



Century Farm Applications

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CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

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

Name of Centennial Farm owner

Walter R. Ash

Name(s) to appear on certificate

Walter R. Ash

Address

203 W Bancroft, Fergus Falls, Mn.

56537

Address of farm, if different from above

Wendell, Minn.

Section

24

Township

Lawrence

County

Grant

Number of acres in the farm at present

154.25

Date of original purchase by member of your family

1919

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

NE of SW, SE of NW + lots 3, 4, 5 Section 24-130-44

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME

DATES (YEARS) OF
OWNERSHIPBLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO
NEXT OWNERJames W. Ash
(owner in 1876 or B4)
Walter R. Ash
next ownerfrom 1876 to

from to

next owner

from to

next owner

from to

next owner

from to

next owner

from to

next owner

from to

next owner

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

Abstract of Title ()

Land Patent ()

Original Deed ()

County Land

Record ()

Court file in Registration

Proceedings ()

Other (please explain) Personal diaryW. R. Ash with dates in Jan '76 in Minn.Dates in May '76 in Minn. from then on

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

Alice Ash Lehrke
(Witness sign here)Walter R. Ash
(Signature of present owner)

Date

6/29/76

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? 154.25
3. What was the cost of land per acre? _____
4. Where was the first owner born? Pennsylvania
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Chester Co. 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?
Carpentry, trapping
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? 1915
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? wheat, barley, corn
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Grant County Herald Elbow Lake, Minn.

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

my parents would not be able to make the trip to the state fair because of ill health but my husband & I would make every effort to do so as the present farm operators & buying it on Contract for deed. It may be possible for two of my 4 sisters to be there too. Mr & Mrs Alvin Schube Campbell

People from Penn

Memoranda.

Thurs day Jan 6th at Building
 James — 1 Day
 Samuel — 1 "
 Bart — 1 "
 Harry — 1 "

Fri Jan 7th 1876 " "
 James — 1 Day
 Samuel — 1 "
 Bart — 1 "
 Harry — 1 "

Sat Jan 8th 1876 " "
 James — 1 Day
 Samuel — 1 "
 Bart — 1 "
 Harry — 1 "

Memoranda.

Monday Jan 10th 1876 "
 James — 1 Day
 Samuel — 1 " *Cast to*
 Bart — 4.00 1 " *To Harry*
 Harry — 1 " *45 cts*

Tuesday Jan 11th 1876 "
 James — 1 Day
 Samuel — 1 "
 Bart — 1 "
 Harry — 1 "

Wednesday Jan 12th "
 James — 1 Day
 Samuel — 1 "
 Bart — 1 "
 Harry — 1 "

BILLS PAYABLE JUNE

Drapping Commencing
Oct 9th 1876 first week
30 Rats

	Dolls.	Cts.
Mon 16 th 6 Rats		
Tues 17 th 7 Rats		
Wed 18 th 15 Rats = 1 Mink		
Thurs 19 th 16 rats = 1 Mink		
Fri 20 th 9 Rats = 1 Mink		
Sat 21 st 2 rats = 2 Mink - 1 Skunk		
Son 22 nd 7 Rats = 1 Mink		
Mon 23 rd 14 rats = 1 Mink		
Tues 24 th 7 Rats = 1 Mink		
Wed 25 th 10 Rats - 2 Mink = 1 Skunk		
Thurs 26 th 10 Rats = 1 Skunk		
Fri 27 th 2 Rats - 2 Mink - 2 Snakes		
Sat 28 th 8 Rats		
Son 29 th 3 Rats		

Mon 30th Trip up to Joseph & Son to look
at timber back on Tuesday evening

Came to 8 Picketed 1 Pheasant

Wed 1st November 11 Rats 1 Mink 1 Skunk

Thurs 2nd 1 Mink 1 Dove 1 Duck

Fri 3rd 1 Rat

Sat 4th 2 Rats = 1 Badger

Son 5th Not at traps

Mon 6th 3 Snakes Brought traps home

Tues 7th

Wed 8th

Thurs 9th

Fri 10th

Sat 11th 1 Mink 1 Wolf

BILLS PAYABLE JULY

	Dolls.	Cts.
Tue 12 th 2 nd week		
Mon 13 th		
Tues 14 th 1 Wolf		
Wed 15 th		
Thurs 16 th		
Fri 17 th		
Sat 18 th 1 Mink		
Son 19 th		
Mon 20 th 2 Pheasants 1 Rabbit		
Tues 21 st		
Wed 22 nd 1 Badger		
Thurs 23 rd		
Fri 24 th		
Sat 25 th		
Son 26 th		
Mon 27 th RECEIVABLE		
Tues 28 th		
Wed 29 th 1 Fox Red		
Thurs 30 th		
Fri 1 st December 1 Skunk		
Sat 2 nd		
Son 3 rd		
Mon 4 th		
Tues 5 th Tuesday over night		
Wed 6 th John at traps		
Thurs 7 th Camp in woods		
Fri 8 th		
Sat 9 th		
Son 10 th		
Mon 11 th		
Tues 12 th		

