



## Century Farm Applications

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CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Mrs George Barker & John F. Barker  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Mrs George Barker & John F. Barker  
Address RRI Le Sueur, Minn.

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

Section 36 Township Ottawa County Le Sueur

Number of acres in the farm at present 230

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1865

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

NE 1/4 & SW 1/4 & W 1/2 of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 (60 ac.) John owns  
W 1/2 of SW 1/4 (80 ac.) Marie owns

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Phineas Barker	from 1865 to 1867	
(owner in 1876 or B4)		
Frank Barker	from 1887 to 1936	son of Phineas
next owner		
Charles Barker	from 1887 to 1921	✓
next owner		
George Barker	from 1936 to 1960	son of Frank
next owner		
Marie Barker	from 1960 to Now	Wife of George (New owns Homestead)
next owner		
John Barker	from 1960 to Now	son of George (Original Homestead)
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		

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

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

Maribeth Barker  
(Witness sign here)

John Barker  
(Signature of present owner)

Date May June 28th 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Federal Government
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Free if Homesteaded?
4. Where was the first owner born? Ship Island, New York?
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? First Boston then Wisconsin
6. Was this a homestead? yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
No
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? The site is still marked by the basement of the house and footings of other buildings and the grainery (1876) is located on the new homestead built in 1900 & still used.
10. When was the present home built? 1900
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn, soybeans.
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Le Sueur News Herald.

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner (p.a.) Mrs. Helen Arbuckle Boldthen  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Helen Arbuckle Boldthen  
Address R #1 Box 167 LeSueur, Mn. 56058  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 21 Township Sharon County LeSueur

Number of acres in the farm at present 190

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1874

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

NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 & W 1/2 of NW 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Samuel N. Arbuckle</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1874</u> to <u>1917</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Samuel Nelson Arbuckle</u> next owner	from <u>1917</u> to <u>1926</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Helen Arbuckle Boldthen</u> next owner	from <u>1926</u> to <u>Now</u>	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the information listed above is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:  
Helen Arbuckle Boldthen Bernice Schultz Helen Arbuckle Boldthen  
(Witness sign here) (Signature of present owner)

Date July 8, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.



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1. From whom was the farm purchased? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where was the first owner born? Jennings Co. Indiana
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Jennings Co. Indiana
6. Was this a homestead? no
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
no
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? no ✓
10. When was the present home built? 1891
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn & alfalfa  
Reg. Guernseys
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
LeSueur News Herald LeCenter Leader  
LeSueur, Mn. 56058 LeCenter, Mn. 56057

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

# Sharon Maples Farm

L. A. Boldthen

Le Sueur, Minnesota

My paternal grandparents, Samuel Nathanel Arbuckle born 1840 and Albina Butler born 1843, were married in Jennings County, Indiana in 1861.

In 1863 they decided to come to Minnesota to build a home of their own.

They with their children, Sarah Alfretta, age one and their infant son William went to St. Louis and Up the Mississippi by boat landing at Hastings Aug. 18, 1863. From Hastings they went by stage coach to Dundas. Grandpa worked in the flour mill there. It was the only one in a fifty mile radius.

In the spring of 1864 he borrowed an ox team to come to Le Sueur county. It required 2 days to make the trip on a narrow trail through heavy timber all the way. Indians lived throughout the area.

With willing hands and strong hearts they began to clear the land in Sharon township. There a settlement started with a church, school, store, postoffice and sawmill. Many homes were built in the immediate area and some of the sights are still visable.

My father was born in a log house in 1881, the eighth child of nine. Many of the children died young and are buried in the church cemetery.

The log house was replaced by a frame house in 1891.

Dad helped his father farm and in 1909 married the neighbors daughter, Ida Ziebarth. The home was remodeled into a two family dwelling and was where My sister and I were born.

Grandpa died in 1917 and grandma in 1932.

In 1937 I married my schoolday sweetheart, Lionel Boldthen. Again the house was remodeled. We have two sons Dion and Kim. Dad and Lionel were partners in the farming enterprize. Dad died in 1961 and Mother ten years later. Their rooms were empty until Dion married Katherine Schafer of Yankton, S.D. in 1972. D'on is a science teacher in the Le Sueur school system and also a partner in the registered Guernsey operation.

Now the two grandchildren next door, Natasha 2 years old and Chad 6 months are the fifth generation to live on this farm and in this home.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Mrs Mary E Dressel  
Name(s) to appear on certificate " " "  
Address R-1 Le Sueur Mm 56058  
Address of farm, if different from above Same

Section 2 Township Sharon-25 County Le Sueur

Number of acres in the farm at present E 60

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

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

E. 60 A. of S 1/2 of S 24 T Sec 2-11-25

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>(Philip Dressel)</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>U.S.P.</u> to <u>Philip Dressel</u>	<u>(Patent 1860)</u>
<u>Philip Dressel</u> next owner	from _____ to <u>Theodore Dressel</u>	<u>(Son) (1887)</u>
<u>Theodore Dressel</u> next owner	from _____ to <u>Minnie Dressel</u>	<u>F. Decree (1926)</u>
<u>Minnie Dressel</u> next owner	from _____ to <u>John F. Dressel</u>	<u>N. Decree (1947)</u>
<u>John F. Dressel</u> next owner	from _____ to <u>Mary Dressel</u>	<u>F. Decree (1971)</u>
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:

Virginia Gish, Clerk  
(Witness sign here)

Mrs Mary E Dressel  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6/25/76 @ 2:15 PM

See reverse side for additional information



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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Chaplin - May got for cheap sold at Henderson to Phillip Christy
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? 100
4. Where was the first owner born? Eisfeldt, Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Pennsylvania
6. Was this a homestead? Bought from Army Captains
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? Dress mill, Post Master, County Auditor & Treasurer
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? all of them
10. When was the present home built? 1876
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Dairy & Gen. farming
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation: Le Center Leader, & Le Sueur News Herald

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



Philip Dressel born  
in Germany 1826

Immigrated to New York  
1847. arrived. settled in  
Montgomery Penn - 1854

Moved to St Paul, printed  
first German paper in Minn

Staats Zeitung. <sup>moved</sup> Moved to

Sharon 1856 bought farm  
<sup>TWSP.</sup> from U. S. during Buchanan  
administration from Mrs  
Ruth Chaplin; she received  
it upon death of husband who was  
1812 - Sold by U. S. at Henderson  
Minn. 1860

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Edwin H. Eilers  
Name(s) to appear on certificate SAME AS ABOVE  
Address New Prague, Rte #1, Box 151, New Prague 56071  
MINN.  
Address of farm, if different from above SAME AS ABOVE

Section 6 Township 112 - RANGE 23 West County LE SUEUR

Number of acres in the farm at present 174.50 ACRES

Date of original purchase by member of your family Aug 23, 1860

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

5 1/2 of S 1/2 of NE 1/4 + N 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4; S 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 + S 1/2 of SE 1/4 except tract 308 x 282 3/4  
+ except 18000 sq ft by 30 rods - Sec 6 - 112 - 23

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>John H Eilers, nkr</u> <u>HENRY EILERS</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	<u>1858</u> from <u>1860</u> to <u>1900</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
<u>Wilhelm Eilers</u> next owner	from <u>1900</u> to <u>1925</u>	<u>FATHER &amp; HUSBAND</u>
<u>DOBA EILERS</u> next owner	from <u>1925</u> to <u>1947</u>	<u>MOTHER</u>
<u>EDWIN H. EILERS</u> next owner	from <u>1947</u> to <u>DATE</u>	<u>PRESENT OWNER</u>
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

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

M. Pumper, Register of Deeds  
(Witness sign here)

Edwin H. Eilers  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-28-76

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? GOVERNMENT
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 180 ACRES
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? YES
7. Did the first owner farm the land? YES
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? YES
10. When was the present home built? 1874
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? BEANS, CORN, WHEAT
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
NEW PRAQUE TIMES, NEW PRAQUE, MINN.

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



Name of Centennial Farm owner RAY C. AND CECILIA GIESENName(s) to appear on certificate RAY C AND CECILIA GIESENAddress RR #1 Box 100, NEW PRAQUE, MINN.

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

Section 1 Township DERRY TOWNSHIP County LE SOEURNumber of acres in the farm at present 151.55Date of original purchase by member of your family April 23, 1867

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

NE 1/4 LESS 150 FT N+S X 200 FT E+W IN NW CORNER, AND LESS363 X 300 FT. IN NE CORNER, SEC 1-112-24

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
PETER KLIN KHAMMER (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1867 to 1932	FATHER TO BARBARA
MATH & BARBARA GIESEN next owner	from 1932 to 1958	PARENTS OF RAY
RAY & CECILIA GIESEN next owner	from 1958 to	PRESENT OWNERS
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

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

Cecilia Giesen

(Witness sign here)

Ray C. Giesen

(Signature of present owner)

Date July 3, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.



