



## Century Farm Applications

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## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner

Dale Barnes

Name(s) to appear on certificate

Dale & Inez Barnes

Address

Granada Minn 56039

Address of farm, if different from above

Sections 26 & 27

Township

Center Creek

County

Martin

Number of acres in the farm at present

61

Date of original purchase by member of your family

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

SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 & N 1/2 of NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Sec. 26 - Twp 103 Range 29  
also 120' x 330' in SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Sec. 27, Twp 103 - Range 29

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>John B Barnes</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>-</u> to <u>1903</u>	<u>At his death to estate until</u>
<u>John Barnes Estate</u> next owner	from <u>1903</u> to <u>1912</u>	<u>His Heirs</u>
<u>George H Barnes</u> next owner	from <u>1912</u> to <u>1936</u>	<u>Son of John Barnes</u>
<u>Geo Barnes Estate</u> next owner	from <u>1936</u> to <u>1945</u>	<u>His Heirs</u>
<u>Dale Barnes</u> next owner	from <u>1945</u> to <u>-</u>	<u>Son of George H Barnes</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 ( )  
 Land Patent ( )  
 Original Deed ( )  
 County Land Record ( )

Court file in Registration

Proceedings ( )

Other (please explain Have Copy of  
Mortgage given by John B. Barnes  
on said property, Jan. Dec. 5, 1872

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

Mrs Scott L Gronwall  
 (Witness sign here)

Dale Barnes  
 (Signature of present owner)

Date July 10 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

More information on reverse side.

Have copy of Article on John Beriah Barnes published by The Lewis Publishing Co., Chicago, Ill. 1895- stating that Mr Barnes brought his family to Martin County by Covered Wagon in 1865 and purchased a claim where he built a slab shanty and was still living there in 1895. This is the original 320a homestead where 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> generations are presently living.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where was the first owner born? New York State
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Mower County
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?  
Postmaster - Insp. treas.
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? 1890's
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn & Soy Beans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Fairmont Daily Sentinel Fairmont Minn 56031

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 Timothy Leo Daly ok  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Timothy Leo Daly  
Address Granada Minnesota  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section Two Township Pleasant Prairie County Martin  
Number of acres in the farm at present 142

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1863

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

S.E. quarter Section Two, town 102  
Range 29-West-Martin County, Minnesota

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Timothy Daly</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1863</u> to <u>1926</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>William P Daly</u> next owner	from <u>1926</u> to <u>1949</u>	<u>Brother</u>
<u>Timothy Leo Daly</u> next owner	from <u>1949</u> to <u>dec</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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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:

Timothy J. Gaur  
(Witness sign here)

Timothy Leo Daly  
(Signature of present owner)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

See reverse side for additional information.



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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Homestead U.S. government
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land ~~per acre~~? \$16.00
4. Where was the first owner born? County Kerry Ireland
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Wisconsin
6. Was this a homestead? yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
No
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use?  
No.
10. When was the present home built? 1888
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, oats, beans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Farmington Daily Sentinel, Farmington Minn. 56031

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

Emathy Daly was born in County Kerry Ireland May 2 1842. Came to America in 1848 to New England, later came to Wisconsin in 1851. To Minnesota in 1863. Married Mary Dunn in Blue Earth in 1866 lived on same farm until his death in 1926.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Mrs William J. Daly  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Mrs William J. Daly  
Address Rt 2 Granada, Minn  
Address of farm, if different from above 56039

Section 11-102-29 Township Pleasant Prairie County Martin

Number of acres in the farm at present 154

Date of original purchase by member of your family Homestead 1869

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

N 1/2 NE 1/4 (ex RR) 11-102-29  
S 1/2 NE 1/4 11-102-29

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
John Daly (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1869 to 1890	Father } Husband
Johanna Daly next owner	from 1890 to 1890	w/dow Mother } wife
Timothy Daly next owner	from 1890 to 1899	son Father
John C. Daly next owner	from 1899 to 1947	son Father
Francis E. Daly } next owner	from 1947 to 1956	son Brother
William M. Daly } next owner	from 1947 to 1956	daughter sister
William Daly next owner	from 1956 to 1976	brother Husband

Mrs William Daly 1976 (William died in April)  
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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:

John W. Daly  
(Witness sign here)

Mrs William J. Daly  
(Signature of present owner)