LARRY EVERETT ADEY⁹ (June 18, 1940 -) m.
to REVA WILCOCK

VIOLET ALMIRA WRIGHT⁸ (Feb. 17, 1912 -) m.
Nov. 18, 1936 to ELVA N. BOYER (Apr. 4, 1921 -
Son⁹ (July 22, 1940 died)
GARY ELVA BOYER⁹ (July 1, 1941 -)
CAROLYN FLORENCE BOYER⁹ (May 6, 1944 -)
RONALD DUANE BOYER⁹ (Aug 31, 1946 -)

X JAMES WASHINGTON ASH⁶ (Nov. 13, 1846 - July 22, 1919) m. June 23, 1875
to MARY MARTHA MARPLE (Sept. 1, 1848 - Apr. 6, 1910)

X AMANDA ADAIR ASH⁶ (Aug. 26, 1876 - Oct. 15, 1962)

CLARENCE BENJAMIN ASH⁷ (Jan. 24, 1879 - Oct. 26, 1957)

ESTELLA RACHEL ASH⁷ (Jan. 4, 1881 - Dec. 24, 1960) m. Feb. 1, 1898

to ADOLPH GUSTAV KUBE (MAY 26, 1871 - Apr. 9, 1951)
ADOLPH's parents - Johan Charles Ludvik Kube and
Ida Clara Dgehring

JAMES LOUIS KUBE⁸ (May 5, 1899 -) m. Sept. 30, 1925
Sept. 30, 1925 to ELIA LOUISE ROSSOW
(Jan. 17, 1903 -)

MERLIN MURRAY KUBE⁹ (June 27, 1926 -) m.
Nov. 28, 1946 to NEOMA GARBERG (Oct. 28, 1927 -)

BEATRICE KAY KUBE¹⁰ (Aug. 18, 1947 -)

EARL PATRICK KUBE¹⁰ (Aug. 9, 1949 -)

KARLA JANE KUBE¹⁰ (Dec. 15, 1954 -)

ROGER ALLEN KUBE⁹ (Aug. 29, 1932 -)

m. Nov. 10, 1951 to RUTH LARSON (Nov. 6, 1933 -)

DIANNE LYNN KUBE¹⁰ (Aug. 17, 1952 -)

JEFFERY ALLEN KUBE¹⁰ (Jan. 10, 1955 -)

JOHN JAMES KUBE¹⁰ (Dec. 1956 -)

GLENN ROGER KUBE¹⁰ (July 28, 1959 -)

JANICE LOU KUBE⁹ (Oct 18, 1937 -) m.

Aug. 6, 1955 to GEORGE KRUIZE (May 28, 1931 -)

LARRY GEORGE KRUIZE¹⁰ (Feb. 11, 1956 -)

SHERRI LYNN KRUIZE¹⁰ (Mar. 21, 1957 -)

LORRI JANE KRUIZE¹⁰ (Sept. 15, 1959 -)

EUNICE LENORE KUBE⁸ (Aug. 21, 1901 -) m.

June 22, 1921 to JAMES D. SWIFT (Feb. 11, 1899 -)

RICHARD THOMAS SWIFT⁹ (Nov. 1, 1924 -) m.

June 22, 1957 to BERNETTA LORRAINE

JASMER (June 28, 1929 -)

CYNTHIA KAY SWIFT¹⁰ (Apr. 7, 1958 -)

TIMOTHY JOHN SWIFT¹⁰ (June 28, 1960 -)

CLIFFORD RAY SWIFT⁹ (Jan. 25, 1929 -)

m. June 22, 1952 to JOYCE ELLEEN

MITTELSTADT (Mar. 19, 1933 -)

VIRGINIA FAY SWIFT¹⁰ (June 14, 1953 -)

VERONICA LOUISE SWIFT¹⁰ (Apr. 23, 1955 -)

ELLEN MARIE SWIFT¹⁰ (Sept. 12, 1957 -)

Elaine (born Mar. 21, 1963)

VERNON ALLIS SWIFT⁹ (Oct. 8, 1931 -) m.