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1. From whom was the farm purchased? ST PAUL + SIOUX CITY RAILROAD CO.
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 154 ACRES
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$ 7.50 - \$ 1160.10 FOR FARM
4. Where was the first owner born? GERMANY
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? UNION HILL AREA
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?  
HORSE RAISING
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? REBUILT 1937
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? CORN - BEANS - HAY - CATTLE
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
NEW PRAQUE TIMES

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

## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

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

Name of Centennial Farm owner Raymond Grassmann  
 Name(s) to appear on certificate Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Grassmann  
 Address RR1 Box 145 New Prague Mn 56071  
 Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_  
 Section 8 Township 112 Range 23 West County Le Sueur  
 Number of acres in the farm at present 80  
 Date of original purchase by member of your family 10/8/1860  
 Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
West 1/2 of NW 1/4

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Christopher Grassmann (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1860 to 1864	Father
Heinrich Grassmann next owner	from 1864 to 1901	husband
Louisa Grassmann next owner	from 1901 to 1903	Mother
Andrew Grassmann next owner	from 1903 to 1948	Father
Raymond Grassmann next owner	from 1948 to present	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner		

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

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

Donald B. Noll  
(Witness sign here)

Raymond Grassmann  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6/24/76

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? United States Gov't
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre?
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm?
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?  
Not that we know of
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? Part of home (one large room downstairs, 2 upstairs are original log house)
10. When was the present home built? addition to log house added in 1917
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? oats, corn, peas, alfalfa,
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation: pork, eggs.  
New Prague Times, New Prague MN

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

Indians and bears abounded in area when they come in the 1850's, The have an enormous oak tree beside our driveway that is well over a hundred yrs old (it is on some real old pictures in the family and was a young tree then) The second owner, Heinrich (Henry) Grassmann, married in May of 1864 and then left for the Civil War and served till the conflict was over.



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner

John F. Gnessen

Name(s) to appear on certificate

John F. Gnessen

Address

New Prague Minn 56071 Botz 62

Address of farm, if different from above

same

Section

26

Township

Perryman

County

St. Louis

Number of acres in the farm at present

179

Date of original purchase by member of your family

1860

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

E 60 ac of new 1/4 and S. 1/4 of N. E 1/4 Sec 26 112-24  
100 acres

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
	from	to	
(owner in 1876 or B4)			<u>Peter Gnessen</u>
next owner	from <u>1860</u>	to <u>1900</u>	<u>Peter Gnessen</u>
next owner	from <u>1900</u>	to <u>1960</u>	<u>John Gnessen Sr</u>
next owner	from <u>1960</u>	to	<u>John F. Gnessen</u>
next owner	from	to	
next owner	from	to	
next owner	from	to	
next owner	from	to	

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

Court file in Registration Proceedings ( )

Other (please explain a book  
written about the Gnessen  
Family)

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

Vencil Laban  
(Witness sign here)

John F. Gnessen  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 20 1976

See reverse side for additional information.



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1. From whom was the farm purchased? homestead
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? ~~200~~ 200
3. What was the cost of land per acre? team of oxen for 40 acres
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany that was not homesteaded
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Chicago
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? 1920
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? beans corn hogs
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
New Prague Times, Montgomery Messenger  
Le Centre Herald

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

Peter Luessen - grandfather was born in Lommersom Germany Sept 17-1831 - John F Luessen married Mrs. Alice M. Jorgensen a widow from Terry, Montana June 27-1960 - She had 6 daughters Mrs. Pat Curry, New Prague, Mrs. Beverly Karsen, Hat Lonsdale, Minn. Mrs. Gloria Tolzmore Pemberton, Minn. Mrs. Karen Preble Pemberton, Minn. (on back of paper)

L. ROSARY SOCIETY TO DELAY SCHEDULED MEETING UNTIL AFTER EASTER.  
Because of the rush of things at this time of the year and the importance of this meeting, (Election of Officers and planning the summer program) it was thought best to delay the meeting of next Monday, April 5, until after Easter, which is April 18 this year.

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#### ASSISTANCE OFFERED TO "HEIDELBERG BICENTENIAL HISTORY" CONTRIBUTORS.

(In an effort to be of assistance to those families who are contributing to the Heidelberg Bicentennial History, we take the liberty of making this copy of the following, taken from "The Log Church In Derrynane" by John D. O'Connell; published by the Suel Printing Company, Inc., Shakopee, Minnesota in 1945.)

#### The Guessens.

Peter Guessen was born in Lommerson, Germany, September 11, 1831. He came to America in 1858, worked in Chicago for two years, in St. Paul for two summers, and for two winters in a logging camp in Wisconsin. In 1860 he filed a claim on a homestead in LeSueur county, and then went back to Germany from whence he brought his sweetheart, Miss Anna Sophia Karl. They were married in the spring of 1861 in St. Paul by Father Befolna, O.F.M.. Anna Sophia Karl was born in Gross Vernich, Germany, December 16, 1836. Six children blessed this union.

John C. was born April 16, 1862 and was baptized in the Driscoll home by Father Katzenberger, who was present to administer the last sacraments to Mr. Driscoll. John married Miss Apolonia Laban and their three sons are, John and Raymond, who are at home, and Vincent of the U. S. Navy.

Theresa was born on October 15, 1864 and died in 1872 of small-pox.

Clemens was born November 14, 1865. He married Miss Augusta Raschke. They have three daughters, Anna, who married Mike Glisczinski and has seven children; Mayme, who married Frank Wiskocil, and has two children; and Regina, who married Vincent Laban. Clemens Guessen died August 31, 1942. (His wife, Augusta died June 28, 1971)

Mary was born June 10, 1867. She married John Wacker and brought ten children into the world. They are John, in California; Frank, farming at Jordan; Tony, at home; Bill at New Prague; Mary and Amelia at New Market; Ann at Jordan; Theresa, at LeSueur; Sophia, at Gregory, S.D.; Veronica, in Michigan. Mrs. Mary Guessen Wacker died November 17, 1926.

Sophia Amelia was born October 24, 1868. She married Martin Peopl. Their daughters are: Anna, of Minneapolis, and Catherine, deceased. Mrs. People died while her children were young.

Father Francis Joseph Guessen was born August 21, 1872, in Derrynane Township, LeSueur County, Minnesota. He attended the public school in his home district and later the parochial school at Heidelberg, Minnesota. He received his classical education at St. John's University, Collegeville, Minnesota, and St. Thomas College, St. Paul, and then studied Philosophy at Kenrick Seminary, St. Louis. He received his Theological training at St. Meinrad Seminary, St. Meinrad, Indiana. In 1902, the Lead Diocese was established west of the Missouri and Father Guessen was the first priest ordained by the new bishop, Most Rev. John Stariha. He was also the first priest to be ordained west of the Missouri river, in South Dakota. His ordination was May 8, 1904. He spent the 51 years of his priesthood establishing and building parishes in the diocese of Lead, South Dakota. He died November 4, 1955 and was returned home for burial in the Heidelberg cemetery.

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#### SPECIAL NOTE: READING OF PASSION NEXT SUNDAY (PALM SUNDAY) AT H. AND L. PARISHES.

At. H. - Narrator: Erwin Schnecker

At. L. - Narrator: Michael Krenik.

Christ: Priest.

Christ: Priest.

Speaker: James Kroyer.

Speaker: Francis Benzick

Copies of the Missalette are available for the readers in the sacristy after Mass.

Mr Darla ~~Punocher~~ <sup>Punocher</sup> of Montgomery, Minn.  
Mrs Rochelle Peterka of Houston Texas  
one daughter Roxane Luessen age 13 still  
at home there are 14 grandchildren

Mike & Jeff Curry, Cheri, Carmen, Chester &  
Gregg Kerantha Karie & Ingrid ~~Punocher~~ <sup>Punocher</sup>  
Todd, Tonya, Tray, Tarra Kauseishet  
Travis & Scott Preble

John has been on the present farm.  
had build up one of the Duess Tap dairy  
Holstein herd and sold out his dairy  
cows in 1973 due to not being able to  
get good farm labor the dairy farm  
having the name Green Acres Farms.  
the past 4 years has raising feeder  
pigs and beans and corn.  
The present buildings are still in use  
that his father put on the place.  
It is one of the Duess Country, modern  
dairy farm before selling out the dairy  
herd of high producing Holsteins.



