath (whose alter was designed in the Sullivan kitchen by J.J. and others) at one time had a worship community of 125 families. They had a shed for 50 teams of horses. Con (known as C.R.) started the fire for the church on Sunday mornings and his wife (known as Maggie) grew flowers for the alter. They grieved much when the church closed and moved to Ellendale in 1955. C.R. was a gentle fellow. He



worked steady and slow. He was a great mathematician and played the fiddle for the local dances at Bath. The math skill and knowledge had him keep all the finance books for the township. Our family historically has always been in charge of the books. I still maintain them today. Maggie was a pious soul who spent much of her time cooking. It was common always to have a house full. Relatives would come from all parts of the country and stay a week or maybe six months. Cards would be played through the night. My father had a limp in his old age. He died at a ripe old age of a heart attack while cleaning the calf pens one cold winter day. Mother also died of a heart attack in her usual holy hour of prayer in her favorite chair. She was found upon the return of the family from the Centennial Celebration of Ellendale. C.R. and Maggie are both buried in the S.W. corner of the Bath Cemetary which is still used today.

FARM OWNERSHIP:	Indians year <u>?</u>	Cornelius Raymond Sullivan <u>1895</u>
	St. Peter Railroad <u>?</u>	Lewis Joseph Sullivan <u>1943</u>
	John James Sullivan <u>1876</u>	

Con is the son of Jon as is Lew the son of Con

**Lewis J. Sullivan**  
HARTLAND, MINNESOTA

THIS IS AN UPDATE OF FAMILY HISTORY

J.J. Sullivan was Born <sup>near</sup> ~~in~~ Otralee, County Kerry Ireland. His wife Mary (Hartnett) was born near the lakes of Kilarney in Co. Kerry Ireland.

J.J. & His wife came to America quite young. They first met each other at Newburg port Mass.

Their first child Born was James Brenden avg 21 1862

J.J. Sullivan had 2 Brothers, Both younger. The youngest was named Florence, joined the army in the Civil war as a drummer Boy and was killed in the 2nd Battle of Bull Run. He was 14 or 15. He is Buried at Gettysburg.

His older Brother named Cornelius also as a young Boy joined the U.S. Cavalry and was sent from Mass. to Minn. to fight the Indians. He later died later while digging a well on the farm in Empire township Dakota Co. near Farmington. He is Buried at Rosemount possible Oak Hyland Cemetery.

J.J. Had 1 sister who died very young in Ireland.

Lewis J. Sullivan

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Robert S. Thompson  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Robert S. Thompson  
Address Box 236 Clarks Grove Minn. 56006  
Address of farm, if different from above Route #1  
Albert Lea, Minn. 56007  
Section 29 Township Albert Lea County Freeborn  
Number of acres in the farm at present 105  
Date of original purchase by member of your family April 30, 1864  
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
SW 1/4 of Section 29 less parcel in  
Southwest corner.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Samuel Thompson</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1864</u> to <u>1865</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>George Thompson</u> next owner	from <u>1865</u> to <u>1898</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Wm P. Thompson</u> next owner	from <u>1898</u> to <u>1943</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>E.R. Thompson</u> next owner	from <u>1943</u> to <u>1972</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Robert S. Thompson</u> next owner	from <u>1972</u> to <u>1976</u>	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

Abstract of Title <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Court file in Registration
Land Patent <input type="checkbox"/>	Proceedings <input type="checkbox"/>
Original Deed <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please explain _____)
County Land Record <input type="checkbox"/>	

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

Russell B. Paulson  
(Witness sign here)

Robert S. Thompson  
(Signature of present owner)

Date July 8, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? John Callahan
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 120
3. What was the cost of land per acre? 35<sup>00</sup>
4. Where was the first owner born? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Was this a homestead? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Did the first owner farm the land? 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? 1908
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn + Soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Evening Tribune - Albert Lea, Minn.