Apr. 19, 1952 to CHARLOTTE PAULINE KALVIK

(Sept. 27, 1929 -)

ESTHER BERTHA KUBE (Mar. 8, 1903 -) m.

Walter a later born child
on another sheet.

adopted 11/5/63
Mark James
Dean Vernon
11/6/64

It was some years after
my grandfather came and
homesteaded on the shore of
a small lake in section
24-25 of Lawrence Twp, Grant
Co, later called Ash Lake.
(still on the Minn maps)
that he applied for his land
patent.

There was the 1st white
child born in Lawrence Twp
born the Aug. they came. 1876
there also the 1st permanent home
in Lawrence township - wood
frame built by my grandfather.
My father is now retired, living
in Fergus Falls, Minn. and we,
his daughter + son in law are

buying the farm on contract
for deed and are farming the
land.

Alice & Alvin Gehrke

Prairie Home Jan 11: 1880

Dear Nephew

I will now try & write a few lines in answer to a very welcome letter we received from you about 3 weeks ago. we were very much surprised that our little Nephew could write such a nice interesting letter & hope we may receive many more from him. I expect you have been looking for an answer for some time I should have written sooner but could not get at it. we have had very cold & rough weather for about a month, the coldest we have ever had, old settlers that has been here 10 years say they never seen the like the Thermometer ranged from 25 to 42 below Zero for over 3 weeks stood at about 40 for 8 days, the cold

weather commenced the 2nd week
in December we have had very
nice weather now for over a
week the snow pretty near all gone
except-where it-drifted some
places it-is 15 ft-deep. there was
about one foot on a level there
was high wind almost all the
time several days you could not
see any thing 10 ft-off the snow flying
in a cloud & as fine as flour. we
were better off than the most of
our neighbors as we had plenty
of wood & could lay by & let it
blow, it caught nearly all out-
of wood a pretty serious thing,
as they could not get any in-
side of 10 miles some haul as
far as 25 miles. we will be all
right in a year or 2 as they have
opened coal mines in Dakota
not over 75 miles from here &
& expect to furnish it at 6 or 7.00
per ton can get wood at R.R.
at Tentah 8 miles from us at-

(By, oak, oak) Sugar Maple & Iron wood
\$4.50 & \$4.75 per cord, I have not bought
any yet - I can get all I want in
the woods above Fergus for nothing
I was over at the woods just
before the cold spell hunting
I spent 2 days there. shot one
nice Deer 1 Big white Rabbit - 2 Prairie
chickens. shot the deer the first day
& seen about a dozen more the snow
thawed that day & at night froze a
crust on it so I could not get near
them the next - so I came home it
has been too cold to go for them since
I have shot several big rabbits here
close at home I will send you the
ear of one I shot a couple of days
ago it came & stopped not 10 feet
off the door. I expect it would
frighten you to see some of
the Minnesotians in their winter
clothing they nearly all dress in
furs, mostly Buffalo coats reach
nearly to their feet with fur caps

& Mittens, some Bear coats, coon. fox,
wolf, I will try & tell you what my
clothing is. I have Overcoat-caps &
Mittens all of Mink coldest weather
had on 4 woolen shirts 3 pair woolen
drawers & overalls 3 pair woolen stockings
Mittens Mink lined with Muskrat fur
next to hand, it took about 40 mink
to make my rigging I caught Tanned
& made them, there would not be
much danger of breaking thro the
Ice if you went skating out here
the Ice is about 4 ft thick. I am
glad you have the school house
so close to you & that you have
a nice teacher wish we could
make you a visit. would like
to see them big Potatoes they must
be whoppers. we raised a few sweet
Potatoes but they did not grow very
large as my paper is full I will close
for this time hoping to hear from you
soon Love to all from your affectionate
Uncle Jas Wash

Home Jan. 11th 1850.

Dear Brother & Sisters

As Jim is writing
I would like to write a few lines
in answer to your very kind letter.
I have often thought of you since
we came out and thought I would
write but kept postponing and neglect-
ing it. We are glad your little ones
have a good school so near & are making
such good use of it. They will soon be
quite a help to you both, it must
keep you quite busy to do without help.
We would like to see your place again.
I know we would see a great many
improvements. I wish you could
see the prairie here. I know Jacob would
like to farm here.

There has been a great deal more
progress here since I came out than we
expected to see in so short a time.
The government land & part of the railroad
have been taken & settled. A tract of
country lying around Campbell & near
the prairie, that we did not think would
ever be settled, is nearly all filled up.
Campbell, from being simply a railroad
station has become quite a town.
There is now a railroad running
through Adams. The coal fields of
Dakota are being opened, & we can
have coal for fuel, which will be
a great convenience.