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Mrs Anna Harty  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Mrs Anna Harty  
Address Elysian, Minn  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 19 Township Elysian County Elysian  
Number of acres in the farm at present 100 a.  
Date of original purchase by member of your family 1859  
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
100 acres of NE 1/4 Sec 19

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Edward Harty</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1859</u> to <u>1903</u>	
<u>Mrs Ann Harty</u> next owner	from <u>1903</u> to <u>1908</u>	<u>wife of Edward Harty</u>
<u>Henry J. Harty</u> next owner	from <u>1908</u> to <u>1944</u>	<u>Son of Mrs Ann</u>
<u>Mrs Anna Harty</u> next owner	from <u>1944</u> to _____	<u>Wife of Henry J. Harty</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	

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

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

H. J. Zelinka, Deputy Reg of Deeds  
(Witness sign here)

Mrs Anna Harty  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 28, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

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

## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner

Florian Hauer

Name(s) to appear on certificate

Florian & Irene Hauer

Address

R1 Box 261 New Prague MN

Address of farm, if different from above

Section

26

Township

Dennysville

County

Le Sueur

Number of acres in the farm at present

130 acres

Date of original purchase by member of your family

June 24, 1861

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

*This portion part of original*  
E 1/2 of NE 1/4 less N 1466.66 ft of E 1188 ft & NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 Sec 26-112-24 8000.  
N 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/2 & S 3000. of SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 Sec 23-112-24 5000.

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME

DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP

BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER

*1/2 should*  
Nicholas Hauer  
 (owner in 1876 or B4)

from 1861 to 1904

(sons) John T. &amp; Frank J. Hauer

John T. Hauer  
 next owner

from 1904 to 1914

Frank J. Hauer (brother)

Frank J. Hauer  
 next owner

from 1914 to 1947

Florian J. Hauer (son)

from to

next owner

from to

next owner

from to

next owner

from to

next owner

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Abstract of Title ☒

Court file in Registration

Land Patent ☐Proceedings ☐Original Deed ☒

Other (please explain)

County Land

Record ☐

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

Irene Hauer

(Witness sign here)

Florian Hauer

(Signature of present owner)

Date July 13, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? U. S. Gov.
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? \_\_\_\_\_
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? 1952
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn & soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
New Prague Times & Montgomery Messenger

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 John H. Haver  
Name(s) to appear on certificate John H. Haver  
Address Rte #1 Box 249 New Prague 56071  
Address of farm, if different from above SAME

Section 14 Township 112 Range 24 County LE SUEUR

Number of acres in the farm at present 86 Acres

Date of original purchase by member of your family 2ND November 1860

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

1/2 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4; AND 1/2 of Govt. Lot 3, + N 1/2 of S 1/2 of SE 1/4, SECTION 14,  
TOWNSHIP 112 RANGE 24 WEST, LE SUEUR Co. MINN.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Nicholas Haver (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1860 to 1864	GREAT-GRAND FATHER
MATHIAS Haver next owner	from 1864 to 1866	GRAND FATHER
Jacob Haver next owner	from 1866 to 1866	GREAT UNCLE
Nicholas Haver next owner	from 1866 to 1868	GRAND FATHER (GREAT)
MATHIAS Haver next owner	from 1868 to 1906	GRAND FATHER
HENRY G. Haver next owner	from 1906 to 1956	FATHER
John Haver next owner	from 1956 to DATE	

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

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

Myrtle S. Pumper, Register of Deeds  
(Witness sign here)

John H. Haver  
(Signature of present owner)

Date MAY 31 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? FATHERS ESTATE
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 172
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$ 500.00 or about 21<sup>00</sup> per ACRE
4. Where was the first owner born? GERMANY
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? In or around St Paul
6. Was this a homestead? YES
7. Did the first owner farm the land? YES
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
LUMBERING
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? 1883
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? DAIRY, Hogs, CORN
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
NEW PRAQUE TIMES - LE CENTER LEADER - MONTGOMERY messenger

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

My Great Grand Father came out from  
St Paul, Minn. with a team of horses  
and his brother to make wood on  
Monday morning and drove back on  
Saturday 45 miles one way he put up  
a two room house and then he  
moved his family out here.

The Indians used to come by  
once a while if you gave them  
Food they were very friendly.  
I heard it said that they killed  
2 couples passing through on their  
way to Heidelberg, Minnesota  
the house we live in now  
is 92 years old

John H Hamer  
New Prague, Minnesota  
R.R. 1 Box 249

Phone 758-4547

56071



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Norbert A. Hoefs  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Mr + Mrs Norbert Hoefs + James  
Address R1, Box 288, New Prague, Minn. 56071  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 30-112-23 Township Lanesburgh County Le Sueur

Number of acres in the farm at present 265

Date of original purchase by member of your family Oct. 9, 1860

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

The North 110 acres of S. E. 1/4 of Sec. 30, Township 112,  
Range 23 West

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Charles Hoefs</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	<u>from 1860 to 1875</u>	<u>Father - to</u>
<u>August Hoefs</u> next owner	<u>from 1875 to 1904</u>	<u>Son - to</u>
<u>Susan Hoefs</u> next owner	<u>from 1904 to 1914</u>	<u>Widow - to</u>
<u>John W. Hoefs</u> next owner	<u>from 1914 to 1940</u>	<u>Son - to</u>
<u>Leiland E. Hoefs + Norbert A. Hoefs</u> next owner	<u>from 1940 to 1947</u>	<u>Sons - to</u>
<u>Norbert A. Hoefs</u> next owner	<u>from 1947 to Present</u>	<u>Brother</u>
next owner	from to	

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

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

Long Lamborn  
(Witness sign here)

Norbert A. Hoefs  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-29-76 HEIDENBERG CENTENNIAL CHAIRMAN

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Register of the Land Office at Henderson, Minnesota
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 120
3. What was the cost of land per acre? (unknown)
4. Where was the first owner born? (unknown)
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? (unknown)
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?  
(unknown)
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? About one-third of original home still in use.
10. When was the present home built? Approximately 100 years ago
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Small grain, alfalfa, corn + Soybeans  
Dairy + Hogs
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
New Prague Times, New Prague, Minn. 56071  
Montgomery Messenger, Montgomery, Minn. 56069

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

#9. - Basement walls of original part of home were built of large stone boulders and the main joists are solid home-notched native timbers.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Gertrude Hopkins  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Gertrude (Roemhildt) Hopkins  
Address RTE #1, Box 65, Elysian, Minn. 56028  
Address of farm, if different from above SAME AS ABOVE

Section 7 Township 109 - RANGE 24 West County LESUEUR  
Number of acres in the farm at present 182  
Date of original purchase by member of your family 17th July 1858  
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 + NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 + GOVERNMENT LOT 4;

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
CHRISTIAN GEYER (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1858 to 1860	BROTHER-IN-LAW
Berthold Roemhildt next owner	from 1860 to 1897	FATHER
Otto Roemhildt next owner	from 1897 to 1939	HUSBAND + FATHER
Gertrude (D) MARTHA (WIFE) next owner	from 1939 to 1967	MOTHER + DAUGHTER
Gertrude (Roemhildt) Hopkins next owner	from 1967 to 1976	DAUGHTER OF OTTO Roemhildt
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 (X)	

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

M. Kump - Register of Deeds  
(Witness sign here)

Gertrude Hopkins  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 22 1976

See reverse side for additional information.



Otto Roemboldt my father was born on November 27, 1875  
at the house I now live in. I also was born here April 20 1912  
my father's sister Paulina her twin sons were also born  
at this house.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? U.S. GOVERNMENT BY PATENT <sup>PURCHASE</sup> OFF. # RR 7840
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 120.02
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? WISCONSIN
6. Was this a homestead? Yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
?
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? 1860
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? DAIRY - CORN - WHEAT - BEANS <sup>WHEAT</sup>
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
ELYSIAN ENTERPRISE - THE CENTER LEADER - WATERVILLE <sup>LAKE REGION LIFE</sup>

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner HENRY & PHILLIP HARRISBERGER  
Name(s) to appear on certificate HENRY & PHILLIP HARRISBERGER  
Address LE SUEUR MINN. R.R. 3 56058  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 25 Township TYRONE County LE SUEUR

Number of acres in the farm at present 15.9

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

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

N.W. 1/4 LESS ONE ACRE DEEDED TO CHURCH

SEC. 25 - 112-25

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
ANDREW HARRISBERGER (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1859 to 1885	FATHER
next owner	from to	
HENRY HARRISBERGER	from 1885 to 1941	FATHER
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
HENRY JR. AND	from to	
next owner	from to	
PHILLIP HARRISBERGER	from 1941 to 1976	
next owner	from to	
next owner		

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

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

H. J. Zelinka Deputy Reg. Sec.  
(Witness sign here)

Henry Harrisberger  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 28, 1976

Phillip Harrisberger

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where was the first owner born? BERNE, SWITZERLAND
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? 1911
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? GRAIN & LIVESTOCK
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Le Sueur - News-Herald      Le Sueur Mirror

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



Andrew Horrisberger and wife Elizabeth (born Lang) and family and his wife's sister left Berne Switzerland in 1855 and came to America. They landed at New Orleans. He has their three passports, one in English one in German and one in French.

