



Century Farm Applications

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CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner

EDWIN E. BURSCH *OK*

Name(s) to appear on certificate

EDWIN AND GEORGIA BURSCH

Address

LORETTO MINN.

Address of farm, if different from above

Same

Section

13

Township

BLOCK 119

County

HENNEPIN

Number of acres in the farm at present

90

Date of original purchase by member of your family

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

W 1/2 of NE 1/4 EX ROAD

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME

DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP

BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER

CHRISTIAN BURSCH
(owner in 1876 or B4)from 1872 to 1921FATHEREMMA BURSCH
and CARRIE BURSCH
next ownerfrom 1921 to 1932HUSBANDCARRIE BURSCH
next ownerfrom 1932 to 1944MOTHEREDWIN BURSCH
next ownerfrom 1944 to 1976

next owner

from to

next owner

from to

next owner

from to

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Abstract of Title ☒Land Patent ☐Original Deed ☐

County Land

Record ☐

Court file in Registration

Proceedings ☐

Other (please explain)

Warranty Deed

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

Georgia Bursch
(Witness sign here)Edwin Bursch
(Signature of present owner)

Date

Sept 1 - 76

See reverse side for additional information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Recorded 12-20-1892 Book 34 of Deeds Page 448 and 449

1. From whom was the farm purchased? CLAUS HOEGER & HOEGNER
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 86
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$15.00
4. Where was the first owner born? Von Posen, Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Stillwater, 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? House and Barn and Shanty, shed and built
10. When was the present home built? 1890
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Dairy Farm
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Wright County Journal Press Buffalo Minn

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

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner

Luke D. Cain

Name(s) to appear on certificate

Luke D. Cain

Address

8722-Cain Road. Corcoran Minn 55340

Address of farm, if different from above

Same

Section

14

Township

Corcoran

County

Heann

Number of acres in the farm at present

180 - (80-original tract)

Date of original purchase by member of your family

March 10, 1860

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

Section 14 - Block 119 - Range 23 (N 1/2 of SW 1/4 except Rd 79 acres
Dist 52 - Plat 54014 - Parcel 2000 School Dist 877

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Thos. Cain 1860 (owner in 1876. or B4)	from 1860 to 1869	Father & Husband Purchased from Gen Land Bank
Widow Mary Cain next owner	from 1869 to 1896	widow of Thos Cain (Mary Cain)
Sons Luke Cain next owner	from 1896 to 1946	Son of Mary Cain
Johanna Cain next owner	from 1946 to 1946	widow of Luke Cain Sr
Luke Cain Jr next owner	from 1946 to -	Son of Luke Cain Sr (present owner)
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

Court file in Registration Proceedings ()
 Other (please explain _____)

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

(Witness sign here)

Luke D. Cain
 (Signature of present owner)

Date

6-30-76

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*General Land Office Wash D.C - document
signed by Pres. Buchanan March 10, 1860
to Thos. Cairn grandfather of present owner*

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? unknown
4. Where was the first owner born? Ireland
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? Home 1936 Dairy Barn Burned. Rebuilt - 1969
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn - alfalfa - Dairy
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Crow River News - Osseo Minn 55369

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

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CENTURY FARMS
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

This parcel of land was given to Sally Austin widow of Thos Austin private in War 1812 - ~~who~~ who died in that war. Thomas Cairn grandfather of present owner bought farm from Land Office and we have document signed by President Buchanan - the 10th day of March 1860. Farm has remained owned by descendants (all of the name Cairn.

REAL ESTATE TAX PAYABLE IN 1976

FINANCE DIVISION HENNEPIN COUNTY

Office Hours - 8 to 5 - Monday-Friday Phone 348-3011

Make Checks payable to:

HENNEPIN COUNTY FINANCE DIRECTOR

Government Center, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55487

OWNER OR
ADDRESSED NAME

E E BURSCH ETAL

TAXPAYER OR AGENT

EDWIN E BURSCH

LORETTO MINN 55357

DISTRICT

65

PLAT

58013

PARCEL

4000

SCHOOL
DISTRICT

877

WATER
SHED

0

NAME OF ADDITION

SECTION 013 119 24

SECTION
OR LOT

013

TOWNSHIP
OR BLOCK

119

RANGE

24

ACRES

79.17

W 1&2 OF NE 1&4 EX ROAD

IMPORTANT: MINNESOTA INCOME - ADJUSTED HOMESTEAD CREDIT AND SENIOR CITIZENS SPECIAL PROPERTY TAX (FREEZE) CREDIT.

SECTION A - A RESIDENT OF MINNESOTA IN 1975 WHO OWNED AND OCCUPIED A HOME DURING THE YEAR MAY BE ELIGIBLE TO FILE FOR THE MINNESOTA INCOME - ADJUSTED HOMESTEAD CREDIT. TO OBTAIN THE CREDIT, FILE FORM M-I HC WITH THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 31, 1976 AND ATTACH A COPY OF THIS TAX STATEMENT. SENIOR CITIZENS OR DISABLED PERSONS MAY ELECT TO FILE FORM M-I HC SEPARATELY OR CLAIM THIS CREDIT ON THEIR 1975 MINNESOTA INDIVIDUAL INCOME TAX RETURN.

SECTION B - A SENIOR CITIZEN OR A SURVIVING HUSBAND OR WIFE OF A SENIOR CITIZEN MAY BE ALSO ELIGIBLE TO CLAIM A SPECIAL PROPERTY TAX (FREEZE) CREDIT OR REFUND ON FORM M-I HC IF FILED ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 1976.

WHERE TO GET FORMS - FORM M-I HC AND INSTRUCTIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT MOST BANKS AND POST OFFICES AND AT ALL OFFICES OF THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE THROUGHOUT THE STATE. YOU MAY MAIL REQUESTS FOR THE FORM M-I HC TO MINNESOTA INCOME TAX FORMS, B-20 CENTENNIAL OFFICE BUILDING, ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA 55145.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner

Name(s) to appear on certificate

Address

Address of farm, if different from above

Section

Township

County

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

John Dehn

from 1865 to 1881

Great Grandfather

owner in 1876 or B4)

next owner

from 1881 to 1886

Grandfather (John)

next owner

from 1886 to 1919

Grandfather

next owner

from 1919 to 1963

Father

next owner

from 1963 to 1976

owner (Son)

next owner

from to

next owner

from to

next owner

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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:

Gerald J. Dehn Betty A. Dehn
(Witness sign here)

Gerald J. Dehn
(Signature of present owner)

Date

6-26-76

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Leo J Dehn
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? Germany
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?
the Barn was Built in 1872 & Still in use
10. When was the present home built? 1947
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Dairy corn Alfalfa
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Crow River News, 85880
Anoka, County Union

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

Please sign

Name of Centennial Farm owner

Richard and Margie Jacobs

Name(s) to appear on certificate

Richard and Margie Jacobs

Address

Rt. 1 Box 237 Maple Plain, Minnesota

Address of farm, if different from above

Section

Section 3
of SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of

Township

Independence

County

Winnepin

Number of acres in the farm at present

200

Date of original purchase by member of your family

Feb. 15, 1865

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

South 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southeast 1/4 of
section 3, Township 118 North, Range 24, west of the fifth principal
meridian

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME

DATES (YEARS) OF
OWNERSHIPBLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO
NEXT OWNERMathew Jacobs
(owner in 1876 or B4)from 1864 to 1875father - husbandchildren
estate of Lucius (w) Mathew, Mary, Michaelfrom 1875 to 1908mother, brother, sister

next owner

Michael Jacobsfrom 1908 to 1926father

next owner

estate (Jacobs)from 1926 to 1934brothers, sisters,

next owner

Herbert and Florence Jacobfrom 1934 to 1965father, Mother

next owner

Richard and Margie Jacobfrom 1965 to 1976present time

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:

Florence Jacobs

(Witness sign here)

Richard Jacobs

(Signature of present owner)

Date June 16, 1976Margie Jacobs

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? St. Paul and Pacific Railroad
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 120 A.
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$3 per A - Total cost (\$360)
4. Where was the first owner born? Prussia Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? farm near Hanover 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?
shoe maker
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? yes. The blacksmith shop has been moved and added on to
10. When was the present home built? 1890
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? dairy
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Crow River News - Dulano Eagle

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

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CENTURY FARMS
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

Mathias Jacobs, of Prussia Germany, came to the village of Hanover Minnesota the the middle part of the eighteen fifties. He married Luczia Weidenbach. They had four children, Mathias Jr, John, Michael, and Mary. They made their home near Hanover Minnesota.

He volunteered for service in the Civil war, enlisting Aug. 15, 1864 and was mustered out June 26, 1865. He was in the eleventh regiment, company F.

When he arrived home, he purchased the land we still live on. It was 120 acres in Section 3 of Independence township. He paid \$360 for it to the St. Paul and Pacific Railroad.

Mathias was a shoemaker and a farmer. The land was heavily wooded. He cleared some land every year. Life was hard work and difficult. He died in 1875 at the age of 50 years. John died at an early age.

Mathias Jr. died March 14, 1882. In 1882 Michael, the third son, built the home we now live in. It is still in beautiful shape. We are very proud of it.

Michael was a blacksmith and a farmer. Old neighbors say he was an excellent blacksmith.

The house was built at a cost of \$1500 completed. In 1893 he built a very nice barn at a cost of \$700. The barn was struck by lightning, and burned on July 4, 1930. It has been replaced by a large modern dairy barn.

Mary Jacobs never married, but stayed at home helping her mother keep house. She did some beautiful crochet work. It is still treasured by family members. She died on April 17, 1900.

Lucia Jacobs, wife of Mathias Sr., and mother of Mathias Jr., John, Michael, and Mary, died January 27, 1908.