Crops have been pretty fair since we came
out & this year wheat is a right good
price. Farmers got \$1.04 for what he took
out last week.

Amanda has visited a great deal about
her little cousins since we were out.

Winn's letter. I wish she could
see all her little cousins. She would
be delighted & I guess would not
wield it over the fruit. I trust she is
fond of being out of doors, & the winter
seems long to her. She is warming
her letters, she knows about most of
them. Our baby boy will be 1 year old
in a few days. He is a stout hearty
fellow full of life & fun. You hardly
know how much company they are
for now when we are so far from you
all.

Remember us to all our friends & send
all of you write whenever you can
We send our congratulations to John
Sammy & his wife, wish them long
life & prosperity, health, happiness
& a home above
Give our love to Papa & Mother &
the brothers & sisters
Please excuse such miserable writing

and mistakes

Remember I am in your hands
that we may be kept safe and I
led into the right way. But he
~~been~~ ~~in~~ ~~the~~ ~~way~~ ~~to~~ ~~us~~ ~~and~~ ~~the~~ ~~way~~
and I will have a more
grateful & loving relation.

Now I must close for this
present. I am to hear from you
soon. We remain your loving
brother & sister, Thomas & the
T. Good & the rest

John Maple
brother in law
who came to
ruin in 1875
note Alexandria
Fergus &
Campbell all
towns in mine
at the time they
came

BILLS PAYABLE OCTOBER

Monday May 1st 1876

Cash to John Maple
for his trip to Alexandria
\$35.00 for expenses on mine
mine \$5.00 give me back all but
\$10.00. Remained on going to Tugis
the 14 of April 1876

Tuesday May 11th Cash from John
on going to Campbell for
and things \$5.00

Cash to John on going to Tugis
May 9th 10.00

RECEIVABLE

From Bonfield 75 - Burden 125 -
May 9th 9.00 by John

Monday May 9th 1876 Received
Cash to Joseph Maple 25.00

on account with John Maple
Rings for West 5.00
Rings for drag 5.00
Saw teeth for 1.90
Lumber 3.00
Chocoy 2.75
Lumber 2.50
Lumber 2.50
Lumber 2.75
Lumber 1.35

BILLS PAYABLE NOVEMBER

8 bu lime
16 bu sand
1 bu hair

for 100 Sq Yds Plastering
Best Lumber for
for Building House

Frame stuff 40.30
first Load Boards 12.80
Second 12.80
Third & fourth 24.00
Hard ware 7.00

Paper 5.00
Breakfast 30.00
Oven 9.00
Potatoes 4.00
Chair 4.00
Rags 5.00

Burns for 04 yds 2.00
for entering Chair 1.00
Cash to John 3.00
Drift on box stool 1.00
Board at the Jamies 3.00
of for the Nolla 5.00
Rings for House 8.00
for the Shovel 5.00
Lumber for drag & cup board 3.00

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Alfred Balgaard

Name(s) to appear on certificate Alfred Balgaard

Address Ashby, Minn. 56309

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 22 & 21 Township Pelican Lake County Grant

Number of acres in the farm at present 243

Date of original purchase by member of your family June 20, 1876

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

E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 21 and Lot 1 of Section 22-130-41

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Anders Balgaard (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1876 to 1922	father
Joseph Balgaard	from 1922 to 1951	father
next owner Alfred Balgaard	from 1951 to 1976	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

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

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

L. E. Turner
(Witness sign here)

Alfred Balgaard
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 30th, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Joseph Balgaard
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 164.48
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$14.00
4. Where was the first owner born? Nor.
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Wis.
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? 1876
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Grain
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Grant County Herald, Elbow Lake, Minn. 56531

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Mrs. Thomas C. Blixrud (Carolyn)

Name(s) to appear on certificate Mrs. Thomas C. Blixrud

Address Rt. #1 Box 41, Barrett, MN 56311

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 26 Township Lien County Grant

Number of acres in the farm at present 200

Date of original purchase by member of your family Log cabin built on Homestead 1971

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

SE $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 26 - 128-42 - original Homestead acres

NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 25 - 128-42 - added later

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Jens Nielson - also known as		
Jens N. Blixrud	from 1871 to 1923	Father
(owner in 1876 or B4)		
John B. Blixrud+wife	from 1923 to 1954	Father
next owner		
Thomas C. Blixrud+ "	from 1954 to 1974	Husband
next owner		
Mrs. Carolyn Blixrud	from 1974 to	
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 (X) Proceedings ()
Original Deed (X) - Grant - General Land Office 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:

Judy M. Larson
(Witness sign here)

Mrs. Thomas C. Blixrud
(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? A Grant - U.S. General Land Office
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? Hokkedalen, Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Houston County, MN
6. Was this a homestead? Yes - Not Granted till 2-20-1877 but Moved to Grant Co. 1870 and lived on farm from 1871.
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~~ / I do not know. It was built & added on at different times
10. When was the present home built? _____
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Small grains and until Dec. 1974 it was a dairy farm.
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Grant County Herald

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

June 28, 1976

Dear Sirs:

Enclosed is my application for Century Farm.