Date July 6, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

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2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where was the first owner born? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Was this a homestead? Yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? \_\_\_\_\_
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. When was the present home built? 1897
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? \_\_\_\_\_
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Fairmont Sentinel, Fairmont, Minn

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



I am 83 yrs old, This is the best I can do, Thank you

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Maisie Wiltse Franz Barn 6-30-1893

Name(s) to appear on certificate Maisie W. Wiltse Franz

Address 1144 S. E. 85 Ave, Portland, Ore. 97216

Address of farm, if different from above Ceylon, Minnesota, 550121

Section 21 Township Lake Belt, 101 N County Martin

Number of acres in the farm at present Range 32 W. 152.94 acres

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1864, May

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

152.94 acres in Section 21, Township 101 N, Range 32 W.

Lake Belt Township, including Buildings site, and buildings  
10 acres of pasture is virgin land.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
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Willard W. Wiltse (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1864 to 1913	Husband to Mary Jane Wiltse
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Mary Jane Wiltse next owner	from 1913 to 1924	To her three sons.
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Edwin, Alonzo, Elmer next owner	from 1924 to 1937	Edwin J. Wiltse
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next owner	from to	Alonzo Wiltse
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next owner	from to	Elmer W. Wiltse
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Elmer W. Wiltse next owner	from 1937 to 1942	Son of Willard & Mary Jane Wiltse
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Ira Wiltse & Maisie next owner	from 1942 to 1957	Wife & daughter of Elmer W. Wiltse
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Maisie W. Wiltse Franz next owner	from 1957 to	daughter of Elmer & Ira Wiltse
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Abstract of Title (x)

Land Patent ( )

Original Deed ( )

County Land

Record ( )

Court file in Registration

Proceedings ( )

Other (please explain)

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

Velma Franz Jinke (Witness sign here) Maisie Mary Vivian Wiltse Franz (Signature of present owner)

Date 6/21/76

See reverse side for additional information.



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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Land Grant from President Grant
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 154 acres including Lake Susan.
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where was the first owner born? Leon, Catteraugus Co, New York, 5-15, 1824
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Dodge Co. Wis, 1844-1864
6. Was this a homestead? yes, may 1864, appl. no 1752 Certif. no 1020
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes,
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
Will Wright <sup>wife</sup> Head Sawyer Jackson, Minn,
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? no, Original house of logs <sup>Sept</sup> 1864  
destroyed by fire June 1, 1865, by Indians.
10. When was the present home built? 1870, still is in use, Barn built 1879
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn & Soy Beans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Fairmont Daily Sentinel, Fairmont, Minn, 56130  
Trumont & Ceylon Herald, Trumout, Minn,

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

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CENTURY FARMS  
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

Willard Wiltse gave two acres for a cemetery as there wasnt any place to bury the dead, it is now known as Lake Belt cemetery and is also used by the town of Ceylon, Minn.

**D**ILLARD WESLEY WILTSE, a pioneer settler and well known farmer residing in Lake Belt township, Martin county, was born in Leon, Cattaraugus county, New York, May 15, 1826, and is of Holland Dutch and English descent. His paternal grandfather, Andrew Wiltse, was born in Saratoga county, New York, and was descended from Holland Dutch ancestors, who located in the Colonies in an early day. He was three times married and reared a large family. The maternal great-grandfather of our subject was born in England, and was the founder of his family in the New World. Edmund Wiltse, father of our subject, was also a native of the Empire State, where he married Serena Holmes. In the year 1844 he emigrated westward with his family, locating in Waukesha county, Wisconsin, before

that State was admitted to the Union. He afterward went to Dodge county, where his death occurred, in June, 1861, he having attained the age of sixty-three years. His wife, who was born in 1800, was called to the home beyond the grave in 1852. In the family of this worthy couple were the following children: Willard Wesley, whose name heads this review; Merritt Hulbrook, who was born in September, 1827, and is now farming in Nebraska. He married Miss Mary Herrick and they have five children. Mary Jane, now deceased, became the wife of Isaac Nichols and had one child, Edmund. Lavantia, deceased, became the wife of William Hart and they had one daughter, Dora. Edward has also passed away. Esther Triphena, deceased, after the death of her older sister married William Hart, and they had two children, William and Elmer. After the death of his first wife, the father of this family married Lavantia Runyon Holmes. He was one of the pioneer settlers of Wisconsin, and was a man highly esteemed for the many excellencies of his character.