Michael and Catherine -

On May 29, 1900, Michael Jacobs and Catherine Altendorf were married at Loretto Minnesota. They met by correspondence and pictures. The wedding was celebrated at the home of John Altendorf, an uncle of the bride.

Michael and Catherine Jacobs had twelve children.

Michael Jr. born May 6, 1901. He worked in Robbinids School as maintenance man until he retired. He is now 75 years old.

Lawrence, born Sept 2, 1902 worked for Continental Oil Co. until retirement.

Mathias, born Oct 21, 1903. was employed in The Grain Belt Brewery until retirement.

Elizabeth, born Aug 17, 1906 - married to Vincent Topel, employed ~~by~~ as a mechanic.

Marie born Jan 20, 1908 - married to Leonard Wagner sheet metal worker.

Lucy born Sept 15, 1909 died July 30, 1911 from complications of whooping cough.

Joseph born March 25, 1911, died Aug 8, 1911, from complications of whooping cough.

Frank, born July 8, 1913, works at engineering in California.

Alex born May 3, 1915 died same day.

Catherine born Jan 7, 1917 - died same day.

Louise born April 2, 1918 - married to John Werbauski - John died in January of 1976 - He was a veteran of World War I - was a welder and machinist.

Herbert and Florence Jacobs

Herbert stayed on the farm. He married Florence Snodgrass on June 3, 1930.

We bought the land from the heirs in 1934. The depression and draught of 1934 is a story all in itself. We cleared more land to make the farm more productive.

In 1945 we purchased 80 A. of land that joined ours, from Bernard Mcappich. The farm now contains 200 acres. In 1965 Herbert and Florence sold the land to Richard and Margie Jacobs.

Richard and Margie Jacobs -

Richard and his wife Margie have improved and expanded the dairy operation. The milk they produce is sold on the Train City Markets. The ~~herd~~ herd at present has 70 dairy cows and the young stock to replace. This year the dry weather is causing us some worry.

They are proud that Richard and Margie's two sons, James 17, and Jeffery 15 are now the fifth generation who are farming this same land.

Submitted by Florence Jacobs

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Grace M. Johnson

Name(s) to appear on certificate Mrs Russell B Johnson

Address Rt #2, Box 192 Maple Plain, Mn 55359

Address of farm, if different from above Same

Section 35 Township 118 Range 24 County Hennepin

Number of acres in the farm at present _____

Date of original purchase by member of your family March 1, 1864

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

N.W. 1/4 of Section 35 Township 118, Range 24

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Gustavus Johnson (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1864 to 1902	Father
Francis Oscar Johnson next owner	from 1902 to 1944	Father
Russell Bryan Johnson next owner	from 1944 to 1973	Husband
Grace M Melana Johnson next owner	from 1973 to present	
Gustavus Johnson next owner	from 1864 to 1902	Father
Amanda Johnson next owner	from 1902 to 1953	Aunt
Russell B Johnson next owner	from 1953 to 1969	Husband & Father
Hilltop Farm	1969 to present	

60 acres
with Bldgs

50 acres
of
original
Farm

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Abstract of Title () Court file in Registration Proceedings ()

Land Patent () Other (please explain Family History)

Original Deed ()

County Land Record (X)

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

Mawin Johnson
(Witness sign here)

Grace M. Johnson
(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? Hope Brown and Mary P his wife
Rockford, Illinois
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Traded For house + lot in Rockford, Ill
4. Where was the first owner born? Grolanda Socken, Westergotland, Sweden
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Rockford, Illinois
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?
In 1875 he worked in a sawmill in Minneapolis
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? yes Enlarged, remodeled
and presently in use
10. When was the present home built? 1868+1869
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn Oats, Alfalfa Dairy + Beef
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Minnesota Sun, Wayzata & Carver County News, Watertown

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

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CENTURY FARMS
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Anthony LaurentName(s) to appear on certificate Arthur LaurentAddress 2082 - Hamel Road Hamel Minn 55340Address of farm, if different from above SameSection 10 Township Medina County HennepinNumber of acres in the farm at present 115Date of original purchase by member of your family Nov 24, 1860

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

from abstract Certificate No 2715 - Land Office Records page 128
N 1/2 NE 1/4 Section 10 - 118-23

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>United States</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from to 1860	
<u>John Laurent</u> next owner	from 1860 to 1861	<u>Brother</u>
<u>Anthony Laurent</u> next owner	from 1861 to 1891	<u>Brother</u>
<u>Emile Laurent</u> next owner	from 1891 to 1919	<u>Son</u>
<u>Arthur Laurent</u> next owner	from 1919 to 1964	<u>Son</u>
<u>Anthony Laurent</u> next owner	from 1964 to 1976	<u>Son</u>
next owner	from to	

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

Court file in Registration Proceedings (X)
Other (please explain)

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

Mrs Stephen Galchi
(Witness sign here)

Anthony Laurent
(Signature of present owner)

Date Arthur J. Laurent

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? United States Government
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? He don't know
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Consideration of \$75.00
4. Where was the first owner born? France
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? France
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?
Saw Mill and Doctor of Medicine
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? 1888
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Dairy farm
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Crow River News

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

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CENTURY FARMS
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner

John H. Meister

OK

Name(s) to appear on certificate

Address

20220 Meister Road - Hamel, MN 55340

Address of farm, if different from above

Section

14

Township

CORCORAN

County

Hennepin

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)

Sec 14 Twp 131N Rng 23 Beg at SW COR of 1/2 of SE1/4 TH E Along S Line Thos C18 FT TH N 450 80/100 FT
TH W 20 FT TH N 100

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Patrick Burke	from 1859 to 1923	Father
Mary Burke Meister	from 1923 to 1924	Mother
George L. Meister	from 1924 to 1945	None half was sold to wife
George L. & Lola P. Meister	from 1924 to 1969	wife
John H. & Joyce Meister	from 1969 to now	Mother & Father & of John
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner		

(owner in 1876 or B4)

next owner

next owner

next owner

next owner

next owner

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:

Lola Meister

(Witness sign here)

John H. Meister

(Signature of present owner)

Date June 30 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? George L + Lola P. Meister
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 78
3. What was the cost of land per acre? 50,000 For 78 acres
4. Where was the first owner born? Ireland
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? Yes Barn + Granery
are original
10. When was the present home built? Moved on place in 1964
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn alfalfa + Milk
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Crow River News

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

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CENTURY FARMS
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

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Name of Centennial Farm owner Carol Hope Johnson Mooney

Name(s) to appear on certificate (as above)

Address Rt. 2 Box 193 Maple Plain, Mn. 55359

Address of farm, if different from above (same)

Section 35 Township 118 County Hennepin

Number of acres in the farm at present 60

Date of original purchase by member of your family March 1, 1864

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

NO. W. 1/4 of section 35 township 118 range 24

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Gustavus Johnson (owner in 1876 or B4)	1864- 1902 from to	father
Annie Johnson Moline	1902- 1905 (approx) from to	sister
next owner		
Francis Oscar Johnson	1905-1944 from to	father
next owner		
Carol H. Johnson Mooney	1944-present from 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 ()	Proceedings ()
Original Deed ()	Other (please explain
County Land Record ()	<u>family history</u>

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

Maura D. Johnson
(Witness sign here)

Carol Hope Johnson Mooney
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 29, 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Hope Brown and Mary P., his wife
Rockford, Ill.
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? He traded for house and lot in Rockford,
Illinois.
4. Where was the first owner born? Grolanda Socken, Westergotland-Sweden
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Rockford, Ill.
6. Was this a homestead? no--It was purchased.
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
In 1875 he worked in a sawmill in Mpls.
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? 1868-1869
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn, oats, alfalfa,
dairy and beef
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
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Springs, South Dakota; Nurse Mother, Farmer Housewife

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Minnesota Fabrics Store Manager Trainee

James Evan Johnson, Maple Plain.

Student at University of Minnesota in Engineering
and presently on United States Greco-Roman Wrestling Team

all great grand children of Gustavus Johnson

Original Farm of Gustavus Johnson

of 160 acres was divided three ways
into a 60 acre parcel and two 50 acre
parcels.

The 60 acre parcel is now owned by
Mrs Russell B Johnson.

One 50 acre parcel is Hilltop Farm Inc.

One 50 acre parcel is owned by
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Entire farm is farmed as one unit. by

Marvin D Johnson

MEMORIES
(By Amanda Johnson)

Gustavus Johnson was born April 16th, 1823, in Grolanda Socken (or parish), Westergotland, Sweden, the son of Johannes and Mary Scott. His father, Johannes Scott, a soldier, fought under Bernadotte who took the Swedish throne as Charles John XIV. Bernadotte had been one of Napoleon's marshalls. His Swedish contingents mainly decided the Battle of Leipsic, October 14th to 19th, 1813.

Grandfather was cited for bravery and received a gold medal for shooting a French spy when he stood watch one night. After the siege of Leipsic the Swedish King came riding on his horse eating on a cabbage head. The King spoke to Grandfather through an interpreter. Bernadotte never mastered the Swedish language.

Grandfather seldom spoke of the horrors of war. A cannon ball passed close by his right ear causing deafness; a shot passed through his cap removing hair and scalp, leaving a bald strip on top of his head; a comrad fell on each side. When they had shot down gates leading into a city and marched up the streets, blood flowed in the gutters thereof. He was present and saw when the sword was buckled from off Napoleon.

He was only eighteen years old when he entered the army. He was much stooped from carrying the heavy knapsack.

A stone mason by trade, he worked at his trade after the war and was with when the Gota Canal was constructed. A small home was provided for them by the Government which was called Scott Torp, consisting of a few acres of land and house and barn.

