



Century Farm Applications

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CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Mrs. Abby Lauzer Andrews
Name(s) to appear on certificate Mrs. Abby Lauzer Andrews
Address 1875 - N. Victoria St. Paul 55113
Address of farm, if different from above Hutchinson Minn.

Section 26 Township 117 County McLeod

Number of acres in the farm at present 180 acres

Date of original purchase by member of your family Jan. 13 - 1876

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

8 1/2 W 1/2 - S W 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Simon and Anna Imey Lauzer. (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1876 to 1934	Parents
Anna Lauzer next owner	from 1934 to 1935	mother or wife
Emily Joseph and Joseph Lauzer next owner	from 1935 to 1956	2 sisters and a brother + me.
Anna Lauzer and Abby Lauzer Andrews next owner	from 1956 to 1962	my sister and I.
Abby Lauzer Andrews next owner	from 1962 to 1976	I am last of my family.
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:

(Witness sign here) _____
Date Jan. 12 - 1976
Mrs. Abby Lauzer Andrews
(Signature of present owner)

See reverse side for additional information.

my father and his entire family came to Minn.
1857. - to Waverly Minn. - 13 bros and 2 sisters.
my mother - parents and a bro. in 1867. to Hutchinson
my mother was 10 yr. old.
2 belong to Minn. Territorial Pioneers -

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Wencil Pessek.
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 40 acres.
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$10.00 acre
4. Where was the first owner born? Czechoslovakia (9 yrs old)
my mother in Czechs -
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? 1 yr. at Waverly Minn.
6. Was this a homestead? No.
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
No.
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? House, barn -
machine shed - corn crib and chicken house
10. When was the present home built? 1st part - 1876. More added later -
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, soybeans, grain -
hay -
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Hutchinson Leader. Hutchinson Minn. 55350.

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

There were six children, 2 brothers - one a dy. and one a dentist sold their share to my 2 sisters, a bro. and me. The farm has been handed down to surviving members. I am now the last of family. 15 acres is still in virgin woods. 40 acres of farm was given to my mother by her parents in 1908. 2 have a daughter, Mrs. Ed. Leland. W.T. of Los Alamos New Mex. 87544 and a son, Milner Langer Andrews. 3530 Sunwoody Pensacola Fla. 32503. Both will be owners of the original 100 yr. acreage on my passing -

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner

Name(s) to appear on certificate

Address

Address of farm, if different from above

Section

Township

County

Number of acres in the farm at present

Date of original purchase by member of your family

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

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME

DATES (YEARS) OF
OWNERSHIPBLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO
NEXT OWNER

Andrew Anderson (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1876 to 1904	Father
next owner Andrew Anderson	from 1904 to 1936	Father
next owner Alvin M. Anderson	from 1936 to 1960	Father
next owner Olivia Anderson	from 1960 to —	
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 _____)

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

Marcelle M. Fruetel
(Witness sign here)

Olivia Anderson
(Signature of present owner)

Date Aug. 14, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? 45 Patent
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? homesteaded.
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? _____
6. Was this a homestead? yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
no
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? part of house
10. When was the present home built? 3 different times
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? dairy-general
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Lester Prairie News

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

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

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

Names to appear on 1976 Certificate

Olson Anderson

ADDRESS

Lester Prairie

Missouri

FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION BY THE FAMILY

1960

McLeod

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.

Andrew Anderson came to this farm in 1856 - The land Grant was signed by Ulysses S Grant in 1870.

Olson Anderson operated the farm since 1950 and purchased it by contract farmed in 1960.

Olson M Anderson died 1-2-1975.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner JAMES G. BAIRD
Name(s) to appear on certificate James & Baird
Address Winnetka Minnesota
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 27 Township Winnetka County McLeod

Number of acres in the farm at present 417

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1859 ^{Sweden} ~~but~~ 1856

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
Lot 2 & 3 South west quarter of North west quarter all in Sec. 3
Township 119 section 27

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>James M. Baird</u> (owner in 1876 on B4)	from <u>1859</u> to <u>1906</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>James M. Baird Jr.</u> next owner	from <u>1906</u> to <u>1951</u>	<u>Son</u>
<u>James E. Baird Jr.</u> next owner	from <u>1951</u> to <u>1976</u>	<u>Son</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	

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Abstract of Title <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:

Richard W. Day (Witness sign here)
James E. Baird (Signature of present owner)

Date June 30 1976
See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? W. Paul & Pacific Rail Co.
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 127
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Land grant
4. Where was the first owner born? River St. Leonard Dec 2/8/19
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Ontario Quebec Can.
6. Was this a homestead? Land grant
7. Did the first owner farm the land? part of it
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
Trapper & Hunter
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? 1956
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn - hay - dairy - pigs
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Winsted Journal

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

James M. Baird was a friend of the Indian Little Crow and was the cause of there not being an Indian massacre in the Winsted area. He was hired by a township company to bring settlers on to the city to Water town and Winsted. His first wife was the first person buried in the Winsted Cemetery. He was a woodman, trapper & hunter.