I understand the ownership of a Century Farm must be established from 1876 or before. The original certificate, which I have, was given by the General Land Office & signed by U.S. Grant, Pres. of the U.S., dated Feb. 20, 1877. However, from a family history book and other information I find that Jens & Joren Blixrud came to Grant County in 1870 and staked their claim. Their cabin was built on this land in 1871. This history is interesting I believe, and my husband, Thomas Blixrud, was proud of the fact that the farm had been under the Blixrud name for over 100 years. He felt there weren't too many where the name had been carried on that long.

Thank you for considering this application.

Mrs. Thomas C. Blixrud
Rt 1 Box 41
Barrett, MN 56311

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

EGERTSON

Name of Centennial Farm owner Kenneth + ~~Barbara~~ Barbara EgertsonName(s) to appear on certificate SameAddress 1781 Lake st., St. Paul, MN. 55113Address of farm, if different from above Ashby, MinnesotaSection 11 Township 130 County GrantNumber of acres in the farm at present 147Date of original purchase by member of your family April 15, 1873

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

NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 And Lots 3, 4 & 5 of Section 11, township 130, Rge. 41, Grant County, Minnesota

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
ASLAK + Helge GUNDERSON	from 1873 to 1875	Brother-in-Law + Sister
(owner in 1876 or B4)		
EVEN K. TEISBERG	from 1875 to 1920	Father + Father-in-law
next owner		
MORTON + Julia Teisberg	from 1920 to 1972	(Father-in-law) + (Father-Mother To)
next owner		
Kenneth + Barbara Egertson	from 1972 to Present	(Mother-in-law to Mr. Egertson) (Mrs. Egertson)
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		

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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:

Martin K. Christiansen
(Witness sign here)

Kenneth E. + Barbara Egertson
(Signature of present owner)

Date July 1, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

most recent owners. If you are referring
to first ~~purchase~~, it would be U.S.
Government

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TEISBERG?

1. From whom was the farm purchased? Morten & Julia Teisberg
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 150 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Homsted Fee
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway (ASLAK GUNDERSON)
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? WISCONSIN
6. Was this a homestead? Yes by ASLAK GUNDERSON
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
Real Estate
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use?
Log Coranary
10. When was the present home built? 1945
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Wheat - Barley
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Fergus Falls Journal + Grand County Herald

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 Noreen Oscar Henning
Name(s) to appear on certificate O. A. Noreen
Address Herman, Minn.
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 2 Township Macsville County Grant
Number of acres in the farm at present 147 ¹⁵/₁₀₀

Date of original purchase by member of your family Homestead 1875

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

South West Quarter 7 the South West Quarter (S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$)
And the lots numbered 10, 11, and 12 of Section 2 in township 127
North of Range 43 west of the 5th principal Meridian in Minn. 147 ¹⁵/₁₀₀ acres
PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Isaac Ekberg (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1875 to 1896	
Josephine Ekberg Noreen next owner	from 1896 to 1943	Daughter
O. A. Noreen next owner	from 1943 to 1976	Son
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 (X)
Original Deed ()	Other (please explain _____)
County Land Record ()	

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

Ruelah N. Belding a/c
(Witness sign here)

O. A. Noreen
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 28, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Homesteaded 1875
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 147 ⁵/₁₀₀
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Live on it, improve it & plant trees and lots of hard labor.
4. Where was the first owner born? Smaland, Sweden
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Chicago and St. Paul
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?
Railroad Section land
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? none
New home built 1902
10. When was the present home built? 1902
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, Wheat & Soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Herman Review, Herman or Grant County Herald, Elbow Lake

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

additional enclosed.

Additional information
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Isaac Ekberg came to Chicago
in 1870. from Sweden.
Left his family, wife ^{Johanna}, daughter
Josephine, sons Frank, Victor
& Ferdinand, ^{in Sweden} for 5 years before
he had earned enough money
to pay their fare to Chicago
and shortly after to St. Paul & Herman.
He was employed as Cabinet
maker in Chicago for 3 years,
and for 2 years as Railroad
section hand on Great Northern
R. R. to Duluth & to Herman,
where the line ended and he
together with Station agent
set out ^{east of Herman} on foot looking for
a location for he & his family.
He found a spot 5 miles N East
of Herman by a 125 acre lake

and looked no² further. As soon
as his family arrived they built
a small shack by the Lake
shore and proceeded to prove
up the Homestead. Planting
trees and break a few acres
with Open & Walking plow.