Grandfather was born about 1795. He died of pneumonia when fifty-five years old. He was a kind and loving father and an efficient workman. Father said of him that he never saw him angry and he only saw him weep once and that was when the famine sore oppressed and there was nothing to feed the hungry children.

Mary, father's mother, taught her children and the children of the Parish reading, spelling, and instructed them in the Catechism. She put into practice Proverbs 12:24: "He that sparoth the rod hateth his son, but he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes". She used the rod frequently on her children--believed in discipline. She was an intelligent, hard working woman.

Children of Johannes and Mary Scott were:

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| 1. Johannes | 2. Anders or Andrew | 3. Lisa or Lizzie |
| 4. Gustavus (Father) | 5. Johanna | 6. Maja Stena or Mary |
| 7. Sophy | 8. Carrie. | Christena |

There was a famine in the land when father was a little child. His father took straw from the roof that had laid there for forty years, took it to the mill to be ground into flour and grandmother cooked this, adding a little rye or oat flour, into mush. Grandfather bought a barrel of oat flour that was sent in from abroad, and it took him ten years to pay for it. When spring came they lived on greens and later in the season, berries.

The privations endured during this period were never forgotten. Father could not bear to see a piece of bread thrown carelessly on the floor, stepped on, or fall upon the floor. Attention was always called to the fact. Father would say, "I have lived through a famine once", and tears would come to his eyes, "You do not know what it is to be hungry." - The crops were abundant following the famine. When nine years old, father started to work as a shepherd boy, taking care of sheep for people in the Parish, taking them to distant pastures for the summer season. Often the wolves would come trying to catch a lamb or a sheep. One time a large

timber wolf caught a lamb. Father pursued, and as the wolf was about to jump a stone wall, he dropped the lamb, turned toward the lad, opened his big mouth, snarled, and slunk away. If a lamb or sheep was thus killed or lost, their value was deducted from his summer's wages.

Father was a fleet runner. One day he spied a rabbit. A race followed. All at once he missed the rabbit. Soon he discovered him in a juniper bush panting and all in. He took off his wooden shoe, threw it at him, and bunny fell over dead.

He was very anxious for an education. His mother taught him reading and spelling. He wanted to go to school and study for the ministry. Father's uncle (Mother's brother), a young Lutheran Minister of ability, had promised to help him through school. The Uncle's sudden death made this impossible.

Father would tell his children many interesting stories of things that happened in his childhood. I always enjoyed the one about their cat, Kjerste, who went fishing. A creek ran nearby their home. When the water was high in the Spring of the year, Pussy would go out on the poles that lay across the stream and when a fish came along, she would grab it and bring the fish to the house.

One cloudy Autumn day father was helping his mother dig and pick up potatoes. Suddenly he looked up and said, "See, mother, see that snake in the sky!" There was a large sea serpent squirming about in the cloud. They learned later the snake had fallen to the ground in the next Parish.

Christmas was looked forward to with great joy. There were no homes, be they ever so humble, that did not celebrate Yuletide and great preparations were made. One year the cat ate the only candle and they could have no candle lit on Christmas eve, but grandfather found a way. He whittled a fir stick a couple inches long, put some tallow in a saucer, and placed the fir stick in the center thereof. He lit it from the fireplace with a fat pine stick. There were no matches at that time.

On Christmas eve the floor was covered with straw several inches thick. After the evening meal they always had "vota-grot"--rice boiled in milk. Each member of the family would give a toast to this special rice dish. Games were played and they had a general good time until midnight. They slept in the straw, that is, the children did, for they must get up long before the break of day and go to early morning services in the church. Some had many miles to go to "Yule Ottd" as it was called. Christmas day was quiet. Mother read the Christmas story from the Gospels and the Psalm Book. No amusements were taken part in on that sacred day. Father often told of how he laid in the straw and cried. The day after Christmas the good times began and lasted until after New Year.

One day after a hard rain, Father, his brothers and sisters, were out playing in the mud. They came upon a pool of water wherein they saw two large fish that had rained down from the sky.

As a young man Father worked for the minister and was confirmed while working there. The minister also taught him writing and father wrote a fair hand. He had access to books which he made good use of. He was a splendid reader. The minister had five sons that attended school at Skara. Father took provisions to them once a week which brought him in contact with college boys and he joined in their sports and became an able athlete. When in the Government training camp not one was able to throw him down. There was a tie between him and one of the boys in training. Each got the other down on one knee.

The minister's sons were planning a trip to California, by way of the Horn, in the gold rush days. They offered to take father with them as their

servant, but the plan fell through when the minister lost his position as pastor and did not get another good Church charge.

When a lad father got a clarinet and learned to play by ear. As a young man he played at the dances in the neighborhood. He told of walking three Swedish miles (nearly twenty miles) to a dance.

He was employed as forman on a Lieutenant's estate for some time. He served there also as coachman, as they went in society a great deal. The Lieutenant's wife said no one could handle the horses as well as Gust could or wait on her as well. His sister Johanna was cook there which made it pleasant for him in many ways.

Father also worked for a sheriff.

In the early forties he was employed for nine years by a merchant Anders Gunnardson. His little red headed nine year old daughter, Clara, took a great fancy to father. Together they would skip along, hand in hand, after the cattle in the distant pastures. They became sweethearts and later engaged to be married as soon as they had sufficient means. The merchant went on long trips to buy goods. He owned a splendid mouse-colored race horse named "Musa".

One winter morning father drove across Lake Vetter to cut and bring back a load of wood. During the day it had thawed on the lake. In the late afternoon he started home with a large load of wood across the lake again. In the woods there had been no particular evidence of thaw, but when a little ways from shore he could feel the ice giving away. There was no way of turning back. The mare sensed the danger and on she sped. The tighter the reins were held, the faster she would go (so trained). They got to the other side of the lake safely. The mare was nearly exhausted and white with foam. She went so fast the sled did not sink through the ice. Father often said, "This was my fastest ride." A ride for life or death.

After the death of Gunnardson he went to Gotenburg to work for a Baker. At the wharf one day he met a man who was going to California to the gold fields. This man took kindly to father and asked him to go with them. He said he would pay father's ticket to New York and he could work for him. He accepted the offer. After a brief visit to his sweetheart to tell her of his plan and bid her a fond farewell he set out promising her "As sure as you see the sun rising there in the East I will return for you."

He embarked on a sailing vessel Selma from Gotenburg on May 18th, 1852. After a stormy voyage he arrived in New York on July 1, 1852. Cholera broke out on board ship. Many died. Among the dead were the family that paid for his ticket. He worked in New York for awhile. Later he went by canal to Buffalo, New York, and by stage and boat to Chicago. He worked on railroads a short time and in the grain fields near Chicago. He often related his first experience the first day he worked on a farm. He had difficulty with the English language. They were going to haul hay and the farmer asked him to get the fork. He saw a pole nearby and brought it to the wagon. The farmer laughed, jumped from the hay rack, got the pitch fork standing against the barn and said, "This is a pitch fork."

The farmer's wife taught him to read English. Every evening after work she would say, "Come, Gust, lets have our lesson." A poem by Wm Wordsworth, "We Are Seven", he committed to memory and would often repeat it even after he was seventy. She also taught him the song "In the Christian's Home in Glory". This was his favorite song and it was sung at his funeral.

Grain was cut by cradle and bound by hand. Hay was cut with the scythe. Thus many hands were employed during the haying and harvest.

Cholera was raging in Chicago and Rockford. The newly arrived immigrants died like flies. Father always liked the American people. He often spoke of their kindness, patience and the care they gave those suffering with Cholera.

In the autumn of 1852 father went with a party of men up the Mississippi by Flat-boat to the Falls of St. Anthony. He and a Frenchman walked across the country to Eau Claire, Wisconsin, a distance of ninety miles, in one day and a half through the wilderness. It took some of the men two and three days to make the trip. At Eau Claire, Wisconsin, in the winter of 1853 and 1854, Father was employed as head sawer in the Saw Mill there. In the spring they took the lumber in cribs to the Mississippi at Reed's landing where they made lumber rafts and floated the lumber rafts down the river to St. Louis, Missouri. The whole crew had nick-names. Father's nick-name was Nicodemus. In the winter of 1852 and 1853 he worked in the lumber camp and part of the winter as cook. He also worked on log rafts from Taylors Falls, Minnesota and St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin, down the St. Croix River to the Mississippi.

The Indians were numerous and friendly. They would often come into the camp for food and to get warm by the stoves that were kept red hot. He told of an Indian and his two daughters coming to camp, one extremely cold morning, almost frozen. He gave them hot coffee, food and some cast away clothes. With many thanks they were on their way warm and happy. In a couple of days the Indian returned. This time with the hind quarter of venison in appreciation of the kindness rendered him in time of need.

Here is an incident that made a lasting impression on Father. One evening during a card game a quarrel arose between an Irishman and a Frenchman. The Frenchman shot the Irishman in cold blood. After this Father could not bear the sight of a deck of cards and would not allow cards in his home.

While in Eau Claire he had the Ague. He was always grateful to a French man who cured him of the illness. He had a special dislike for the "Irish Wash Woman". When he was sick abed the boys danced to the tune named on the floor below and shook the poorly constructed house. Whenever he heard the "Irish Wash Woman" played he said it reminded him of Ague. During the time he spent in Wisconsin and Minnesota he did not see a white woman. Some of the men had married Indian Squaws.

After two years in the United States, he again started for his native land for his sweetheart, Clara.