They came up the Mississippi as far as St. Louis and funds were exosted so Mr. Horrisberger left the family there and went out and worked in the harvest fields then later came up as far as St. Paul where he left the family again and came up as far as Henderson looking for a permanent home.

Government land was available and under the "homestead rights" 160 acres could be obtained paying \$1.25 for the title.

He has the deed signed by Pres. James Buchanan's Sec'y.

He began clearing the land and built a primitive log home close to the wigwams of the Indians, but the record says they lived peacefully side by side and none done the other any harm.

Mr. Horrisberger donated 1 acre of land for a Church and Cemetery. Neighbors helped

build a log church in 1870 and it still stands.

Later his sons Jacob, Andrew, and Peter fought in the Civil war. Jacob was wounded in the right hand. It would heal for a while then break open several times then finally broke open again and a small piece of bone came out then healed.

Peter died of Typhoid Fever in Tenn. Jacob and Andrew also served in the Indian Massacre at New Blm. The youngest son Henry was born lived and died on this farm.

Lydia Horrisberger

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner BERNARD JENTZ

Name(s) to appear on certificate BERNARD JENTZ

Address ROUTE 3 BOX 158 LE SUCCUR MINN 56058

Address of farm, if different from above SAME

Section 18 Township 112 TYRONE County LE SUCCUR

Number of acres in the farm at present 1.21 acres

Date of original purchase by member of your family JAN. 20 - 1876

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

Lot No. 2 Section 13 in Township 112 Range 26 West also Lot No. 6 & East 3 1/2 A. of Lot 5 in Section 18 Township 112 Range 25 Containing 123 1/2 acres.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Charles Jentz</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1876</u> to <u>1943</u>	<u>Daughter Amanda Haas</u>
<u>Amanda Haas</u> next owner	from <u>1943</u> to <u>1947</u>	<u>brother George Jentz</u>
<u>George Jentz</u> next owner	from <u>1947</u> to <u>1964</u>	<u>nephew Bernard Jentz</u>
<u>Bernard Jentz</u> next owner	from <u>1964</u> to <u>1976</u>	<u>Now owner</u>
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 ☒  
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:

Harry J. Zelenba Deputy Reg. Sec.  
(Witness sign here)

Bernard Jentz  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 25th - 1976

See reverse side for additional information.



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1. From whom was the farm purchased? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? \_\_\_\_\_
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? New Ulm, Minn.
6. Was this a homestead? yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
No
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? No
10. When was the present home built? 1968
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, wheat & soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Le Sueur News Herald

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Dale R. Jones  
Name(s) to appear on certificate DALE & JoAnn Jones  
Address RR 3 Box 31 Lesueur, Mn.  
Address of farm, if different from above 56058

Section 5-6-7-8 Township Sharon County Lesueur

Number of acres in the farm at present 185

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1962

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

W 1/2 SW 1/4 SW 1/4 of Section 5 NE 1/4 NE 1/4 + NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of section 7  
S 1/2 SE 1/4 of Section 6 N 1/2 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 of section 8

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
(owner in 1876 or B4)	from to	A
1868	James Randolph to Steven Randolph	Son
next owner	from to	
1931	Steven A. Randolph to Clarence Jones	Grand Father
next owner	from to	
1962	Clarence Dale Jones to Dale Jones	Son
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

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

Clarence Jones  
(Witness sign here)

Dale R. Jones  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 06-28-76

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Claim From Government
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where was the first owner born? Indiana
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Indiana
6. Was this a homestead? yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Cleared then farmed
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? 1930
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? dairy + Corn
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Le Sueur News Herald

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



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Otto Kajer  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Otto Kajer + Jerry Kajer  
Address Rt 3, Box 87, New Prague, Mn. 56071  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 15 Township Lanesburgh County Le Sueur  
Number of acres in the farm at present 160  
Date of original <sup>homesteaded</sup> purchase by member of your family 1856  
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
NE 1/4 of Sec 15 Twp 112 Range 23

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Mathias Kajer</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1856 to 1883	Father
<u>Teofil Kajer</u> next owner	from 1883 to 1931	Father
<u>Otto Kajer</u> next owner	from 1931 to present	<del>Father</del>
next owner	from to	In process: of father Otto Kajer
next owner	from to	to son Jerry Kajer.
next owner	from to	with contract for deed
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

next owner 5th generation (children aged 6 to 10) are now living on the farm.  
The above evidence of continuous family ownership of this farm since 1876 is taken from one or more of the following records. DO NOT SEND IN RECORDS, just indicate by check marks those which apply.

Abstract of Title (✓)	Court file in Registration
Land Patent ( )	Proceedings ( )
Original Deed ( )	Other (please explain <u>also a dog</u> )
County Land Record ( )	<u>tax receipt dated 1856</u>

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

W. S. Shroedmy (Witness sign here) Otto Kajer (Signature of present owner)

Date June 18, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Homesteaded
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Czechos
4. Where was the first owner born? Czechoslovakia
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Iowa
6. Was this a homestead? yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
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? 1891
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? dairy
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
New Prague ~~Star~~ Times, New Prague, Mn. 56071

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

Order of residence on farm: Mathias Kajer 1856

Leopil Kajer 1883

Otto Kajer 1931

Jerry Kajer 1976

at present Jerry Kajer ~~four~~ children which  
are 5th generation to  
live on the farm.

# CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner DALE E. Kessler  
Name(s) to appear on certificate DALE Edwin Kessler  
Address RTE #2 Box 48 Henderson 56044  
Address of farm, if different from above SAME AS ABOVE 56044

Section 2 Township 112, RANGE 25 West County LE SUEUR

Number of acres in the farm at present 156 ACRES

Date of original purchase by member of your family 29th Oct 1860

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
E 1/2 of SW 1/4 + SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 + NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 Sec 2-112-25

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Gottlieb Gabbert (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1860 to 1873	FATHER
Samuel Gabbert next owner	from 1873 to 1893	BROTHER-IN-LAW
William Kessler next owner	from 1893 to 1909	FATHER
August J.F. Kessler next owner	from 1909 to 1936	FATHER
Edwin J.L. next owner	from 1936 to 1967	FATHER
DALE Edwin Kessler next owner	from 1967 to DATE	UN-RECORDED CONTRACT FOR DEED
next owner	from to	

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

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

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

AM Pumper, Register 2 deeds.  
(Witness sign here)

x Dale E. Kessler  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-29-76

See reverse side for additional information.