Willard W. Wiltse spent the first eighteen years of his life in the State of his nativity, and the days of his boyhood and youth were unmarked by any event of special importance. He then accompanied his father on his removal to the Territory of Wisconsin and lived amid the wild scenes of the frontier, becoming familiar with the experiences of pioneer life. There were many hardships and trials to be borne, yet such a life was not entirely without its pleasures, and a sociability and spirit of helpfulness existed that is scarcely known at the present time, especially in the more populous regions. He continued a resident of Dodge county, Wisconsin, until 1864,

when, on the 11th of July, he sought a home in Martin county. He had previously visited this locality, coming hither in May, at which time he secured a homestead. He built for himself a home, into which he moved on the 20th of September. While away from home, on the first of June, 1865, this house was destroyed by fire, and everything in it was burned, including some very valuable papers concerning the family history. With characteristic energy he began erecting another dwelling, putting up a substantial log house, which was his place of abode until the completion of his present commodious and comfortable home, in the autumn of 1870. In the meantime he had given his attention partly to another pursuit than that to which he had been reared and which has practically been his life work. In October, 1868, he removed to Jackson, where he was employed as head sawyer by David Cardwell. In the fall of 1870 he returned to his farm and has continuously devoted his energies to its cultivation and further improvement. His home is located on section 21, Lake Belt township, and comprises 154 acres, which are well tilled.

On the 4th of December, 1854, Mr. Wiltse was joined in wedlock with Mary Jane Cardwell, daughter of Hugh and Abigail (Benson) Cardwell, and the youngest in a family of six children, the date of her birth being February 8, 1835, and the place Bennington county, Vermont. The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Wiltse are Edwin John, a prosperous farmer of Martin county, who is represented elsewhere in this volume; Alonzo, who was born October 23, 1859, married Cora Titus and has one child, Willie Elmer, who was born June 22, 1888, and is now living with our subject, for his mother died November 9, 1893; Elmer Willard, born

February 28, 1864, married Ina Stella Persons and their children are Guy Elmer <sup>Mossie</sup> and Mary Vivian. Mr. and Mrs. Wiltse, out of the goodness of their hearts, have adopted a daughter, Lena Christina Jorginson, who was born November 3, 1879, and finds with them a pleasant home and tender care. All who know this worthy couple recognize their innate goodness, and their many excellent characteristics have won them the confidence and esteem of all. They have long resided in Martin county and among the honored pioneer settlers well deserve mention.

## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner

Carrie Holden

Name(s) to appear on certificate

Carrie Holden

Address

Cromby Minn

Address of farm, if different from above

Same

Section

8

Township

104 Range

County

Martin

Number of acres in the farm at present

58<sup>50</sup> acres

Date of original purchase by member of your family

Homestead

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

That part NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  + N  $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec 8-104-32  
lying west of M & L L. Railroad

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME

DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP

BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER

Andrew C. Holden

from 1873 to 1906

Husband

(owner in 1876 or B4)

Shara Holden

from 1906 to 1953

Wife

next owner,

Carrie Holden

from 1953 to 1976

Daughter

next owner

from to

next owner

from to

next owner

from to

next owner

from to

next owner

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Abstract of Title ( )

Court file in Registration

Land Patent ( )

Proceedings ( )

Original Deed ( )

Other (please explain Homestead)

County Land

Entry #9198 and later

Record ( )

Patent

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

W. F. Holden

(Witness sign here)

Carrie Holden

(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? Homestead
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Homestead
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Minnesota
6. Was this a homestead? yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
No
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? Part of present  
Granary.
10. When was the present home built? 1878 add built in 1953
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn & Soy Beans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Fairmont Daily Sentinel Fairmont Minn  
56031

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 Lyle E. Larson  
Name(s) to appear on certificate \_\_\_\_\_  
Address Shuburn Minnesota RR#1  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 20 Township Jay County Martin  
Number of acres in the farm at present 240  
Date of original purchase by member of your family Homestead 1876 or B4  
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
N. 1/2 SW 1/4 20 102 33

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
U.S. Govt. (owner in 1876 or B4)	Land Patent from 1876 to 1881	Olaf Ersson Apr. 9 1881 father
Olaf Ersson next owner	from 1881 to 1888	Olaf Olson Nov. 5 1888 son
Olaf Olson next owner	from 1888 to 1904	Christina Larson Aug 16, 1904 sister
Christina Larson next owner	from 1904 to 1927	Laurina Larson Oct. 4, 1927 daughter
Laurina Larson next owner	from 1927 to 1961	Oscar L. Larson Aug. 16, 1961 brother
Oscar L. Larson next owner	from 1961 to 1971	Lyle E. Larson July 1, 1971 son
next owner	from 1971 to	Present owner is Lyle E. Larson