They were the first ones to
Homestead N.E. of Herman in
1875. In fact we celebrated
the 100 anniversary July 5th
last year 1975. I entertained
85 guests at a noon dinner
at the Homestead site, relatives
and close friends, from mpls.
St. Paul, Alexandria, and
Herman. They were 2nd.
3rd. & 4th generation families.
My Grandfather Isaac Ebbeg
worked several years on I.R.R.

section to earn enough to
keep his family ~~with~~ food and
clothing. Walking on foot
and father Open was their
means of getting around for
some time. Their first
shack blew in the lake
during a violent thunder
storm and lost everything
they owned. Had to start
over again. Then a few
years later the Grasshopper
infestation, brought about what
have you. Lost their herd
of cattle in a howling snow
storm in the fall of 1882
cattle were driven into a
neighboring lake and all perished.
Went through the thin ice.
It was a 3 day blinding storm.
During the drought of
1900 they, Grandfather Isaac,

my father Peter Noren
farmed the lake (Burr)
that year. In 1933 and
1934 I farmed the lake
bottom during that drought.

Peter Noren born in
Sweden arrived in Elbow
Lake in 1890 and married
my mother in 1893, Josephine
Ekberg. She and her 3
brothers, in the early days
walked to school during the
summer months, which was
held in Herman. They all
walked barefooted through
grass and water to attend.
Their home became a
stopping place for all the
early settlers as they journeyed
from Evansville and

Alefordia to points West and were fed and housed gratis. In 1881 Josephine Ekberg was a member of the first class ever to be Confirmed by the Bethel Lutheran Church of Herman, and she remained a faithful member of that Church until her death in 1943. Peter Noreen died in 1942. He was a Depot agent in Sweden and at Glenwood, ^{Brooten} Minnesota before he started farming here.

Isaac Ekberg was born in 1828 and died in 1916.

Johanna Ekberg was born in 1832 and died in 1919.

all four lived out
their retirement years
here on the Homestead.
They all were very
active up to the last,
was born here in 1900 and
I started active field work
in about 1914 and still
in the harness, as a
'Farmassist' to my son
Peter, who is the 4th
Generation operator.

We are farming 640 acres
of which we own 480 . . .

Peter's step-son Tom
is the 5 generation and at
10 years of age is a bit
interested in farming.

My wife, ^{Aurora} of 36 years, born
1910 comes from a long line
of pioneer Wheaton & Klemm

residents. Her father the late F. C. Anderson born in Monson Township, Traverse County 1881 was the Herman Attorney from 1906 to 1968. He was best known as the attorneys - attorney.

His brother Victor was U. S. District atty. for Minnesota at St. Paul during the Roosevelt & Truman administrations. There were 6 other brothers, one farmer, one County Auditor, Traverse, L.T.A. Elevator ~~officer~~ Marquis, Bankers, Pharmacist and what have you, I have lost track. They had their

Own baseball team in the early days. I have forgotten how many sections of land they farmed when they were young next to the Dakota line, and Victor said one day while shocking grain he was working so fast, and forgot the boundary of their holdings that he wound up shocking in land N. D. about 5 miles.

He was a great story teller and a gift of gab out of this world.

My wife Anna is just finishing her 19th year as Librarian at Kensington & the Elbow

Lake School's. 12 years at
the last job, Elbow.

My own relations are
scattered all over the U. S.
I had one brother Ed. 4½
years older than me who
was a C. P. A. with his
own firm in mpls. until
he passed away. Older
sister Anna, ^{deceased} Legal
Sis., Various Capacities
as office ~~executive~~ executive
and one time long employee
of the Non Partisan League
and Sis. to its leader
W. C. C. Townley at the
League's inception. Three
other sisters retired.

Nephews that are top
men with Three M. as

~~Personnel~~ Personnel Manager,
one as Municipal Board Mgr.
with Merrill Lynch
Chicago office; and our
youngest son ^{Ed.} Civil Engineer
with a mfrs, Golden
Valley Concern.

I know that if
my Grandparent and my
parent were alive they
would be proud of
their offspring.

O. H. Foreen

3rd. Generation.

— Eleven — Wrap up.

Our son⁺ Peter's wife,
our daughter-in-law Judy
came from White Bear Lake
and was Personnel mgr. of
American Nat'l. Bank of St. Paul,
before she came out here.