In New York while waiting for the ships to sail he met a young Swedish man who proved to be a rascal. There was no Castle Garden for the immigrants to stay in in those days. This man told father that his father was well to do and had a splendid position with the Sail Ship Company in Gotenburg. He gave father letters to deliver to his father. He gained father's confidence and invited him to his apartment. Finally the day before the ship sailed he said he had something he wanted father to take to his father, so he persuaded him to go with him to his abode. They came to a large building and went up several flights of stairs to the attic. Father saw the situation at once. He was trapped in a rober's den. Fortunately, the several men there were asleep in the rear end of the room. The man shut the door, stood against it, and demanded father's wallet. He had several hundred dollars on his person. Father kept cool headed, pretended to take the wallet from his hip pocket and said, "Yes, I'll give it to you." So saying, he gave one jump, hit him under the chin with his clenched fist and kicked him in the pit of the stomach so hard that the door broke and the man tumbled backward down the stairs. Father escaped before those asleep awoke. He often wondered if the

man was badly hurt or died in the fall. He did not stop to find out. He hurried down the stairs and to the ship as fast as he could. When Father came to Gotenburg he found the man's father, delivered the letters and told him of his experience with his son. The father wept bitterly when told of his son's act. The father held a good position with the Sail Ship Co. as the son had said, and was a fine gentleman.

Father sailed from New York on the ship Horrison, July 10, 1854. He arrived at Gotenburg August 26th, 1854. His stay in Sweden was of short duration owing to the fact that the last ship to sail for America that fall would leave the last week in September. Clara's and father's intention was to be married in Sweden but as three announcements had to be made of marriage at the church, a week apart, time would not permit. They decided to be married when they got to Boston. They sailed the last days of September, 1854; with them was Clara's sister. He used to say there were not many days he would like to live over again, but the day when I came back and met Clara again. Her joy was so great when she saw him that she fainted.

Some immigrants came on board ship at an Irish port that were ill with disentary. Many on board became ill and several died, among whom was Clara who passed away October 3rd, 1854. Father would often tell how it stormed when his Clara died. She was buried at sea wrapped in a sheet with a stone coal fastened to her feet. She was placed on a plank and after a few fitting words by the Captain of the ship, she was slid from off the plank into the ocean. The Captain stepped the ship during the burial ceremony. As I remember father telling the words were "From the earth thou art, to the ocean I give thee". Clara was born in Wing, Sweden, January 9th, 1831. ^{After} During a fearful storm at sea, heart broken, hopes shattered, money spent, he landed in Boston.

In Chicago that winter friends invited him to attend Gospel meetings held at the home of one of these friends. That evening he met a young, talented, Christian woman, Margaret, daughter of Magnus Hokanson of Kalmar, Smoland, Sweden, born March 13th, 1830. She was a sweet singer. One of the songs she sang that evening was "Hemmet Jag Soker, Hem Ot Men Kosa Dat Stor". The singer won his heart on January 7th, 1855. They were united in marriage in Chicago, Illinois. Father was employed in the New York Central Depot for some months. Late in the fall of 1855 they moved to Rockford, Illinois. When working on lumber rafts father contracted a cold which settled in his eyes causing granulated eye lids. He suffered from this ailment for ever two years. He was nearly blind for fourteen months. He went to a dispensary on Ward's Island, New York, for treatment. A French eye specialist, Doctor Du Bois, cured him. The Doctor told him when you come across some one with sore eyes, do not be afraid to help them. He was at the dispensary for nine months. Young, and apt to learn, he heard this Doctor explain to the young Doctors the treatment of the eyes for this ailment. Thereafter, father cured hundreds of persons afflicted with granulated sore eyes.

A man led by his wife and followed by several small children were seen passing by father's home in Rockford, Ill., most every day. Margaret call his attention to this pitiful sight, saying, "Gust, don't you think you can help this poor man? See, he is blind." They called to him to come into the house. He told father that he had been going to an eye doctor for some time without any result. He was no better. Examining the man's eyes, Father said, "I think I can cure you." After the third visit to my father's home for treatment the man looked up and said, "O, thank God! I can see a little. He was completely cured. This man worked on a farm near the city, and whenever he came into town with a load of produce and saw father, he would take off his hat and say, "See the man that gave me my sight."

Three children were born to Gustavus and Margaret: Clara Mathilda--Nov. 7, 1855; Alfred August--Oct. 10, 1858; Emma--March 7th, 1860.

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Margaret was a kind and loving wife, a very fine seamstress, did fancy work, embroidery, and crocheting. She was good looking, of medium build, with auburn hair. When braids were combed out the hair reached to her ankles. She caught a severe cold which later developed into quick consumption. After several weeks of suffering she died on April 2nd, 1861. She was a devoted Christian and died happy in the Lord. Her last words were, "The Heavens are opening. I see my Saviour." Again death robbed father of a loved one. The grief was more than he could bear. He moved about in a daze and could not weep. After the funeral he went back to his home, taking Clara on one knee and Alfred on the other. The flood gates opened (his expression) and tears came in torrents.

The funeral services were held in the M. E. Church. Rev. V. Willing officiated, also a Lutheran minister. She was laid to rest in the Cedar Bluff Cemetery at Rockford.

After Margaret's death he kept up the home, employing housekeepers. Clara and Alfred were with him. Erna, the youngest, was cared for by the minister's wife. To her he was always grateful for her kindness.

The fate of Margaret Hokanson Johnson's grandfather as told by Margaret herself: "I saw grandfather coming walking up the path from the lake near by where he had been fishing. It was his custom to go fishing every day. Suddenly he disappeared. They looked for him everywhere, summoned the neighbors to assist in their efforts to find him, called, rang bells, searched all night, but no grandpa could be found. At sunrise or in early morning, he appeared as suddenly as he had disappeared. He came walking up the path from the lake. When asked where he had been, he shook his head, 'I can't tell you. I promised not to say anything. Yes, I heard you call and ring bells', was his reply to their questions

"One day he said to his daughter (Margaret's mother) 'I was taken into the mountain to a room beautifully furnished. I was offered food but would not eat any. I was told that if I revealed what I had seen and heard that I would be stricken with some malady and would die. If you will ask me when I am about to die, I will tell you all'.

"A short time afterward he was taken ill and died after much suffering. He was dying for three days, struggling for breath. He was asked no questions about his capture that night, but often wished they had done so as they thought then his death would have been easier."

This narrative is as father told it and was told to him by Margaret. She was a truthful woman and would not tell a falsehood.

People were superstitious and did not investigate who were in the mountain. This has always been a mystery to me. I do not doubt Margaret's word. Father said, "If I asked her when she was dying, she would have said the same thing."

In 1862 he met Johanna Catherina, Daughter of Anders and Ingrid Pearson, born February 2, 1834 in Tronsjo Tora Gord, Vaxsjo, Sweden, of sturdy, pious stock.

Johanna immigrated to America on the Sail Ship Minomonie, June 1, 1857. She landed in New York after a long and stormy voyage of sixteen or seventeen weeks. She was the only one of her family to come to the U. S. save a nephew, John Swenson.

She was employed as a maid in Geneva, St. Charles and Rockford. A splendid cook, excellent bread baker, untiring in the care for the sick, a true Christian. She was confirmed in the Lutheran Faith. In Rockford she united with the Swedish Methodist Church and in 1878 with the Independence Advent Christian Church near Lake Sara, Minnesota.

Jahanna and father were married in Rockford, Illinois, November 1, 1862, by Rev. Dahlstrom. To this union were born Theodore, Nov. 8, 1863; Mary, July 3, 1868; Francis Oscar, August 28, 1869; Annie, February 11, 1871; David, August 1, 1874; Amanda, July 1, 1876. Father bought a home from Lewis B. Gregory who owned a farm in the outskirts of Rockford, paying in part with labor to Gregory.

Wood sawing and splitting was one of the various employments one could get, as wood stoves were used all together. The Iron Foundries gave the best pay. This work my father did not like and soon quit it. To work in the Iron Foundries was the reason of moving to Rockford from Chicago.

Father was employed as janitor in two of the churches in Rockford. At the Girls' Seminary, father and Isaac Peterson, father of Rev. C. J. Petri, for many years Pastor of the Augustana Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, were both employed. They sawed and split wood for one hundred and twenty stoves in use at the Seminary. One of the overseers at the school, Hope Brown, owned 160 acres of land near Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota. He had not seen the land and did not care to go there. He wanted to sell or trade. Father became interested and after some deliberation a trade was agreed upon. He traded his house and lot for the one-fourth section, Town 118, Range 24, farm in Hennepin County, Minn. The deed reads March 1, 1864, between Hope Brown and Mary P., his wife, and Gustavus Johnson - N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 35, Township 118, Range 24. They came up the Mississippi by boat to St. Anthony Falls.

Leaving the family at St. Anthony, father started out on foot to find his land in the big woods, following the trail through the dense forest. At Minnetonka Mills he stopped for the night. Day break found him on his way. He met a Union Soldier who had been home on a short furlough. Giving him a description of his land he was informed that his one-fourth section of land was only one-half mile from his own home and gave him encouraging reports of the land, its heavy maple timber, good soil and directed him to the place. The man was William Batdorf, father of W. C. Batdorf of Minneapolis. This was William Batdorf's last visit home. He died in the war.

Father arrived at Irwin Shrewsbury's, May 1, 1864. Mr. Shrewsbury kept a store, post office, called "Shrewsbury" on the land just north of Father's. It also was the crossing of the Shakopee and Greenwood trails.

The next morning found him on the way, walking all the way back to St. Anthony for his family. He came across Carl Swanson of Swede Lake who happened to be in town. He consented to take the family and their earthly goods by ox team to their new home in the Big Woods, as that stretch of heavy timber was called. Father walked and carried the one kerosene lamp in his hand. This was a luxury at this time as candles were mostly used.