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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:

L M Whitehead (Witness sign here)  
Lyle E. Larson (Signature of present owner)

Date July 3rd, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? U. S. Govt.
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80
3. What was the cost of land per acre? 1.25 an acre or 5 year residence
4. Where was the first owner born? Sweden
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Sweden
6. Was this a homestead? yes this was a Homestead
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes a portion
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
Not to my knowledge
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use?  
Partially but not in use.
10. When was the present home built? In the square nail period
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn and Beans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
The Fairmont Daily Sentinel Fairmont Minn.

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

My aunt Lavinia Larson was born on this farm in 1877. My second Aunt Anna Larson and My father were born there too. Anna in 1879 and Oscar in 1881. All they could farm was 3 acres as the rest was wet. This 3 acres has been farmed continually ever since. Little did they know what good farm land they had. Grass and prairie in all directions and water in the sloughs.

# **BIRTH RECORD**

**ISSUED BY**

**CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT**



**CERTIFICATE OF BIRTH**

STATE OF MINNESOTA, COUNTY OF Martin



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They burned twisted hay and buffalo chips. There were no trees so they went to the Des Moines river at Jackson to get fire wood. On the way home the wolves followed them, never getting close enough to attack. They raised cattle and hordled them all around for several miles. I think wheat is all they raised at first. This was ground into flour at Jackson or maybe Winnetago. Oxen were the horsepower. What a difference a 100 years has made.

The land Patent was issued Apr. 9, 1881 and they had to homestead for 5 yrs. first.

over That is all I have to say. Type for

Hope this is the information  
that you require for a century  
farm certification has been  
ensured to your satisfaction.  
my grandfather together with his  
family came to America by sailboat  
in 1870. They lived in Winnebago  
Co. Ossian, Iowa until the spring  
of 1876 when they traveled by open  
to Minnesota and settled in Sec 43  
Martin Township, Rock Co.

They lived in a sod house until  
the mid eighties when they built  
the home that we are still living in.  
my mother was the first white  
child born on this homestead.  
after the death of my grandmother  
in 1908 my father purchased  
this farm from my grandfather



my father continued to operate  
this farm until 1927 when my  
mother died. We, brothers &  
operated this farm until 1932.  
My father still living on the farm.  
My brother operated this farm  
from 1932 until 1936 at this  
time my wife and I plus our  
family moved back to this farm.  
My father passed away in 1938.  
I purchased this farm from  
my brothers in 1955 and I together  
with my wife are still living here.  
The old records that I refer to  
were taken from old newspapers  
and also from obituaries of my  
Grandparents and Parents which  
appeared in our local newspapers.  
We are planning a little celebra-  
tion together with our children & grand-  
children, friends & neighbors the 18<sup>th</sup> & 17 July.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Lyle J. Mathwig  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Lyle J. Mathwig  
Address Dunnell, Minnesota  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 22 Township Lake Fremont County Martin  
Number of acres in the farm at present I own 360 acres which includes a part of the original homestead.  
Date of original purchase by member of your family homesteaded in 1870  
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
W $\frac{1}{2}$  of W $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 22 Township 101 Range 33 (Part of original homestead)

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
United States (owner in 1876 or B4)	from to 1870	Gave homestead rights to Mathwig family
John Michael Mathwig	from 1870 to 1910	Husband
next owner Augusta Mathwig	from 1910 to 1914	Wife
next owner William Mathwig	1914 to 1924	Son
Ida Mathwig	from 1924 to 1948	Wife
next owner Frank C. Mathwig	from 1948 to 1953	Brother-in-law
next owner Lulu Duncan & Miller	from 1953 to 1974	Daughters
next owner Lyle Mathwig	from 1974 to	Brother
next owner		

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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:

Cunice Mathwig  
(Witness sign here)

Lyle Mathwig  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 30, 1976

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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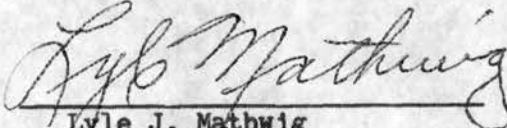
1. From whom was the farm purchased? Homesteaded
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? homesteaded
4. Where was the first owner born? Wisconsin
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Wisconsin
6. Was this a homestead? Yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
No
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? No
10. When was the present home built? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn, beans, oats, cattle, hogs
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
SHERBURN ADVANCE STANDARD, SHERBURN, MN.