My wife Aurora is a
graduate of Gustavus Adolphus
College. I am a graduate
of a Business College at
St. Paul in 1918. A 1st year
member of the Grant County
Selective Service Board.
Svy. of Maconville Telephone
Co. for 33 years. Fifty
three year member of
Prescott Masonic Lodge at
Herman, and life time member
of Bethel Luth. Church of
Herman.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner WILLIAM ~~DEE~~ MARTH, VERLYN MARTH
Name(s) to appear on certificate SAME
Address RR # 2 HERMAN MINN.
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 1, & 12 Township MACSVILLE⁽¹²²⁾ County GRANT
Number of acres in the farm at present (ROSEVILLE) 1040 (100 ACRES ORIGINAL HOMESTEAD)
Date of original purchase by member of your family HOMESTEAD JUNE 1876

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

NW 1/4 SECT 12, T127N R43W; SW 1/4 SECT 1 T122 R43W;
SW 1/4 SECT 12 T127N R43W; NE 1/4 SECT 2 T127N R43; S.E. 1/4 SECT 1 T127N R43
NW 1/4 SECT 6 T127N R42W; W 1/2 SW 1/4 SECT 6 T127N R42W.
PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
HOMESTEAD		
GEORGE MARTH (owner in 1876 or B4)	JUNE from 1876 to 1919	GRANDFATHER OF PRESENT OWNER.
FRANK MARTH next owner	from 1919 to 1954	DEE SON of George M
VERLYN MARTH next owner	from 1954 to PRESENT	GRAND SON OF GEORGE MARTH
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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HOMESTEAD	Proceedings
Original Deed ()	Other (please explain. <u>ORIGINAL LAND PATENT</u>)
County Land Record ()	<u>IN NATIONAL ARCHIVES, WASHINGTON D.C.</u>

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

William Martth
(Witness sign here)

Verlyn Martth
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-20-76

See reverse side for additional information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? HOMESTEAD
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 ACRES
3. What was the cost of land per acre? HOMESTEAD FEE
4. Where was the first owner born? TEXAS, U.S.A.
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? DELANO, MINNESOTA
6. Was this a homestead? YES
7. Did the first owner farm the land? YES, BROKE PRAIRIE
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
WORKED ON BUILDING GREAT NORTHERN RAILROAD THROUGH GRANT COUNTY IN 1871.
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? NO, PRESENT HOUSE 1906
10. When was the present home built? 1906
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? CORN, SOY BEANS, WHEAT, BARLEY
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
HERMAN REVIEW.

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

MARTH FAMILY (CONRAD MARTH) ORIGINALLY HOMESTEADED NEAR DELANO IN 1856 AFTER EMIGRATING FROM GERMANY TO TEXAS. ~~GEORGE MARTH~~ HOMESTEAD ~~IN~~ IN HERMAN BROKEN WITH OXEN. GEORGE MARTH MARRIED LENA WANDERSEE. CHILDREN WERE JUVIS, FRANK, IDA, & LYDIA. JUVIS MARTH & FRANK MARTH LIVED ALL THEIR LIFE ON OR NEAR ORIGINAL HOMESTEAD. GRANDSON WILLIAM MARTH FARMS ALL OF COMBINED MARTH-FEHSEFELDT LAND OF TWO FAMILIES, NOW COMBINED IN ONE CONTIGUOUS FARM OF 1040 ACRES.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Carl Peterson
Name(s) to appear on certificate Carl and Kendora Peterson
Address Box 124, Ashby, Minnesota
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 10 and 11 Township Pelican Lake County Grant
Number of acres in the farm at present 173
Date of original purchase by member of your family 1873

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
Southeast 1/4 of Southwest 1/4 and lots 6, 7, 8, and 9 all thereof in section 11 in
township 130 north, of range 41 west of the Fifth Principal Meridian

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Ole Peterson</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1873</u> to <u>1878</u>	<u>Nephew</u>
<u>Talle Peterson</u> next owner	from <u>1878</u> to <u>1884</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Christian Peterson</u> next owner	from <u>1884</u> to <u>1934</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Carl Peterson</u> next owner	from <u>1934</u> to <u>Present</u>	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	

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

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

Christian N. Peterson
(Witness sign here)

Carl Peterson
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 12, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Homesteaded
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 173
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 - for 1 year
6. Was this a homestead? Yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? No
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
Hunting and Trapping
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? original home is still standing - a log building used as a granery today. Original log granery also standing
10. When was the present home built? 1900
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? small grain + soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Grant County Herald, Elbow Lake, Minnesota