A specified sum was agreed upon for taking them and their belongings to their destination. When they had travelled some distance, Mr. Swanson demanded more money or he would unload and leave them on the trail. After giving the extra amount, as demanded, Father had three dollars left, a family of six in a strange place with just a little plot cleared.

Mr. Irwin Shrewsbury let them in the shed or lean-to to their log house until a one room log cabin could be erected. Neighbors came and helped roll up logs and soon the cabin was ready. It had a punching floor, roof covered with bark, sawed off chunks of wood for chairs. The little money left was used to buy a window.

The first Sunday here he walked to Swede Lake, south of Watertown, and carried with him back two pails of milk for the children.

Trees were felled, logs rolled, brush piled and burned. Soon a little patch of land was ready for planting. No plowing was needed. The virgin soil, thick with leaf mold, had no weeds. Together they all worked, hacked in the potatoes, planted corn and garden stuff, that first spring.

The ginseng grew in the woods in abundance and was a God send to the early pioneers and there was a ready market for the root which was a source of income for the early settlers. The whole family would go out digging ginseng.

He bought a cow and calf from a Mr. Brown that lived on the John Rader farm three miles west of his home. From Clasen near Long Lake he bought a pig and another calf from a neighbor. These calves became father's first ox team. Father and Alfred broke them to a hand sled the first winter.

Most of the men were off to the Civil War and father helped the neighbors with their farm work.

The first summer he cut between fifty and sixty tons of marsh hay. He went on foot to Minneapolis to purchase sythe, snath and rake. Mother and the children helped to pole hay together and stack it. Two poles were run under hay cock and two persons, one at each end, would take hold of poles and carry the hay cock to where it was stacked.

Deer were plentiful. They came to the log cabin, ate from the corn shocks, and nibbled at the hay in the stacks. Father never killed one of these beautiful animals.

The first winter was a severe test. He had very little money. He cut a grain sack in two, filled them with hay, and wore on his feet for shoes in the woods. Two pound of coffee and three pounds of sugar had to do for the first year. Parched corn was used. He worked bare handed all winter felling trees, and by spring he had cut down the trees on the hill side from the marsh to the log cabin which amounted to about six acres. In the spring neighbors came together to roll the logs together in great heaps to be burned to get rid of them so the fields could be used for planting food stuff. They were called logging bees. These early settlers helped one another. Jacob Batdorf was an outstanding friend of Father's. He could always go to him for help and counsel. Jacob Batdorf was the grandfather of Rev. Norman Batdorf.

Sugar making in the Spring gave them sugar for the year. The hard maples were tapped for their sap, boiled down to syrup and sugar. It was mostly made into sugar as containers for syrup were high priced and scarce. Sometimes they would boil all night. These were happy days with taffy pulling in the evening. Father told of one Maple tree that towered high above the others. At one time fourteen spiles had been used to secure the sap from this tree.

These were Civil War Days and prices were high. Salt was \$5.00 per barrel, nails \$10.00 per keg, muslin 75¢ per yard.

The virgin soil brought forth in abundance. They prospered and soon had a large herd of cattle and several yoke of oxen. All of the farm work and hauling were done by oxen. It took three days to go to and from Minneapolis: one day each way and one day in the city.

The little log house became a stopping place for travellers and farmers coming from a distance. People coming from Swede Lake, Lake Mary and other places beyond Watertown, going to the city with produce would put up their yoke of oxen in the cattle shed and take their blankets and lie down on the floor for the night.

Schools: The children first went to school at Jackson's School House, a log cabin, on William Jackson's farm; and then at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Ingerson, Mrs. Emily Ingerson teaching; and then to Armstrong, District 81.

Records show in April 1865, a meeting was held to build a new school house on the Jackson farm. Those present were William Jackson, Henry Jackson, E. Sutherland, F. Pape, two Brownells, and Gustavus Johnson. The record book containing those minutes is at the State Historical Building.

Church: Father and Mother and children attend M. E. services held in a log school house near Lake Independence until the Armstrong school house was built. The place at Lake Independence was called Perkinsville.

Religion: Both father and Mother were confirmed and united with the Lutheran Church in Sweden. In Rockford, Illinois, they united with the First Lutheran Church. In about 1863 they joined the Bethany M. E. church of Rockford under the ministry of V. Witting.

Through the preaching of Dr. and Mrs. O. R. Fascett, pioneer ministers in the Advent Christian faith, they were converted and baptized in Lake Sara: Father April 29, 1877, and mother July 8, 1878. They united with the Independence Advent Christian Church near Lake Sara. This church was torn down some years ago. Mother was a true christian with child-like faith.

When the grasshoppers came in 1877 from the human standpoint crops were sure to be destroyed by the pests. Mother went out into the wheat field and kneeling down she prayed that God would spare the growing crop. Governor John S. Pillsbury issued a proclamation setting aside a day of prayer and fasting. Thursday, the 26th of April, 1877, Brother Oscar as a little child, went with father to that prayer meeting.

God heard and answered their prayers. The crops were spared. The grasshoppers took flight and arose like a thick cloud that darkened the sun. I have read that a glacier in Montana is covered with frozen grasshoppers in Still Water Valley--called the Grasshopper Glacier. Oscar remembers seeing the hoppers taking their flight to the southeast.

Recreation: Singing schools conducted by Earl and Geo. Hoisington were very fine. They were good singers and well educated. Spelling schools and debates played an important part. Young people walked for miles to attend. Parties and dances were held in the homes for young and old.

Many of the early settlers were well educated. Fletcher Ingerson, a Yale graduate, Valedictorian of his class of 1849, surveyed the land around Maple Plain. Two brothers: Ashabel and Charley were also well learned.

William and Robert Mills came later and took an active part in the community.

In 1868 and 1869 my parents built a frame house of five rooms. This was the third frame house to be erected between Watertown and Minneapolis. This house now stands and is occupied by his grandson, R. B. Johnson, and family. An ell was added in 1887. John Noreen was the carpenter. The house was built by John Carlson of Watertown of all native lumber. Logs were hauled by oxen to Wayzata and sawed into lumber.

As the land was cleared more cattle, sheep and hogs were raised. They roamed at large in the woods. Fields were fenced in by rail fence or worm fence.

Horses: Morgan, his first horse, a bay with four white feet, white stripes down the face, roman nose, had walked unshod all the way from Terre Haute, Indiana, when a young horse. Ill kept and run down when father bought him, he fell into good hands and soon was a beauty to behold. As I remember him there was never a horse like Morgan. Frank, a bay-black, formed the span. One day while plowing in the field, Morgan suddenly stopped. When urged to go on, he refused. Father looked to see what was the matter. He heard a child's voice say, "Hello, Morge". It was Annie sitting in the furrow. Morgan lived to be 28 years old.

Dog: Ring, a shephard cattle dog, was black with a white ring around his neck. Mr. and Mrs. Hartman gave the dog to father. Hartman's were peddlers. Mr. Hartman had kicked the dog so he was lame and they could not keep him. He was a splendid cattle dog. He would go after the cattle in the evening. Father was offered \$25.00 for him but refused. One day I had wandered off to find Father in the field. Ring was with me. When they found me I was lying on the dog fast asleep. Another time I recall I was on the road near the Armstrong corner. Ring was pushing me toward home. It was a fair day at Watertown and the cattle buyers drove the cattle in herds to the city. There were cattle all around me, but I was safe. Ring was pushing me toward the house. As I recall the event my arms were around the dog's neck. I could not have been more than two or three years old. Mr. George Bradford shot him by mistake. The first dog father had was Prince, a large watch dog. He was Alfred's pal. They would tell how he came to the bed room door and looked in when Alfred was ill. When Alfred died, Prince lay under the casket until the corpse was taken to the cemetery. He followed to the gate. - Wheat thieves prowled around one night and the dog drove them away.

Father went to Rockford, Illinois, in 1871 for a short visit. He always called that place home. He had a very dear spot in his heart for the friends in and around Rockford.

Typhoid fever raged in 1872 and 1873. One family living on the Turner farm living near where the William's house now stands contracted the disease and all but two died. Mr. Cragler and one son, a twin, were left. Mrs. Williams, an early settler, nursed the sick until she, too, succumbed to the disease. My brother, Theodore, was taken ill in July. He died Aug. 11, 1873. He was a bright, promising child of ten. Neighbors predicted a brilliant future for him. He was of an invention mind and a splendid scholar. He would be so happy when he came home from school. He would say, "Papa, I got head mark today." He was his mother's first-born. Alfred died on September 10, 1873. He was a red-headed lad of fifteen, very athletic. He could climb a tree like a squirrel. He was his father's pal. Oscar had the fever in October. Emma nursed him through the illness and was taken ill. Clara did not get the fever. Emma died on Thanksgiving day, Nov. 27, 1873. She had auburn hair like her mother. She was an attractive girl of thirteen. She had many friends and was much loved. George Hoisington said of her: "She was one of the sweetest singers I have ever heard."

Father and Mother never fully recovered from this deep-seated grief. Mother gradually failed. She blamed herself for Theodore's death. She gave him some solid food which caused his death when he had nearly recovered from the fever.

Cutting cord wood was the leading industry of the seventies. It brought out scores of young men from all walks of life to Maple Plain to cut cord wood. Among them was John Hillstrom, born Feb. 28, 1849, in Sweden. He played the accordin and violin well. Clara met him at a party. Clara had many admirers, but John wooed and won the fair, happy, talented girl. She had just passed eighteen. She had a strong soprano voice and was a good singer. She was a great lover of flowers. They were married at father's home, March 8, 1874. A blizzard blocked roads and railroad. The Lutheran minister from Minneapolis was unable to get there. Justice of Peace, Chas. Ingerson, a neighbor, performed the ceremony. A reception

followed with American friends in the early candle light and the Swedish later in the evening. After a short time they went to house keeping in Minneapolis.