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

My father, Frank Mathwig died in 1964. He was 94 years old. His parents and brother came originally from Wisconsin by ox team in 1869. They came to Sioux City, Iowa to the home of relatives but there were no homesteads available there so they went to a place north of Estherville, Iowa and lived in a dug out in a hill where my father was born in 1870.

That same year my grandparents moved five miles farther north into Minnesota and homesteaded a 160 acres which was one and half miles south of Dunnell, Minnesota. They built a log house on this land.

My grandparents had seven sons and four daughters. They later acquired 320 acres more in the same section 22 that they homesteaded and five of the sons each got an 80 acres. Two of the younger sons each got an 80 in an adjoining section. The original homestead, 160 acres, remained in the Mathwig family until 1948 when part of it was sold. A part of it still remains in the family name and I own it. I am the only descendant still farming a portion of this original homestead which my grandparents claimed in 1871. I live on the ~~the~~ 80 acres which my Dad got from home and in the same section. I

  
Lyle J. Mathwig



Section 23 Township Pleasant Prairie County Martin  
Number of acres in the farm at present 119  
Date of original purchase by member of your family Sept. 24, 1868  
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
S 1/2NE1/4 & NE1/4NE1/4

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Alfred B. Tyler
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? approximately \$ 4.38
4. Where was the first owner born? County Cork , Ireland
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Wisconsin
6. Was this a homestead? No
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
Early Postmaster out of private residence.
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? Only barn remaining, built approx. 1890
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn , soybeans, hay
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Fairmont Sentinel

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

1 acre of the original quarter was sold for \$ 1.00 to build a school house on in November 16, 1875. The original quarter is presently in school district 43, Martin county.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Laverne A. + James E. Roberts  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Laverne A. + James E. Roberts  
Address Truman, Minn. R. R2, 56088  
Address of farm, if different from above Winnebago, Minn.

Section 10 Township Nashville County Martin

Number of acres in the farm at present 80 Acres

Date of original purchase by member of your family Oct 27, 1868

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

E. 1/2 of N. W. 1/4 Section Ten. - Township 104 North,  
29 West of The 5th P.M.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Samuel Bacon</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1868</u> to <u>1907</u>	<u>Father</u> <u>Great Grandfather</u>
<u>Owen W. Bacon</u> next owner	from <u>1907</u> to <u>1918</u>	<u>Father-in-law</u> <u>Grandfather</u>
<u>Edwin J. Begov</u> next owner	from <u>1918</u> to <u>1971</u>	<u>Father</u> <u>Father</u>
<u>Lester E. Begov</u> next owner	from <u>1971</u> to <u>1976</u>	<u>Brother</u> <u>Brother</u>
<u>Laverne A. + James E. Roberts</u> next owner	from <u>1976</u> to	<u>Laverne Roberts</u>
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

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

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

Richard L. Man  
(Witness sign here)

Laverne A. Roberts  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 30, 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? U.S. Grant, President.
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 Acres.
3. What was the cost of land per acre? IT was homesteaded, 1863.
4. Where was the first owner born? New York State. *he settled there.*
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Wisconsin
6. Was this a homestead? yes, Homestead Cert #265 in 1869.
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes.
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
He had a General Store on his farm land from 1877-1892, His land formed a part of the town of Nashville center.
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? yes, part of original home, still stands, being remodeled several times.
10. When was the present home built? Remodeled in 1956.
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn & Soy Beans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Iruan Tribune - Iruan, Minn. or The Sentinel, - Fairmont, Minn.