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



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Evelyn C. Ulland  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Mrs. Alvin H. Ulland  
Address Route 1 Box 260 Austin, Minn. 55912  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 1 Township Moscow County Freeborn

Number of acres in the farm at present 119

Date of original purchase by member of your family Feb 22, 1862

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

S.E. 1/4 of the N.E. 1/4; N.E. 1/4 of S.E. 1/4  
Sec. 1-103 19

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
1st gen <u>Andrew Olson</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1862 to 1897	Husband
<u>Marit Olson</u> + Children	from 1897 to 1910	Mother
next owner <u>Albert A. Ulland</u>	from 1910 to 1940	Uncle
next owner <u>Alvin, Charles, Sylvester Ulland</u>	from 1940 to 1943	Brothers
next owner <u>Alvin H. Ulland + Evelyn</u>	from 1943 to 1973	Husband
next owner <u>Evelyn C. Ulland</u>	from 1973 to Present	
next owner	from to	
next owner		

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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:

Donald E. Ulland  
(Witness sign here)

Evelyn C. Ulland  
(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? Hans Oleson Hoe (Land Patent 1857)
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Abstract reads (Warranty Deed #3309)  
This would be \$425/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? 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 - Part of the  
first house
10. When was the present home built? 1920
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn Soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Austin Daily Herald

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

Andrew Olson was my great-grandfather on my father's side (Olson). His wife (Maunt: my great-grandmother) and other family members changed the last name from Olson to Willard because of the confusion with so many people of the Olson name. There is an affidavit in the Abstract proving this point. At the present time my son (Kent) and I farm the land which makes it the 5<sup>th</sup> generation in direct line.

from the original owners. The farm has never  
been lived on or farmed by anyone outside  
the Willard family since it was purchased  
in 1862. My mother (the owner Evelyn) lives  
in the home.

Donald E. Willard



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner ARTHUR H ULLAND  
Name(s) to appear on certificate ARTHUR H ULLAND  
Address ROUTE 1 BOX 246 55912  
AUSTIN MINN  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 24 Township NEWRY County FREEBORN  
Number of acres in the farm at present 320 — 445  
Date of original purchase by member of your family \_\_\_\_\_

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
THE SOUTH EAST QUARTER OF SECTION TWENTY FOUR (24) IN  
TOWNSHIP ONE HUNDRED AND FOUR (104) NORTH OF RANGE NINETEEN (19) WEST  
of the Range 18 in the Section and Sub of Range 18  
PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP W 1/4 SE 14 30 104 18 80.  
N 1/4 80 114 30 104 77.42

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>U.S. &amp; ROOSELTERMAN</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from _____ to _____	<u>SIMON (1830)</u> <u>CEMAN OLSON ULLAND</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	<u>WIDOW OLSON ULLAND</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	<u>SANFORD S OLSON ULLAND</u> 1900 — 1931 1934 — 1931
next owner	from _____ to _____	<u>LENA ULLAND</u> 1931 — 1960
next owner	from _____ to _____	<u>ARTHUR H ULLAND</u> 1931 —
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	

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

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the information listed above is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:  
Dr. J. J. Jensen (Witness sign here)  
Arthur H Ulland (Signature of present owner)

Date June 29 1976  
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*United States & Geo. O. Lemmon  
Cass & Olson Ulland*

1. From whom was the farm purchased? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$300.00
4. Where was the first owner born? NORWAY
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Was this a homestead? Yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
NO
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? Yes
10. When was the present home built? Part of 1860
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Dairy cows Cow & Hay Cat
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
AUSTIN DAILY HERALD  
AUSTIN MINN

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

*SIMON BORN 1824 - 1888 died  
CEMAN. OLSON ULLAND died Dr. father  
SANFORD BORN 1878 - 1931  
SON OLSON ULLAND father  
ARTHUR H ULLAND BORN 1918 SON*

Freeborn

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

Names to appear on 1976 Certificate Clarence O. Humphrey

ADDRESS Albert Lea.

Minn. R#2 56007

FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION BY THE FAMILY 1928

PLEASE RETURN THIS BY AUGUST 17, so we may fill out the certificate for you to have ready on September 4. The sign the FARMER Magazine is giving you will be mailed after the State Fair.

PLEASE MAIL THE ENCLOSED APPLICATION BLANK SEPERATELY or bring it with you to the Fair. The information on this sheet is most important for fairtime.

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

thank you for your immediate attention.