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Robert L. Shervey
Name(s) to appear on certificate Robert and Irene Shervey
Address Barrett, Minn. 56311
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section Two Township Lein County Grant

Number of acres in the farm at present 198.95

Date of original purchase by member of your family Homestead entry June 9, 1871

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

NW 1/4 & prt of NE 1/4 lying west of #55, 2-128-42

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Martin Larson Wick (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1871 to 1936	Father
Lena Andrea Shervey next owner	from 1936 to 1952	daughter mother
Selmer L. Shervey next owner	from 1952 to 1972	son
Robert L. Shervey next owner	from 1972 to present	son
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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Abstract of Title <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Court file in Registration
Land Patent <input type="checkbox"/>	Proceedings <input type="checkbox"/>
Original Deed <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please explain <u>U.S. Land Office</u>
County Land Record <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Form that states Homestead entry</u>
	<u>No. 1492, Sect. 2, T. 128, R. 42 dated June 9, 1871</u>

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

Mrs Caroline S Johnson
(Witness sign here)

Robert L. Shervey
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 29th 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? 158.95
3. What was the cost of land per acre? 27.43
4. Where was the first owner born? Sortland Vesteraalen Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Goodhue Co.
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 worked part time for the RR., lumber camp and harvesting for other farmers
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? The first home was sold.
The first frame house was built in 1878. Some of the lumber was reused
10. When was the present home built? 1902 (in the building of the present home.
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? wheat
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Grant County Herald, Elbow Lake Minn

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner

Robert E. Thiel

Name(s) to appear on certificate

Address

Wendell, Minn. 56590

Address of farm, if different from above

Same

Section

S.E. 1/4 Sec 14

Township

Lawrence 130

County

Grant

Number of acres in the farm at present

247 1/2

Date of original purchase by member of your family

about 1876 Homesteaded by Henry L. Marple
1931 inherited by Lawrence Marple
purchased by Robert E. Thiel 1975

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

South East quarter of Section fourteen in township one
hundred and thirty North of Range forty four west of the
fifth Principal Meridian in Minnesota containing one hundred
PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP and sixty Acres

NAME

DATES (YEARS) OF
OWNERSHIP

BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO
NEXT OWNER

Date of Homestead Patent

Henry L. Marple

from 1887 to 1930

(owner in 1876 or B4)

Lawrence L. Marple

from 1930 to 1975

Son of Henry L. Marple

next owner

Robert E. Thiel

from 1975 to 1976

Grand Son of Henry L. Marple

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 ()

Land Patent (X)

Original Deed ()

County Land

Record ()

Court file in Registration

Proceedings ()

Other (please explain Register of the Land
Office atergus Falls, Minn.

Homestead Patent filed 10 AM. May 24th 1887

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

Coronau Olson
(Witness sign here)

Robert E. Thiel
(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
~~Lawrence L. Marple~~
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? Honeybrook, Pennsylvania
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Philadelphia, 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?
Born & raised on farm then worked at logging before Homesteading
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? None of original buildings, but farmstead is same as homestead site
10. When was the present home built? —
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Barley, wheat, & Soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:

Fergus Falls Journal Fergus Falls, Minn. or
Grant County Herald Elbow Lake, Minn.

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

Henry L. Marple was born in 1852 in Honeybrook, Pennsylvania on a farm. As a young man he worked for a time in the logging industry before coming to Minn. to homestead. We don't know the date he filed for homestead rights but his son Lawrence thinks he was farming this farm in 1875.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner W. Paul Thronson
Name(s) to appear on certificate Paul and Judy Thronson
Address Evansville, Minnesota
Address of farm, if different from above 56326

Section 10-13-24 Township Cardahl County Grant

Number of acres in the farm at present 580 ~~4~~ A

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1869

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

Sec. 10: 60 A of $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 24: W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$
Sec. 13: SE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ (Sec. 13 original farm)

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Carl F. Thronson (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1869 to 1900	father
Otto C. Thronson next owner	from 1900 to 1935	father
Willard N. Thronson next owner	from 1935 to 1969	father
W. Paul Thronson next owner	from 1969 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 ☒ adjacent land Court file in Registration
Land Patent ☐ Proceedings ☐
Original Deed ☒ home farm Other (please explain _____)
County Land Record ☐

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

Judy Thronson
(Witness sign here)

Carl Thronson
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-30-76

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? homesteaded
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? —
4. Where was the first owner born? 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 - still in use
10. When was the present home built? prior to 1880 with addition in 1918
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? grain & livestock
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Grant County Herald

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

A book is presently being published concerning the first family and this farm.