Father gave them eighty acres of land, now the Miller and Hokanson farms. He also gave them a cow and built them a small house.

To Clara and John were born eleven children. The first, a pre-mature child, died at birth. Jennie, Jan. 28, 1876; Hannah, Feb. 28, 1877; Tillie, Dec. 8, 1880; Viola, March 14, 1883; John, Dec. 24, 1885; Boda, May 27, 1888; Clara, Oct. 1, 1890; Emma, Feb. 27, 1895; Victor, May 25, 1898, Irwin, March 13, 1901. The son, John, died Jan. 24, 1896. The funeral was at the farm home. Rev. Johnson of the Tabernacle officiated. Burial was at Armstrong Lewis Cemetery. Death was due to pneumonia. - Jennie died July 25, 1937, of cancer. The funeral was at the Lyndale Lutheran Church. Rev. Hillstrom and Rev. Norman Batdorf spoke words of comfort. - Clara (mother) died Aug. 14, 1919, in Minneapolis. The funeral was at the Presbyterian Church at Maple Plain. Rev. Fox Davis officiated. - John (father) died in the winter of 1930 in Minneapolis. Services were held at Christ Lutheran Church in Maple Plain.

Mother's health, physical and mental, grew gradually worse and she was taken to the State Hospital at St. Peter on August 10, 1891. She died there on October 10, 1891. She was buried beside her children at Lewis cemetery in Armstrong. Elder J. N. Potter spoke words of comfort from Rev. 14:13: "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord". She sleeps awaiting the resurrection of the just. Father visited her at the hospital many times. The last time she did ^{not} seem to know him. She could still think of the Heavenly things and sang a little of "I Hear the Saviour Say".

After mother was taken to the hospital it was again necessary to have a house keeper. The children were young: Oscar 12, Annie 10, and Amanda 5. The most outstanding house keeper was Mary Hillstrom Peterson, sister of John Hillstrom, whose kindness, love, and long suffering with us children will never be forgotten. How we loved her! She took care of us for two years until she married a neighbor, Swan Peterson.

Lottie Nelson, a faithful, kind hearted lady, did much for our comfort and happiness.

On account of mother's illness the children's education was neglected.

Annie, a little mother, hived a swarm of bees when only eight years old. She baked her first batch of bread when nine years old.

Oscar, three years old, saved Annie, two years old, from drowning in a tub of water. He said to mother, "Annie fell in the tub of water. I pulled her out and threw her on the ground". Another time Oscar saved Annie from being hooked by a cow. He pulled her out from between the horns of the animal.

Chinch bugs destroyed most of the crops of wheat, corn and oats in 1887 and 1888. Very little wheat was harvested and that only screenings.

The depression of 1893 and 1894 caused men to roam the country over seeking employment and begging for food. I remember we fed nine men in one day.

N. J. Moline did chores for father the winter of 1875. He had met with an accident while at work in a saw mill in Minneapolis cutting severely his wrist. He and his father had bought some land on the school section nearby. Annie was a little girl of four. Nineteen years later, Annie and John were married at her father's home by Elder J. N. Potter on May 16, 1894. John (N. J. Moline) was born Nov. 10, 1855 at Taylors Falls, Minn. He died February 26, 1927.

To this union were born five children: Andrew Leroy, Nov. 18, 1894; John William, Oct. 26, 1896; Grace Myrtle, Sept. 24, 1898; Nannie May, April 25, 1904; and Florence Luella, July 28, 1908. - John William died Nov. 28, 1896.

Father suffered a great deal from rheumatism and heart trouble for several years before his death and he was very feeble.

I can remember the last winter he lived, how he quoted one scripture verse after another. He surely fed on the Word of God. He had a wonderful memory and had memorized much of the Bible. He could meet anyone in a discussion. I have never met anyone who knew the Bible better. He was witty and had an answer ready on the tip of his tongue.

One time a man asked for accommodations for the night. Father hesitated and said his wife was sick. The man quoted Hebrews 13:2 - "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unaware." Quick as a flash of lightening, father answered, "Never heard of an angel with a tobacco cud in his mouth." "Yes," he said, "I have the awful habit of chewing tobacco." He stayed all night. A discussion ensued that lasted almost until day break. He was a colporter, selling religious books.

Father was a man of small stature. One hundred and forty-five pounds was the most he ever weighed and that was when he was young.

He was a firm believer in the soon coming of our Lord Jesus Christ from Heaven, the sleep of the dead, annihilation of the wicked, the saints to inherit the earth.

On March 12, 1902, at the Township election, the question of a saloon was the issue. That morning father went and cast his ballot against the saloon in said township. The drys won by three votes. Father retired that evening as usual and fell asleep in death that night, March 13, 1902. Elder George Wright of Rockford, Minnesota, spoke words of comfort from Rev. 14:13 (same text as mothers) chosen by him. "Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord." The funeral was held in the Advent Christian Church of Armstrong, March 16, 1902. Father was a charter member of this church which was organized by Elder J. N. Potter and built in 1892.

Father was an honest, hard working, peaceful citizen. He was the first Swede to settle in the Town of Independence. He rests beside his loved ones in Lewis Cemetery awaiting the resurrection: I Thess. 4:16 - "The Lord himself shall descent from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and the trump of God and the dead in Christ shall rise first."

Amanda Johnson - May 10th, 1940

CHRONOLOGY

CHILDREN OF JOHANNES OR JOHN AND MAREA OR MARY SCOTT born in Grolunda Socken, Westergotland, Sweden:

I. ANDERS: The first born. A wagon maker by trade. A splendid mechanic and jack of all trades. Married. Two daughters. Drink was his downfall. Died at early age of 30 or perhaps 35.

II. JOHANNES: A farmer born 1818 or 1819. Twice married. The second time to a woman much younger than he. Six children. Three boys and three girls. In 1898 the sons lived in Norland, Sweden. Daughter married living in Vartofta, daughter in Borsteg. Married daughter in Floby. - It is believed Johannes was poisoned by his wife as the Doctor found poison in his stomach. The wife denied this and finally the case was dropped. Johannes was about 77 years at the time of his death. These facts are gathered from a letter to father from his sister Johanna in Sweden, dated June 2, 1898.

III. LISA OR LIZZIE: Born in 1821. Married John Oker. Name from Okerslet, their home in Sweden. Emigrated to America in late sixties. Two children: Annie & Augusta. John Oker died Feb. 19, 1892. Age 69 years. Lisa or Lizzie died May 30, 1897.

1. ANNIE married Hamblom. Residence in Rockford, Ill. Five children.
 1. CHARLEY: Widower. Residence Rockford. 3 children: Florence of Detroit, Mich. Lester of Chicago. Lucille of Rockford.
 2. EMMA: Married Emil Trainer of Rockford. One daughter.
 3. ANNIE: Married. Lives in Chicago. One son, Stanley.
 4. FRANK: Widower. Lives in Rockford. Three children: Clifford, Delores and Lois.
 5. ALFRED: Wife, Sylvia. Two sons: Leverne and Carlo. Alfred was 6 years old when his mother died.
2. AUGUSTA: Born Feb. 27, 1852. Died Dec. 20, 1920. Married Ostrom, born September 8, 1846 and died Oct. 28, 1933. Five Children:
 1. JOSEPHINE: Born September 22, 1873. Seamstress.
 2. SELMA: Born March 2, 1876. Clerk. Both girls live at old home, 321 So. 5th St., Rockford, Ill.
 3. FRED: Born Oct. 18, 1880. Married. 2 children: Mildred (single) and Armer (married. 1 daughter Betty Jane)
 4. ALBERT: Born Jan. 26, 1883. Died Mar. 19, 1938. Married Two daughters.
 5. RAYMOND: Born Jan. 27, 1896. Married, two children: June and Curtis. - Raymond has a fine baritone voice. Sings in Lutheran Church, Rockford.

IV. GUSTAVUS: Born April 16, 1823. Died March 13, 1902. Married two times. To Margaret Hokanson, Jan. 7, 1855 in Chicago. Margaret was born March 13, 1830 and died Apr. 2, 1861. Three children: Clara, Alfred and Emma. - Married 2nd time to Johanna Anderson, Nov. 1, 1862, in Rockford. Johanna was born Feb. 2, 1834, and died Oct. 10, 1891. 6 Children: Theodore, Mary, Oscar, Annie, David, Amanda.

MARGARET'S CHILDREN:

1. CLARA: Born Nov. 7, 1855. Died Aug. 14, 1919. Married John Hillstrom at Maple Plain March 8, 1874. Farmer, born in Sweden Feb. 28, 1849. Died in winter of 1930. Twelve children:
 1. BABY: Died at birth.
 2. JENNIE: Born Jan. 28, 1876. Died July 25, 1937. School Teacher. Married Otto Zahrendt of Lyndale, Aug. 1900. Butcher. 6 children: Della married Miller, farmer at Lyndale. Ione, teacher, married J. McDermott, Mpls. Vivian, teacher, married Harringer, Mpls. Louis, High School Supt. at Morristown, Minn. Married. One daughter. Ileen married Buck, a barber. One son.