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1. From whom was the farm purchased? GOVERNMENT
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 156 Ac.
3. What was the cost of land per acre? 60¢
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? I don't know
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?  
I don't know
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? NO
10. When was the present home built? 1900
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Robert Corn, soy beans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
BELLE PLAINE HERALD. Belle Plaine Ill. no. 56011

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

## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Wesley + Faye (Koenig) KingName(s) to appear on certificate Wesley + Faye KingAddress R.R. # 1Address of farm, if different from above Le Sueur, Minn 56058Section 10 Township Sharon County Le SueurNumber of acres in the farm at present 160Date of original purchase by member of your family Oct. 1861

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

(Section 10) East 1/2 of NE. of 1 Quarter of Section 10  
Sharon Township

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Charles Schaffler (owner in 1876 or B4)	from ? to Oct. 1861	
John Martin King next owner	from Oct. 1861 to June 1884	none
John Phillip King next owner	from June 1884 to Oct. 1925	Son of John King
Charles Wesley King next owner	from Oct. 1925 to Present	Son of John Phillip King
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 ☒  
 Land Patent ☐  
 Original Deed ☒  
 County Land Record ☐

Court file in Registration Proceedings ☒  
 Other (please explain)

Genealogy (1st transaction)

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

Faye L. King  
 (Witness sign here)

Faye L. King  
Wesley King  
 (Signature of present owner)

Date July 7, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Charles Schaffler in 1861
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 100 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$4.50
4. Where was the first owner born? ?
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Nesse, Germany, Ohio, Seven Corners or St. Paul. 1856
6. Was this a homestead? yes, as far as we know.
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
No
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? yes
10. When was the present home built? 1857 — House is original, but added to.
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn + Soybeans — wheat - oats - alfalfa.
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
La Crosse News Herald

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

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ST. PAUL, MN 55108



## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner

Frederick F. Krentz

Name(s) to appear on certificate

Frederick F. KrentzAddress same as next 2 lines

Address of farm, if different from above

Rt 2 Box 106Belle Plaine, Minn 56011Section 4Township TyroneCounty Le Sueur

Number of acres in the farm at present

157

Date of original purchase by member of your family

January 16 - ~~1964~~ 1964

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

N 1/2 of NE 1/4 Less .47 A in NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 + E 60 ac.  
of S 1/2 of NE 1/4 Less 3.75 ac. in SW Cor. Lying SW of Creek  
Sec. 4 - 112 - 25

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME

DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP

BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER

Gottlieb Krenzfrom 1855 to 1886FatherFrederick Krenzfrom 1886 to 1924

"

Fred G. Krentzfrom 1924 to 1964

"

Frederick F. Krentzfrom 1964 to Present

"

next owner

from to

next owner

from to

next owner

from to

next owner

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Abstract of Title ( )

Court file in Registration

Land Patent ( )

Proceedings ( )

Original Deed ( )

Other (please explain)

County Land

Record ( )

Fred G. Krentz + 1955News Paper clipping (100th Anniversary)

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

(Witness sign here)

Frederick Krentz  
 (Signature of present owner)

Date

7/9/76

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? From the Government
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 129
3. What was the cost of land per acre? UNKNOWN
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Germany
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? 1948
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, Soybeans, Oats, Alfalfa, Milk
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Belle Plaine Herald

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

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ST. PAUL, MN 55108

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

OK

Name of Centennial Farm owner Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Mariska

Name(s) to appear on certificate Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Mariska

Address Montgomery Minnesota 56069 Box 22 Route 1

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

Section 7 Township Montgomery County Le Sueur

Number of acres in the farm at present 15.5

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1872

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

NE 1/4 of Sec. 7

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Southern Minnesota Railroad</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from _____ to <u>Dec. 19th 1872</u>	<u>Great Grandfather to present owner</u>
next owner	from <u>1872</u> to <u>1878</u>	<u>Frank + Marie Mariska</u>
next owner	from <u>1878</u> to <u>1888</u>	<u>Thomas Mariska (son) died in 1888</u>
next owner	from <u>1888</u> to <u>1913</u>	<u>Jessie Mariska widow (wife of Thomas Mariska)</u>
next owner	from <u>1913</u> to <u>1953</u>	<u>Tom + Emma Mariska (son)</u>
next owner	from <u>1953</u> to <u>present</u>	<u>Thomas Mariska (son)</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Witness sign here)

Date 7/23/76

Thomas Mariska  
(Signature of present owner)



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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Southern Minnesota Railroad
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$200 for the 160@
4. Where was the first owner born? Czechoslovakia
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? ?
6. Was this a homestead? no
7. Did the first owner farm the land? no
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? yes, a cattle shed was built from the logs of the original house and still stands
10. When was the present home built? in 1927
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn, soybeans, wheat + some wool product
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:

Montgomery Messenger

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

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ST. PAUL, MN 55108

In 1879 a part or 3 @ of land was sold to the Bishop of St. Paul for the sum of \$1. to be used as a Catholic Cemetery, Later 2 more @ were sold to the "Most Holy Redeemer" of Montgomery, or a total of 5 @ which is still used as a Catholic Cemetery. Also a Chapel still stands on the grounds. The bell is rung at funerals.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner HARLEY H. MEYER & HILDA I. MEYER  
Name(s) to appear on certificate SAME AS ABOVE  
Address RTE #1, Box 138, New PRAGUE MINN 56071  
Address of farm, if different from above SAME AS ABOVE

Section 12 Township 112, RANGE 24 W County LE SUEUR  
Number of acres in the farm at present 157.93  
Date of original purchase by member of your family 29th July 1864  
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
NE 1/4 SECTION 12-112-24 LE SUEUR CO. MINN.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Christopher Meyer (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1864 to 1866	FIRST COUSIN
HENRICK MEYER next owner	from 1866 to 1911	FATHER
John H. Meyer next owner	from 1911 to 1945	FATHER
HARLEY H. & HILDA I. MEYER next owner	from 1945 to DATE	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

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

M. L. Humphreys Register & Recorder  
(Witness sign here)

Harley H. Meyer  
(Signature of present owner)  
Hilda I. Meyer

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
See reverse side for additional information.



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- Christopher Meyer
1. From whom was the farm purchased? ~~Private John H. Hanks~~
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? ~~157.95~~ 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$110.00 per acre
4. Where was the first owner born? ?
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? ?
6. Was this a homestead? no
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? 1/2 1890 1/2 1930 remodelled
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn + Beans + Wheat
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
New Prague Times

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

# CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Ruby Neay

Name(s) to appear on certificate Ruby Neay and Donald Neay

Address Henderson, Miss.

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

Section 6 Township Lafayette County Le Sueur

Number of acres in the farm at present 160

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

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

120 acres N $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  and NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$

40 acres NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Wilhelm Neay</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <sup>1859</sup> 1-1- to 1884	<u>Father</u>
<u>Henry Neay</u> next owner	from 1884 to 1945	<u>Son</u>
<u>Gilbert, Ruby, Flossie Neay</u> next owner	from 1945 to 1971	<u>Grand children</u>
<u>Donald Neay operator</u> next owner	from 1971 to	<u>Great Grand child</u>
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

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

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

Michael E. McGuire  
(Witness sign here)

Ruby Neay  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 8-16-1976

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Home stead
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Germany (Schwarzen)
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?  
Wood Craftsman
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? ~~1884~~ 1885
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Diversified
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Le Sueur News Herald

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

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ST. PAUL, MN 55108



*Delay of  
Le Sueur?*

*Le Sueur  
Henderson Co.*

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

Names to appear on 1976 Certificate Ruby Noy and Donald Noy

ADDRESS Henderson, Minnesota

FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION BY THE FAMILY 1854

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

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

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

thank you for your immediate attention.

## Heritage (Nae) Ney

Wilhelm Ney 1825-1884 Sophia Gentz Ney 1828-1876

Schwerin and-or Butzow, Mecklenburg, Germany

In province Mecklenburg, Germany during the late 1840's and early 1850's Sophia Gentz was a lady-in-waiting to Countess Louise Von Koppelon. Upon her marriage to Wilhelm Nae, translated to Ney in English, the Countess presented her with a bible. On the fly leaf the Countess inscribed a verse from the bible, John 3 V 16 and her name and the year 1851. We have the bible.

In due time the young couple decided to go to America. They arrived in Blue Island, Ill, date unknown. An epidemic of cholera was prevalent in Blue Island and fearing for the life of their baby daughter they left for Minnesota. While on the boat on the Miss. river the child died and was buried on the banks of the Miss river.

They arrived in St Paul and being a wood craftsman he was soon involved in his work. Not satisfied with their location and stories of land to be had for homesteads up the river they decided to leave. The authorities of St Paul reluctant to see him leave offered him property that is now third street in St. Paul. They were not persuaded.

They arrived in East Henderson by boat on the Minn river and staked a claim in Hillsdale Township, Le Sueur Co. Hillsdale Twp was re-named to Tyrone Twp by Irish residents after Tyrone county, Ireland in 1858 when Minn became a state.

After clearing an area overlooking the Minn river valley he built a story and a half log house where his sons - August 1856, Henry 1857, Charles 1862 and daughter Rose 1859 were born. The building is still in use. Jan 1, 1859 he received pre-emption certificate No 2-229 signed by president Buchanan for the property. It passed on to Henry Ney 1884, Gilbert Ney 1945 and is now operated by <sup>great</sup> grandson Donald Ney, 1971.

My father told stories of how the area Indians would come into the house, single file, quietly pick up various articles, look at them smell of them and replace them. When grandfather <sup>Indian</sup> thought it was time for them to leave he would open the door, quote the word for "get out" and they would leave as quietly as they came. The spelling may not be correct but the word was "paackashsee".