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





around 1890 - Grandmother Mary Bacon & Aunt Lotte (over)

House has been remodeled many times.  
Barn remodeled also for feeder cattle.  
Wooden Windmill taken down.  
2 Evergreen trees remain still standing

#75113-A

**This Indenture**, Made this 1st day of April, 1976,  
between Herman Grefe,  
as Administrator  
of the Estate of Lester Pegors, deceased, party  
of the first part, and LaVerne A. Roberts and James E. Roberts, wife and husband,  
as tenants in common,  
of the County of Martin and State of Minnesota, parties  
of the second part,

Witnesseth, That whereas the Probate Court of Martin County,  
Minnesota, in the matter of the Estate of Lester Pegors  
deceased, did, on the 25th day of  
August, 1975, enter its order authorizing and empowering the party of the first  
part, as such administrator, to make private sale of the real estate hereinafter described, and said  
party of the first part, having made and filed in said court the bond and oath required by law, and by  
said order, and having caused said real estate to be appraised by two competent persons appointed by said  
court, and having sold the same to the second parties hereto at private sale, for the consideration herein-  
after named, and having made and filed in said court report of sale, and

Whereas, The said court did on the 29th day of March, 1976, enter  
an order confirming said sale and directing the party of the first part to convey said real estate to said  
second parties.

Now, Therefore, The said party of the first part, by virtue of said order, and in con-  
sideration of the sum of One Hundred Forty-four Thousand and no/100 (\$144,000.00) Dollars,  
to him in hand paid by said parties of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby  
acknowledged, does hereby Grant, Bargain, Sell and Convey, unto the said parties of the second  
part, their heirs and assigns forever all the tract or parcel of land lying and being in the  
County of Martin and State of Minnesota, described as follows, to-wit:

East One-half (E 1/2) of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of Section  
Ten (10), Township One Hundred Four (104) North, Range Twenty-nine (29)  
West of the 5th P.M., containing eighty (80) Acres more or less.

GRANTORS CERTIFY THAT STATE DEED  
TRANSFER TAX DUE IS \$ 316<sup>80</sup>

To Have and to Hold the Same, Together with all the hereditaments and appurtenances  
thereunto belonging, or in anywise appertaining, to the said parties of the second part, their heirs  
and assigns, Forever.

In Testimony Whereof, The said party of the first part has hereunto set his  
hand the day and year first above written.

In Presence of

Herman Grefe

As Administrator of the

Estate of Lester Pegors,

Deceased



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Louis Rooney  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Louis Rooney  
Address Welcome, Mn.  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 22 Township Fox Lake County Martin  
Number of acres in the farm at present 80

Date of original purchase by member of your family Homesteaded 1866

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

East half of the South West Quarter of Sec. 22 in Township  
103 of Range 32

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>John Rooney SR.</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1866</u> to <u>1888</u>	<u>his widow Mary</u>
<u>MARY Rooney</u> next owner	from <u>1888</u> to <u>1901</u>	<u>son</u>
<u>John Rooney</u> next owner	from <u>1901</u> to <u>1918</u>	<u>his widow Ellen</u>
<u>ELLEN Rooney</u> next owner	from <u>1918</u> to <u>1949</u>	<u>son</u>
<u>Louis Rooney</u> next owner	from <u>1949</u> to <u>Present time</u>	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	

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Abstract of Title (X) County Grant Book X  
Land Patent ( ) Court file in Registration  
Original Deed ( ) Proceedings (X)  
County Land Other (please explain \_\_\_\_\_)  
Record (X) no

Final Homestead Certificate 3952  
April 5, 1876

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

Maryna Loe  
(Witness sign here)

Date June 16, 1976

Louis Rooney  
(Signature of present owner)

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where was the first owner born? Ireland
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Canada, Wisc.
6. Was this a homestead? yes in 1866
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? 1922
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn - soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Zaunmont Daily Sentinel, Wilhorne Times  
Zaunmont, Mn. Sherburn, Mn.

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Mark Teaser  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Mark and Charlotte Teaser  
Address R.R. #1 Truman, Minn. 56088  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section #29 Township Hestford County Martin  
Number of acres in the farm at present 200  
Date of original purchase by member of your family May 1865  
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
SW 1/4 Section 29 Hestford Twp.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
James Murphy (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1865 to 1883	Father
John Murphy next owner	from 1883 to 1888	Son
Mary Murphy Hines next owner	from 1888 to 1936	Daughter
William Hines Teaser next owner	from 1936 to 1964	Daughter
Mark & Charlotte Teaser next owner	from 1964 to present	Son
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:

George A. Fowler  
(Witness sign here)

Mark Teaser  
(Signature of present owner)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? My father
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 300
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Purchased under Preemption Act of 1841
4. Where was the first owner born? In Ireland from U.S. Gov't - \$4.00 per acre
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? New Hampshire
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? Corn - Soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Fairmont Daily Sentinel - Truman Tribune  
Fairmont, Minn. 56031 Truman, Minn. 56088

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