- Geraldine married. One child.
3. **HANNAH:** Born Feb. 28, 1877. Married Anton Nordquist. No children. Lives at Kingsdale, Minn.
 4. **MATHILDA:** Born Dec. 8, 1880. Married Victor Frykholm. Farmer at Buffalo, Minn. 1 daughter Justine--single.
 5. **VIOLA:** Born March 14, 1883. Twice married. Married Henry Dickman. Had three children. Divorced. Married Brother George.--no children. Children by 1st marriage: Lehman--married, 2 children. Thelma--married. Stanley--married.
 6. **JOHN:** Born Dec. 24, 1885. Died Jan. 24, 1896. Pneumonia.
 7. **BEDA:** Born May 27, 1888. Married H. L. Bowen, Lake Sara, 1910. ~~Bowen~~ died May 1, 1935. Three children: Warren--single. Rachel married Farrel of Mpls--one child. One Son, John, died.
 8. **CLARA:** Born Oct. 1, 1890. Married. Lives in Mpls. One Son.
 9. **EMMA:** Born Feb. 27, 1895. Married LaValley. Detroit Lakes, Minn. 4 children.
 10. **VICTOR:** Born May 25, 1898. Married. 2 boys. Manager for Reinhart Auto Accessories, Dakota branch.
 11. **IRWIN:** Born March 13, 1901. Married. One son. News-Paper manager, Burlington, Iowa.
2. **ALFRED AUGUST:** Born Oct. 10, 1858. Died Sept. 10, 1873.
3. **EMMA:** Born March 7, 1860. Died Nov. 27, 1873.
- CHILDREN OF JOHANNA AND GUSTAVUS:**
1. **THEODORE:** Born Nov. 8, 1863. Died Aug. 11, 1873. 9 years old.
 2. **MARY:** Born July 3. Died Aug. 28, 1868. 6 weeks old.
 3. **FRANCIS OSCAR:** Born Aug. 28, 1869. Married Rozella Sturman, June 30, 1909. Rozella born July 29, 1874. 2 children:
 1. **RUSSELL BRYAN:** Born Dec. 20, 1911. Married Grace McCann June 6, 1934. Grace born May 22, 1916. Three children: Marvin born May 2, 1935. June born June 2, 1936. Mary born July 17, 1937. - A farmer on the old homestead at Maple Plain.
 2. **CAROL HOPE:** Born May 22, 1913. School Teacher. Married Richard Mooney Aug. 24, 1940. Minneapolis.
4. **ANNIE:** Born Feb. 11, 1871. Married N. J. Moline, farmer, May 16, 1894. N. J. Moline born Nov. 10, 1855. Died Feb. 26, 1927. Five children:
1. **ANDREW LEROY:** Born Nov. 18, 1894. Farmer. Married Anna Carlson of Minneapolis April 14, 1917. Anna born Feb. 23. Two children: John born June 20, 1919; Eugene died when a few days old.
 2. **JOHN WILLIAM:** Born Oct. 26, 1896. Died Nov. 28, 1896.
 3. **GRACE MYRTLE:** Born Sept. 24, 1898. Married John Wicks Nov. 8, 1919. John born July 9, 1891. Eight children: Baby died at birth. Priscilla--born Sept. 28, 1921. Minerva--born Oct. 25, 1922--married to Robert Dunn, 1 child. Viola--born June 8, 1926. Delorez--born Oct. 19, 1927. Quino--born Apr. 27, 1932. Dawnita--born Apr. 11, 1934. Carl--born Aug. 4, 1936.
 4. **NANNIE MAY:** Born April 25, 1904. Married Archie Johnston of Minneapolis, Sept. 8, 1920. Five children: Betty May--born Sept 27, 1921. Lyle--born April 15, 1923. Glen--born Jan. 23, 1928. Florence born June 9, 1929. Fay--born July 29, 1934--died April 1935.
 5. **FLORENCE LUELLA:** Born July 28, 1905. Secretary at Mound High School. Married Rev. Harold E. Carlson, of Kansas City, Mo., June 12, 1935. Pastor of Mound and Long Lake Lutheran Churches. (English Luth.) Harold born Nov. 1, 1905.

5. DAVID: Born Aug. 1, 1874. Died Aug. 15, 1874. - 15 days old.
 6. AMANDA: Born July 1, 1876. Single. Librarian. "Live alone and like it."

V. JOHANNA: Father's favorite sister. Two years younger than father. Born 1825. Married a man many years her senior. He died at the age of 84 in 1897. Johanna lived to be over 80. She was converted when a young girl. A Christian revival spread over Sweden, known as the "Shakers". Their message was "Repent today. Tomorrow may be too late". They would shake all over and then fall in a faint. Children that could not read would be placed on tables and chairs and would speak or preach and quote Scriptures. Even babies in their cradles would shake. Johanna received this blessing. Amusements of the world had no appeal to her. Her sister Sophie said of her, "She was different from us all." - She was a widow a number of years and lived with her daughter Selma. Was married to F. Rosen. They had nine children. Two brothers lived in Minneapolis. They changed their names to Rosell. One of Hannah's grandson's is living in Minneapolis also. Her one son Emil Breback died when a young man. This was a great sorrow for she had hoped to have lived with him. Last address: Mjelldrunga Tubbarpe Elfsborgalan. Johanna Johnsdotter, Lindosen Mjelldrunga.

VI. MAJA STENA-MARY CHRISTENA: Died in her teens when grandfather was at work on Gota Canal.

VII. SOPHY: Born March 4, 1832. Died April 21, 1920. Married Johannes Hanson in Sweden. Came to U. S. in early sixties. Settled in Rockford, Ill. Hanson was drowned in Rockford River. He and some friends were fishing at night. Had set a net and got caught in the net. In 1865 or early 1866. - Sophy married Andrew Lindberg Dec. 31, 1866 or 1867, in Rockford, Ill. He was a widower with three children: Josephine, Lottie and John. Andrew Lindberg was born Jan. 30, 1832 and died at Maple Plain, Jan. 18, 1922 at the age of 90 years. Came to Maple Plain, Minn., Nov. 27, 1873. The family arrived a few weeks later. They located at Long Lake, Minn., where Lindberg and his sons were employed in the barrell stave factory. There he worked for two and received double wages. He was one of the strongest men in the community. He cleared 80 acres of land with heavy timber after he was 70 years old. He owned farms on several places near Maple Plain. He moved to Clear Lake, Wis., in 1881, where three of the children died of diphtheria. This was a very bad move. He came back broken hearted and money spent. Took a new grip on life and went to work on their farm 6 miles west of Maple Plain. - He died in his home just outside the village of Maple Plain. Funeral at Lutheran Church. They were charter members of the Lyndale Lutheran church and helped to build that church. Aunt Sophy was of a happy disposition, a good neighbor and friend. As a midwife she gladly went to minister to those in need, sickness, death and distress. She was an angel of mercy in her day. I have heard many call her "Blessed". During an illness it was ~~my~~ ^{any} pleasure to care for her. One day twenty-three ladies called on her to whom she had nursed at the birth of their babies. It was a joy to listen to their words of appreciation and gratitude for what she had done in their time of need. She often went without any remuneration. She would leave her own work to minister to those in need, and would often receive sharp reprobate from her husband. - Rest in peace, they work well done. - Funeral was held at the home. Rev. Rudolph Peterson of Luth. Church officiating. Age 88. Mother of ten children. Lottie, by her first marriage, was the only child she had left. Uncle Lindberg's two children by his first wife, Josephine and John, were living at the time of his death.

CHILDREN OF SOPHY AND JOHANNES HANSON:

1. LOTTIE: Born Nov. 6, 1860 in Sweden. No account of death. Last letter she was in the County Hospital at Seattle, Washington. Married J. C. Tingle McCollum. Three children:
 1. ALBERTA: Born Jan. 22, 1879. Married Carlson. 2 sons. Last address: Ellensburg, Washington.
 2. ADA: Born March 26, 1881. Married Taylor, a traveling man. Divorced. Two children. Boy electrocuted while playing. Stepped on live wire in a vacant house.

at Bogan, Montana. A daughter, whereabouts not known.

3. WILLIE: Single. Died at Walsal, Montana, 1912 or 1913. A sailor. Had sailed the seven seas.
2. HERMAN: Born April 8, 1862. Died of cancer at Trout Dale, Washington, in 1919. Married Sadie Smith in Wisconsin. Sadie born Sept. 30, 1860. Herman and Sadie divorced in 1913. Married Ada Sims of Sidney, Australia.

CHILDREN OF HERMAN AND SADIE:

1. ROLAND: Born April 14, 1891. Death by drowning in Williamette River at Portland, Oregon.
2. JESSIE: Born April 13, 1893. Living in Portland, Ore.
3. EMMA: Born March 24, 1866. Died in Minneapolis Nov. 10, 1893. Married James Phillips in Wisconsin. Emma born after her father's death. Shortly after Emma's death, Phillips moved to state of Washington when the saw mills in Minneapolis shut down. He remarried. Emma and Phillips had two children:
1. GEORGE: Died June 14, 1896. Age 14 years. At Laurel, Wash.
2. SIDNEY: Also died in Washington. A few years after George.
4. WILLIE: Died in Clear Lake, Wisconsin, of Diphtheria in 1881 or 1882.

CHILDREN OF SOPHY AND ANDREW LINDBERG:

1. ALFRED: Born April 15, 1871. Died March 15, 1894. Married Agnes Smith. She died at Prairie Farm, Wisconsin, in 1938 or 1939. One child:
1. ROLAND: Married. Wife died. Three children: Helen, Alfred and Merrel.
2. ANNIE: Died of Diphtheria in 1882 at Clear Lake, Wis. Ages 9 and 7.
3. SELMA: Buried in same grave.
(Emma and Alfred were also buried in same grave in Lewis Cemetery, Armstrong. Emma in vault in Minneapolis until spring when Alfred died.)