The medium of exchange at that time was gold coins. Upon word that a boat load of flour was to arrive at Henderson, grandfather advised grandmother to go down to the boat landing with a twenty dollar gold piece to buy a barrel of flour. She was successful as the flour was chartered up stream.

On another occasion upon arriving home from work he handed one of the children a gold coin to give to his mother. In running across the room the coin slipped from his hand into a crack in the floor from which it could not be recovered.

They survived years of drought, floods and grasshoppers. It was their faith and perseverance that gave them strength to carry these. Their portraits hang in Portrait Hall of the Territorial Pioneers on State Fair grounds St Paul Minn. Wilhelm and Sophia we, your descendants, are proud of you. They rest in Brown's Cemetery, Henderson

Researched and compiled by granddaughter Ruby Ney  
from legal documents and stories told by her father  
Henry Ney

Ruby and Donald Ney, members of Minn.  
Territorial Pioneers.



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Carl A. Nuessmeier  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Carl A. Nuessmeier  
Address RR#1 Box 178 Le Sueur, MN 56058  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 3 Township 111 County Le Sueur

Number of acres in the farm at present 140

Date of original purchase by member of your family June 9, 1866

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

E $\frac{1}{2}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 3-111-25 Le Sueur Co., MN

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Herman Henry Nuessmeier (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1866 to 1900	Father
Frederick Nuessmeier next owner	from 1900 to 1939	Father
Arthur F. Nuessmeier next owner	from 1939 to 1971	Father
Carl A. Nuessmeier next owner	from 1971 to	
	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

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

Charles L. Sudderman  
(Witness sign here)

Carl A. Nuessmeier  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6/30/76

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Originally homesteaded by Friederick Vasterling

1. From whom was the farm purchased? in 1859 - purchased by Herman Nuessmeier- 1866
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$8.25 per acre (total \$650.00
4. Where was the first owner born? Probably Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? ?
6. Was this a homestead? See #1
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
no
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? no
10. When was the present home built? 1908
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, Soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Le Sueur News Herald, Le Sueur, MN 56058

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

# CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

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Name of Centennial Farm owner Richard Fredrick Nuessmeier

Name(s) to appear on certificate Richard F. Nuessmeier and Norma J. Nuessmeier

Address Route 1, Box 179, Le Sueur, MN 56058

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

Section 10 Township Sharon County Le Sueur

Number of acres in the farm at present 79

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1872

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

East 1/2 of Northwest 1/4 less one acre

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
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Herman Heinrich Nuessmeier (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1872 to 1900	Father
Wilhelminia Seiler next owner	from 1900 to 1900	Sister
Fredrich Nuessmeier next owner	from 1900 to 1900	Brother-in-law
Herman Seiler next owner	from 1900 to 1929	Father-in-law
Edith J. Seiler Theo. F. Dressel	from 1929 to 1965	sister, brother and brother-in-law
John Dressel-Edith Seiler Art & Edna Nuessmeier	from 1965 to 1965	uncle, aunt, Mother and Father
Richard F. Nuessmeier next owner	from 1965 to present	<b>Note; Added information to help clarify above relationships to present owner on additional sheet.</b>

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

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

Mrs. Bernice Mediger  
(Witness sign here)

Richard Fredrick Nuessmeier  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 27, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Frederich C. Schliter on January 3, 1872
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$750 for 80 acres (\$9.375 per acre)
4. Where was the first owner born? Schliter - unknown: Herman H. Nuessmeier-Ladbergen  
Westfalen, Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Was this a homestead? by Mr. Schliter
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
not to our knowledge
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? yes, the Central part of our house is log (Hand Hewed from trees on this land) and our barn is also hand hewed and square pegged. The house has been inhabited continously since 1872 or before.
10. When was the present home built? 1872 or before
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn-soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Le Sueur News-Herald

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

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

Herman F. Seiler, husband of Edith (Dressel) Seiler was killed in a bus/car accident in 1929, leaving his widow (my husband's aunt through his Mother) and a three year old daughter. Her bachelor brother then joined her and they bought the farm from Herman's father, Herman and farmed it until Theo. J. Dressel died in 1965 and we bought it from the inheritors (his brother and sisters (also my husband's mother). It is complicated as my husband was related to Herman F. Seiler and his wife on both sides of the family.

Herman Seiler, Herman F. Seiler's father, was my husband's great uncle.

It is as follows:

Herman Heinrich Nuessmeier	=	Great Grandfather
Wilhelminia(Nuessmeier)Seiler	=	Great Aunt
Fredrich Nuessmeier	=	Grandfather
Herman Seiler	=	Great Uncle
Edith(Dressel)Seiler	=	Aunt
Theodore Dressel	=	Uncle
John Dressel	=	Uncle
Arthur Nuessmeier	=	Father
Edna(Dressel)Nuessmeier	-	Mother

This is how the family is related to my husband, Richard F. Nussmeier.

Both families, the Dressels and the Nuessmeiers were early settlers of Dresselville. Herman Heinrich Nuessmeier gave land to build a church and on our farm, the less one acre is for the parsonage.

The first entry on the Abstract is from the United States of America to Andrew Gruber on August 1, 1854 for consideration of Good.

On August 19, 1854 for \$350.00 Andrew Gruber and Catharina, his wife sold to Friederick Slecter.

On January 3, 1872 for \$750.00 Friederich C. Slecter and wife, Elizabeth sold to Hermann Heinrich Nuessmeier.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner John Robert Reeder  
Name(s) to appear on certificate John Robert and Theresa Ann Reeder  
Address Montgomery Minn.  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 27-111-23 Township Montgomery County Le Sueur  
Number of acres in the farm at present 80  
Date of original purchase by member of your family Nov. 3, 1875  
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
W 1/2 of S.E. 1/4 of Sec. 27-111-23

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Jacob J. Reeder</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1875 to 1917	<u>Father</u>
<u>Catherine + Jules Reeder</u> next owner	from 1917 to 1963	<u>Aunt</u>
<u>John Robert Reeder</u> next owner	from 1963 to present	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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Abstract of Title ☒ 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:

Theresa Ann Reeder  
(Witness sign here)  
Date June 28, 1976  
John R. Reeder  
(Signature of present owner)

See reverse side for additional information.



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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Minnesota Central Railway Company
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$ 150 total \$2. an acre
4. Where was the first owner born? Wittenberg, Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Kentucky, Prior Lake, Mn.
6. Was this a homestead? yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
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? 1919
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? dairy products, corn, soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Montgomery Messenger, Montgomery, Mo.

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

Jacob Reeder came to this country at 16 yrs. of age. He served in the Civil War under General Sherman. He married Margaret Tooke, who immigrated from Ireland, in 1865 and after several years they moved to Minnesota. They settled first in Rice County, then Scott County and then to Le Sueur County where they homesteaded this farm. The Minneapolis and St. Louis R. R. came through

this property and for many years there was a side-track here along the Reeder farm on Highway 99. This is gone now but it is still known as Reeder's Crossing. The railroad maintained a "wood-lot" here and farmers brought cord wood here from miles around to be shipped out and sold. My uncles and my father helped load this wood. They told of getting twenty-five cents a cord for loading it by hand into railroad cars. Jacob and Margaret had nine children: Isabelle (Mrs Wm. O'Brien), Margaret, James, Anna (Mrs Ted Grundhoffer), John, (my father), Raymond, Katherine, Julia and Thomas.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Donald W. Rynda  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Don & Ruth Rynda  
Address R.R. 1 Box 17 Montgomery Min. 56069  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 5 Township Montgomery County Le Sueur  
Number of acres in the farm at present 80

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

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

South 1/2 of the North West 1/4 Sec 5 - 111 - 23

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Anton Rynda</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1872</u> to <u>1890</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Joseph Rynda</u> next owner	from <u>1890</u> to <u>1942</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>William Rynda</u> next owner	from <u>1942</u> to <u>1952</u>	<u>Father</u> <u>Husband</u>
<u>Bessie Rynda</u> next owner	from <u>1952</u> to <u>1969</u>	<u>Mother</u>
<u>Donald W. Rynda</u> next owner	from <u>1969</u> to <u>present</u>	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	

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Abstract of Title ( )	Court file in Registration
Land Patent ( )	Proceedings ( )
Original Deed ( )	Other (please explain <u>Quit Claim</u> )
County Land Record (15)	<u>Deed</u>

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

Ruth J. Rynda  
(Witness sign here)

Donald W. Rynda  
(Signature of present owner)

Date July 9 1976

See reverse side for additional information.



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1. From whom was the farm purchased? \_\_\_\_\_
  2. How many acres were in the original parcel? \_\_\_\_\_
  3. What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_
  4. Where was the first owner born? \_\_\_\_\_
  5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? \_\_\_\_\_
  6. Was this a homestead? \_\_\_\_\_
  7. Did the first owner farm the land? 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? 1930
  11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn & Soybeans
  12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Montgomery Messenger - Montgomery, Ala 36109
- Related information: (please feel free to use additional sheets of paper)

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner DUANE A. SCHULTZ

Name(s) to appear on certificate DUANE A. SCHULTZ

Address RR #4 Box 255 St. Peter

Address of farm, if different from above Minn. 56082

Section 13-11036 Township KASOTA County Le Sueur

Number of acres in the farm at present 375

Date of original purchase by member of your family July 20, 1870

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

30. half of NW quarter, N half of SW quarter  
S. half of NE quarter, S 20 acres of N half of NE quarter  
S. half of N half of NW qu. Sect 13-11026  
PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY RESIDENCE

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
William Schultz (owner in 1876 or B4)	July <sup>30</sup> 1870 to 1882	William Schultz father
German Schultz next owner	from 1882 to 1934	<del>German</del> husband
Meta Schultz next owner	from 1934 to 1964	<del>Meta</del> mother
Albert Schultz next owner	from 64 to 1967	<del>Albert</del> father
Dwain Schultz next owner	from 67 to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

of my knowledge and belief:  
*W. K. Kupper* Reg. of Deeds.  
 (Witness sign here)

Duane W. Schult  
(Signature of present owner)

Date July 6, 1976

See reverse side for additional information

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Pratt Land Company
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 100
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$20
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? southern Ill.
6. Was this a homestead? no
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
no -
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? yes - remodeled and added onto - now dwelling for Albert Schultz - previous owner
10. When was the present home built? 1972
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? (Beef cattle) crop and livestock
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
St. Peter Herald      Mankato Free Press  
the Center Leader

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

Wm. Schultz came from Germany, spent 1 1/2 yrs in New York State, then moved to Ed Creek, Ill. for about 6 yrs. Then went to St. Louis, came up river by steamboat with his farming equipment and 4 horses to St. Paul (Party included Wm. Schultz and wife Albertine ~~and~~ (William's mother died on the boat coming over from Germany) children Anna, Herman and Teresa. Wm's brother John Schultz was a harness maker in St. Paul. They were in St. Paul



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several months, pastured their horses where the  
St. Paul capitol now stands. When told he should  
buy that pastureland, he replied - "What could  
I use that for? It's all rocks."

Present farm was purchased through a  
land company.

Le Sueur Co.

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

Names to appear on 1976 Certificate Daniel and Charles Sheehan

ADDRESS RR 1 Box 261

Montgomery

FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION BY THE FAMILY Minnesota 56069

→ 1857 Mr and Mrs Peter Sheehan

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

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

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

thank you for your immediate attention.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner CARLYLE T. + IRMA STEINBERG  
Name(s) to appear on certificate SAME AS ABOVE  
Address RT #1, LE SUEUR 56058  
Address of farm, if different from above SAME AS ABOVE

Section 35 Township 111 - RANGE 26 County LE SUEUR

Number of acres in the farm at present 80 AC

Date of original purchase by member of your family Aug 19, 1867

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

N 1/2 of NW 1/4 Sec 35-111-26

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
CHARLES STEINBERG (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1867 to 1902	FATHER
George Steinberg next owner	from 1902 to 1957	FATHER
MARGARET M. STEINBERG next owner	from 1957 to 1975	MOTHER
CARLYLE + IRMA STEINBERG next owner	from 1975 to DATE	PRESENT OWNERS
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

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

M. Kumpfer  
(Witness sign here)

Carlyle T. Steinberg  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 28

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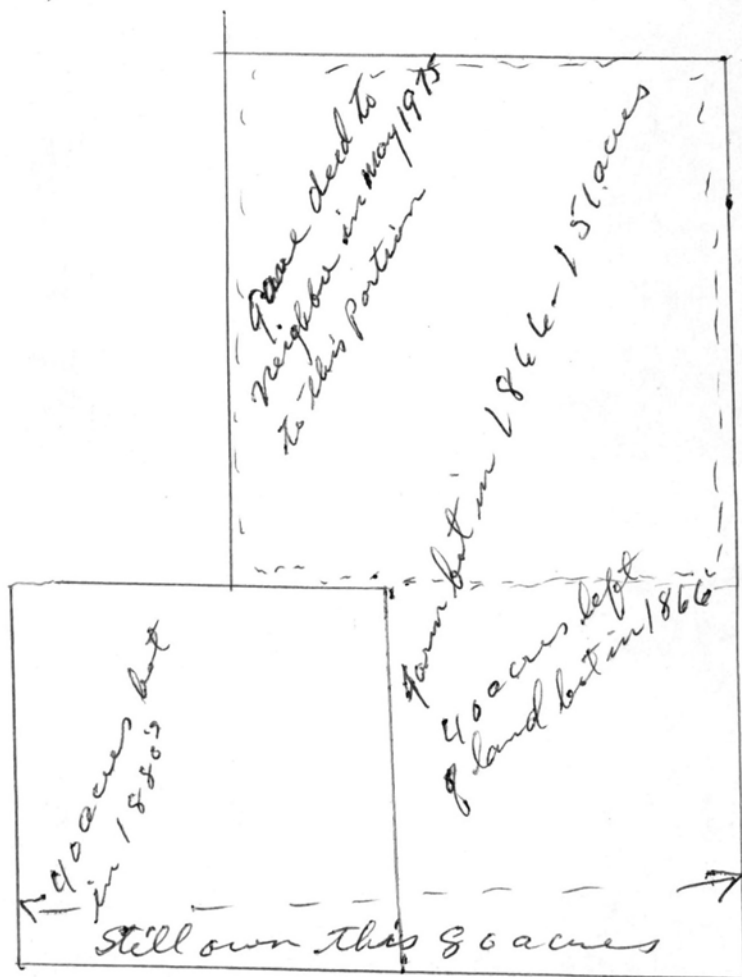
1. From whom was the farm purchased? Carte Montgomery
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 150
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$16.00
4. Where was the first owner born? Hanover Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Sharon Swamp
6. Was this a homestead? No
7. Did 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? Foundation of one bldg  
(Stone foundation) still in use New bldg on top
10. When was the present home built? 1924
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn & Soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Le Sueur News Herald

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

As you will notice the application only lists 40 acres. But under the Circumstances Mr Pumper Register & Deeds thought I should send it in any way.

In May 1975 I gave deed to approx 120 acres to permit Hellingberg a neighbor leaving me with 40 acres of the property but in 1867 plus 40 acres but a few years later.

Carlept Hellingberg



## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

OK

Name of Centennial Farm owner Edwin F. Topic

Name(s) to appear on certificate Edwin, Marian, John, James, Mary,  
Jeffrey, Ann

Address RR 3 Box 110

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

Section 13 Township Lanesburgh County Le Sueur

Number of acres in the farm at present 240

Date of original purchase by member of your family March 7, 1867

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

West half of the Southeast quarter of Section 13 (thirteen) in  
Township No. One hundred twelve (112) Range No. twenty three (23)  
West

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>John Topic, Sr.</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1867 to 1883	Father
<u>John Topic, Jr.</u> next owner	from 1883 to 1913	Father
<u>Frank A. Topic</u> next owner	from 1913 to 1968	Father
<u>Edwin F. Topic</u> next owner	from 1968 to present	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

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

Marian H. Topic  
 (Witness sign here)

Edwin F. Topic  
 (Signature of present owner)

Date July 9, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.



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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Fernand Felix
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$500
4. Where was the first owner born? Czechoslovakia
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Was this a homestead? No
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
\_\_\_\_\_
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? 1923
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Dairy farm
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
New Prague Times, New Prague, Mn.