VIII. CARRIE: The youngest. Born March 30, 1836. Died in Chicago, Sept. 22, 1920. Married John Nord of Rockford, Ill. 3 children:

1. SELMA OLIVE: Born Nov. 6, 1870. Died fall of 1906. Married William Dagwell, Sept. 23, 1895. One daughter:
1. MARGARET: Married W. P. Hilton. Living in Seattle.
2. FRED: Born June 21, 1875. Died March 28, 1938. Plumber. Wife, Melvina. No children.
3. GILBERT: Born Dec. 28, 1876. Home in Corpus Christie, Texas. Plumber. Twice married. First wife died in Chicago. Two children--sons.

MOTHER'S FOLKS

(Facts from letter to father from Cousin Hannah, dated May 27th, 1893)

GRANDFATHER ANDERS PEARSON'S CHILDREN:

I. SVEN ANDERSON AND WIFE INGRID: 3 children:

1. INGRID KAJSA: born 1861. Married Gustaf Sjoburg in 1894. They bought the old farm and cared for her parents at Tronsjo Hjortsberge, Alvesta.
2. JOHN: Born 1865. Emigrated to America May 24, 1892. Located at Denver, Colorado. Last letter from him dated March 23, 1897.
3. JOHANNA KATHRENA: Born 1870. Named for my mother. School Teacher. In 1893 taught school at the Lynqsasa School, Hjortsberge, Sweden. Married Carl Nelson, a miller and owner of the mill Hejanskvarn, in 1896. Last address: Hannah Svenson, Backaryd Blekinglan, Sweden.

II. ANDERS: Living with his brother, Sven.

III. ANNA: Death by drowning in Lake Salen in 1880.

IV. STENA: Died April 15, 1883.

V. JOHANNES: Died 1890 at Benestad.

VI. MAREA: Living with her daughter Anna at Alvesta.

VII. KARL AND KAJSA: Living in Gotaland. (Island)

VIII. JOHANNA KATHRINA (mother) Born Feb. 2, 1834. Came to U.S. June 1, 1857. Located in Rockford, Ill. Married Gustavus Johnson Nov. 1, 1862. Died Oct. 10, 1891

(Mother and cousin John were the only ones of her folks that came to America.)

THE WILLIAM STURMAN FAMILY

The William Sturman family had their roots in the British Isles. The ancestors of William settled in Ohio, while the ancestors of Sarah Montgomery Sturman (Mrs. William Sturman) settled in Marshall, Illinois. Members of the Montgomery family still reside in Marshall, Illinois.

In the mid eighteen hundreds when land west of the Mississippi was opened for settlement the William Sturmans were among the first settlers to brave the wilderness to establish a new home. The land on which they settled was about five miles south of Delano and a half mile East of the Crow River. Here they built their log cabin home, cleared the land, started raising crops, gardens and animals. William Sturman would walk to Minneapolis buy a 100 pound sack of flour and carry it home on his back. Later when they had animals to sell in South St. Paul, they would go as far as Schiebe's Corners (Now in Plymouth) stay over night, go to So. St. Paul the next day, stay at Schiebe's Corner the second night. Thus going to So. St. Paul would mean a three day trip.

All of the children attended a one room school between the farm and Delano. Here they learned the basic skills of reading, writing and arithmetic. The little school was the center of the social and cultural life of the community.

Preachers of the Advent Christian Church held services throughout the nearby communities. A church was built at Armstrong, one mile west of Maple Plain. Most of the family became affiliated with this church. Elder Potter was the first Pastor.

Children and grandchildren of William and Sarah Sturman were:

John Sturman--wife Beil

Children:

John Riley
Walter
George
Ella
Alice

Laura Sturman

Married Winfield Rader(of Delano) Winfield died and is buried in
the cemetery just west of Lyndale)

Child: Lucy

Laura married Arthur Hosmer. They lived in Seattle

Children:

Samuel
Howard
William
Ruth
Maud

William: farmed most of his life on the farm near Delano

Viola: a practical nurse, took care of many pioneer mothers and their
babies

Clara: a seamstress

Mayme

Married W. C. Batdorf (a carpenter)

Children:

Eunice
Dewey
Robert
Melba

Rozella and Rosetta(twins) Rosetta died at age 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ years.
Rosetta, two grandparents and a friend are buried on the farm.

Rozella married Francis Oscar Johnson, a farmer at Maple Plain.

Children: Russell

Carol

Amanda: married Charles Blanchette, a preacher

Children:

John and

Marie

Robert--farmer and carpenter-

Robert married LuCinda Eckelberry

Children:

Alton

twins

Alta

Vernon

farm

The Sturman family was kept in the family until in the 1960ies when it was sold to the High Oaks Corp.

Carol H. Johnson Mooney

(daughter of Rozella Sturman Johnson)

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Gilbert and Ruth PatnodeName(s) to appear on certificate Gilbert and Ruth PatnodeAddress 21405-Co Rd. 50 - Hamel

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 022-119-23 Township Corcoran County HennepinNumber of acres in the farm at present 86Date of original purchase by member of your family 1860

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

SW 1/4 OF N.W 1/4 AND NW 1/4 OF SW 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Peter Patnode (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1860 to 1904	Father
Zepheraim Patnode next owner	from 1904 to 1957	Son
Gilbert Patnode next owner	from 1957 to 1976	Son
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 (X)
 Land Patent (X)
 Original Deed (X)
 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:

[Signature]
 (Witness sign here)

Gilbert R. Patnode
 (Signature of present owner)

Date June 10 - 1976

Ruth S. Patnode

See reverse side for additional information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Information you may be able to add to this form, while not essential to Century Farm certification, will be most valuable to future historians. The questions below are offered only as a guide, so please feel free to add any other data, especially family or pioneer stories concerning the farm and the area around it.

1. From whom was the farm purchased? U.S. Government
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$ 20.00
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? no

10. When was the present home built? 1914
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn-alalfa + Dairying
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Crow River News- Osseo

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

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CENTURY FARMS
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Henry Pauly
 Name(s) to appear on certificate Henry & Mildred Pauly
 Address St. Bonifacius Minn 55335
 Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 29 Township St. Bonifacius County Hennepin
 Number of acres in the farm at present 72.93

Date of original purchase by member of your family March 18 - 1872

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

That part of N-1/2 of SW-1/4 Lying N of S-82-29-100 ft. thereof - Ex - Roads

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>John Pauli</u> ^{also known as} <u>Pauli</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1872</u> to <u>1888</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Kutz or Fred Pauli or Pauly</u> next owner	from <u>1888</u> to <u>1942</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Henry Pauly</u> next owner	from <u>1942</u> to <u>1976</u>	<u>Son of Fred Pauly</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 (X)	Other (please explain _____)
County Land Record ()	<u>all are Warranty Deeds</u>

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

Mildred M Pauly
 (Witness sign here)

Henry Pauly
 (Signature of present owner)

Date June 12 - 1976

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Robert Metzger for \$500.00
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? ~~\$4.00~~ \$6.25
4. Where was the first owner born? ?
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? ?
6. Was this a homestead? Don't know.
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Don't know
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
Don't know
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? yes - the house
10. When was the present home built? Remodeled in 1915 & 1958
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Hay & Grain
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Waconia Patriot - Waconia Minn.

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CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner

HAROLD F. SCHUTTE

Name(s) to appear on certificate

Harold F. Schutte

Address

19301 Schutte Rd. Coreoran Mn.

Address of farm, if different from above

55340

Section

13

Township

Coreoran (119)

County

Hennepin

Number of acres in the farm at present

158.56

Date of original purchase by member of your family

Sept 1, 1860

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

SE 1/4 EX Road Sec. 13, Range 23

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME

DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP

BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER

<u>Hanzel P. Robertson</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>in 1860</u> to	<u>Frederick Schutte</u>
<u>Frederick Schutte</u>	from to	<u>Christopher Schutte Son</u>
next owner <u>Christopher Schutte</u>	from to	<u>Henry Schutte - son</u>
next owner <u>Henry Schutte</u>	from <u>1920</u> to <u>1953</u>	<u>Harold Schutte - son</u>
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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 Original Deed (X)
 County Land Record ()

Court file in Registration

Proceedings ()

Other (please explain)

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

Peter L. Bauer
 (Witness sign here)

Harold F. Schutte
 (Signature of present owner)

Date

June 29, 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Hannah Robertson
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? Hanover, Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Pittsburg, Pa.
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? BORN - 1865
10. When was the present home built? 1898
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Hay, Corn, Dairy Farm
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Crow River News, Osseo Press - Osseo Mn - 55369

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CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner

Arthur & Esther Weinand *ok*

Name(s) to appear on certificate

Arthur & Esther Weinand

Address

Rogers Minn - 55374

Address of farm, if different from above

Section

17

Township

Corcoran

County

Hennepin

Number of acres in the farm at present

79

Date of original purchase by member of your family

1958

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

*That part of W 1/2 of N.W. 1/4 lying S of N 2357t Thurst
and that part of N 2357t of W 1/2 of N.W. 1/4 lying E*

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<i>Peter Weinand</i> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <i>1858</i> to <i>1902</i>	<i>Grand Father</i>
next owner	from to	
<i>Peter J. Weinand</i>	from <i>1902</i> to <i>1936</i>	<i>son</i>
next owner	from to	
<i>Arthur Weinand</i>	from <i>1936</i> to <i>1976</i>	<i>son</i>
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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Abstract of Title ()
 Land Patent ()
 Original Deed (*x*)
 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:

Agnes Weinand

(Witness sign here)

Arthur Weinand

(Signature of present owner)

Date

6-30-76

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Rogers Minn
55374

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? _____
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80
3. What was the cost of land per acre? he paid \$950 for the 80 acres
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Wisconsin
6. Was this a homestead? no - bought it - 1858
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
He was twice elected to the legislature.
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? No - none
10. When was the present home built? 1873
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn - grain - hay
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Crow River News - Osseo Minn

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