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 V. Traxler  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Anthony & Monica Traxler  
Address Le Sueur, Minnesota  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 23 Township Sharon County Le Sueur

Number of acres in the farm at present 280

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1866

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

E 1/2 of SE 1/4 + SW 1/4 of SE 1/2

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Andrew Harris &amp; W.</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from _____ to <u>1866</u>	
<u>Joseph Traxler</u> next owner	from <u>1866</u> to <u>1889</u>	<u>father to son</u>
<u>Felix Traxler</u> next owner	from <u>1889</u> to <u>1949</u>	<u>father to son</u>
<u>Amos Anthony</u> next owner	from <u>1949</u> to <u>1960</u>	<u>brother to brother</u>
<u>Anthony &amp; Monica</u> next owner	from <u>1960</u> to _____	<u>brother &amp; wife</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	

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

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

Mr. Russell T. Hughes  
(Witness sign here)

Anthony Traxler  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 29, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Andrew Harris
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 120
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? original home - stone  
was later used as smoke house. Now it is a landmark
10. When was the present home built? 1875
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, beans & wheat  
& beef & dairy
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Le Center Leader

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



# CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Milo R and Ruth Tuma <sup>ok</sup>  
 Name(s) to appear on certificate Milo R and Ruth Tuma  
 Address New Prague, Minn. 56071  
 Address of farm, if different from above Rte One Box 195

Section 21 Township 112 County Le Sueur

Number of acres in the farm at present 106

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1864 - Great Grandfather

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

South one half of Northwest Quarter, Section 21 - Township 112,  
North range 23 west, / South 26 2/3 acres of North 1/2 of NW Quarter  
Section 21, Township 112, North range 23 west,  
 PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Thomas Mares Sr.</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1864</u> to <u>1896</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Thomas Mares Jr.</u> next owner	from <u>1896</u> to <u>1936</u>	<u>Son</u>
<u>Frank &amp; Rose Tuma</u> next owner	from <u>1936</u> to <u>1951</u>	<u>daughter</u>
<u>Milo R &amp; Ruth Tuma</u> next owner	from <u>1951</u> to	<u>Son</u>
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

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

Jackany <sup>att</sup>  
 (Witness sign here)

Milo R Tuma  
 (Signature of present owner)

Date 7/12/76

See reverse side for additional information.

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Theodore Hamm *(of Hamm Brewery)*
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 106
3. What was the cost of land per acre? 400 for whole thing
4. Where was the first owner born? St. Paul?
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? St. Paul?
6. Was this a homestead? yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? ?
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
?
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? Not the home but an old barn and tobacco shed are.
10. When was the present home built? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn - Alfalfa
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
yes - New Prague Times New Prague Minn 56071  
200 E. Main

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

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

*Present family*  
Milo 47 *(3 girls)*  
Ruth 46  
Darlene 64 *St. Ben's grad.*  
*Correcton Community*  
23 Jerry - *St. Ben's grad*  
*E. E. Education*  
18 Carla - *St. Alois College*

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner John William Wascha  
Name(s) to appear on certificate SAME AS ABOVE

Address RTE #2 Box 143 LeCenter 56057

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

Section 30 Township 111 Range 23 County LE SUEUR

Number of acres in the farm at present 80 ACRES

Date of original purchase by member of your family Sept 7, 1864

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
S 1/2 of SW 1/4 Sec 30-111-23

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
FRANK Wascha & John Setka (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1864 to 1872	
FRANK WASCHA next owner	from 1872 to 1894	Great Grand FATHER
JOHN WASCHA next owner	from 1894 to 1927	GRAND FATHER
WILLIAM WASCHA next owner	from 1927 to 1974	FATHER
JOHN WILLIAM WASCHA next owner	from 1974 to 1976	SUBJECT TO LIFE ESTATE OF MOTHER
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 (X)  
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:

W. K. Kasper - Register of Deeds  
(Witness sign here)

John Wascha  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 25th, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.



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1. From whom was the farm purchased? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where was the first owner born? Bohemia
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? old house still standing
10. When was the present home built? 1923
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn & oats
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation: Montgomery Messenger or Le Centre Leader

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner WILLIAM CHARLES WEYL  
Name(s) to appear on certificate SAME  
Address RR#3 BOX 126 LESUEUR, 56058  
Address of farm, if different from above SAME

Section 34 & 35 Township TYRONE County LE SUEUR

Number of acres in the farm at present 180 ACRES

Date of original purchase by member of your family MARCH 28, 1867

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
S 1/2 of NE QUARTER OF SECTION 34, TOWN 112, RANGE 25.  
S 1/2 of NW QUARTER OF SECTION 35, TOWN 112  
RANGE 25 (PAGE m 195)

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
OWNED BY <u>Isaac &amp; Sara Jaddis</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from to	
SELD BY <u>WM. JADDIS</u>	from <u>MARCH 28 1867</u> to <u>1867</u>	<u>NO RELATIVE</u>
next owner <u>WM. J. WEYL</u>	from <u>MARCH 28 1867</u> to <u>1935</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
next owner <u>GEORGE WEYL</u>	from <u>AUG 2 1935</u> to <u>1965</u>	<u>UNCLE</u>
next owner <u>WILLIAM C. WEYL</u>	from <u>FEB 1965</u> to <u>PRESENT</u>	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

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

Harry J. Zelenka Deputy Reg. Deeds  
(Witness sign here) Le Sueur County

William C. Weyl  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6/22/76

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? ISAAC FADDIS
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 ACRES
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where was the first owner born? TYRONE TOWNSHIP
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? HOMESTEAD FARM OF FATHERS IN TYRONE TOWNSHIP
6. Was this a homestead? NO
7. Did the first owner farm the land? YES
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
NO
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? OLD LOG BARN  
EAST OF PRESENT HOUSE
10. When was the present home built? 1895
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? CORN SOYBEANS <sup>BEEF CATTLE</sup>
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
LE SUEUR NEWS HERALD

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

OUR SON WILLIAM IS THE  
FIFTH GENERATION OF  
WILLIAM WEYL'S TO LIVE  
IN TYRONE TOWNSHIP &  
THE FOURTH WILLIAM  
WEYL TO LIVE ON THIS  
FARM.



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner MARTIN F. + ADELINE WIELAND  
Name(s) to appear on certificate SAME AS ABOVE  
Address RTE #1 Box 238 New Prague 56071  
Address of farm, if different from above SAME AS ABOVE

Section 18 Township 112 - RANGE 23 W County LE SUEUR

Number of acres in the farm at present 200 ACRES

Date of original purchase by member of your family 24th Sept 1860

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

Lot 3 + 4 M + W 3 7 1/2 A of lots 2 + 8 less S 20 A of lot 4  
Sec 18 - 112 - 23 138.87 AC. Lot 2 + part of lot 6 lying W. of line 1090 ft  
W + parallel to N + S C L of Sec 7 - 112 - 23 - 66.5 A.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME (WIELAND)	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
MATHIAS WIRTLAND (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1860 to 1863	FATHER
FREDRICK WIELAND next owner	from 1863 to 1905	FATHER
GUSTAV C. WIELAND next owner	from 1905 to 1946	FATHER
MARTIN F. + ADELINE WIELAND next owner	from 1946 to Date	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

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

M. Kumpfer - Registrar of Deeds  
(Witness sign here)

Date 6/29/76

Martin F. Wieland  
(Signature of present owner)

Adeline Wieland

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Gustave C. Wieland
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 200 A
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? Germany
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? Some are very old but not certain if original of 1860
10. When was the present home built? 1951
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn - oats & soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
New Prague Times

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Richard J. Wieland

Name(s) to appear on certificate Richard J. Wieland

Address R#1 Le Sueur, mn.

Address of farm, if different from above 56058

Section 25 Township Sharon County Le Sueur

Number of acres in the farm at present 170

Date of original purchase by member of your family Sept 1875

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

North 60 acres s.w. 1/4  
(southwest)

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Bryetta M. Wieland</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1875</u> to <u>1890</u>	<u>mother</u>
<u>Anthony Wieland</u> next owner	from <u>1890</u> to <u>1957</u>	<u>mother</u>
<u>Joseph Wieland</u> next owner	from <u>1957</u> to <u>1959</u>	<u>son</u>
<u>Richard J. Wieland</u> next owner	from <u>1959</u> to <u>present 1976</u>	<u>son</u>
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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Land Patent ( )  
Original Deed ( )  
County Land Record ☒

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

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

Harry Zelnick  
(Witness sign here)

Richard Wieland  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 7/9/76



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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Henry E. Burke
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 60
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$60.00
4. Where was the first owner born? Switzerland
5. Where did ~~he~~<sup>she</sup> live prior to moving onto the farm? Le Sueur, Minn.
6. Was this a homestead? second owner
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
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?  
house in use and built in 1889
10. When was the present home built? 1889
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn & soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Le Center Leader: Le Center, Minn. 56057

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

Brigetta came across from Switzerland in 1865

J. Anthony was 3 years old at the time.

We are part of a Romancho (swiss) settlement at St. Henry, Minn.  
I'm  $\frac{1}{2}$  Romancho and my wife is  $\frac{1}{4}$ . the rest is mostly German.  
Richard J. Wieland