James M. Baird
Winsted Minn 55393

1858
MINNESOTA
STATEHOOD
CENTENNIAL
1958

Minnesota Century Farm

OWNERSHIP CERTIFICATE

JAMES BAIRD

has/have presented proof of present ownership of a Minnesota farm

located in MCLEOD county.

In 1858, the year Minnesota became a state, this property was owned by

JAMES BAIRD

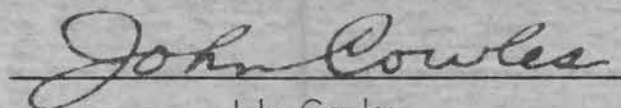
And it has since remained in continuous family ownership.

In Recognition Hereof,

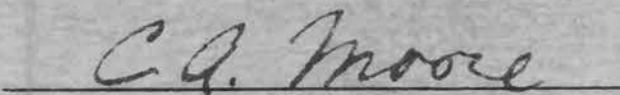
The Minneapolis Star and Tribune and the Minnesota State Fair

Award this Century Farm Ownership Certificate

Dated August 26, 1958



John Cowles
President
Minneapolis Star and Tribune



C. A. Moore
President
Minnesota State Fair



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Lowell Block OK
Name(s) to appear on certificate Lowell Block Margie Block
Address Hutchinson, RR 2
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 3 Township Sumter County McLeod

Number of acres in the farm at present ~~120~~ 80

Date of original purchase by member of your family 4-15-1872

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

M 1/2 NW 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Phillip Block</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1872</u> to <u>1884</u>	<u>GREAT GRAND FATHER</u>
<u>August Block</u> next owner	from <u>1884</u> to <u>1939</u>	<u>GRAND FATHER</u>
<u>Alfred Block</u> next owner	from <u>1939</u> to <u>1972</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
<u>Lowell Block</u> next owner	from <u>1972</u> 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:

Alfred Block
(Witness sign here)

Date 6-29-76

Lowell Block
(Signature of present owner)

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Ulysses S. Grant
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? _____
3. What was the cost of land per acre? _____
4. Where was the first owner born? _____
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? _____
6. Was this a homestead? _____
7. Did the first owner farm the land? _____
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?

9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? _____

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 Orelandy Elizabeth Christensen
Name(s) to appear on certificate " " "
Address R1 HUTCHINSON, MINN.
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 29 Township HUTCHINSON County McLeod

Number of acres in the farm at present 80

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1956

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

The East Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section 29
Township One Hundred Seventeen (117) North Range (29) West.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Patent</u>	<u>1876-1881</u>	
<u>Certified Patent</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1876</u> to <u>1881</u>	
next owner <u>Crosby</u>	from <u>1881</u> to <u>1887</u>	
next owner <u>Pendergast</u>	from <u>1887</u> to <u>1888</u>	
next owner <u>Crosby</u>	from <u>1888</u> to <u>1871</u>	
next owner <u>Hans</u> <u>1871</u>	from <u>1871</u> to <u>1881</u>	<u>Father of Ole</u>
next owner <u>Ole</u>	from <u>1881</u> to <u>1917</u>	<u>Father of John</u>
next owner <u>J.P. Christensen</u>	from <u>1917</u> to <u>1956</u>	<u>Father of Oreland</u>
next owner <u>Oreland</u>	<u>1956-1976</u>	<u>SON</u>

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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)

Oreland & Elizabeth Christensen
(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? _____
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? A Hans born in Denmark
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? _____
10. When was the present home built? 1966
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? hay - corn - oats
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Hitchinson Leader

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Albert Engelmann

Name(s) to appear on certificate Albert Engelmann

Address Nowood Menn

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 36 Township Bergen County McLeod

Number of acres in the farm at present 160

Date of original purchase by member of your family Homesteaded in 1863, I bought in 1949

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

E 1/2 of SE 1/4 Sec 36 T116 - R 27

E 1/2 of NE 1/4 Sec 1 T115 - R 27

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Alvin Engelmann</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	<u>from 1863 to 1898</u>	<u>Homesteaded in 1863</u>
<u>Emil Engelmann</u> next owner	<u>from 1898 to 1949</u>	<u>Son of Alvin Engelmann</u>
<u>Albert Engelmann</u> next owner	<u>from 1949 to Present</u>	<u>Son of Emil Engelmann</u>
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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Abstract of Title () Court file in Registration
Land Patent (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:

Erwin Miller
(Witness sign here)

Albert Engelmann
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 29, 1926

See reverse side for additional information

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Father & Mother
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80
3. What was the cost of land per acre? 2
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? immigrated from 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?
yes Carpenter
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's
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, grain, alfalfa
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Norwood Times - Glenview Enterprise

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

Granddad Alvin Engelmann homesteaded 80 acres in 1863. My Father Emil Engelmann was born on the farm in 1875 and farmed until 1937. I was born in 1913 on same farm and bought the farm in 1949 from my mother and other members of family. Still own farm today.

Signed: Alvin Engelmann

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Curtis G. Halvorson
Name(s) to appear on certificate Curtis, Goldye and son Clinton
Address R. 1 Box 150 G Lester Prairie Mn. 55354
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 22 and 23 Township Bergen County McLeod

Number of acres in the farm at present 140

Date of original purchase by member of your family Homesteaded 1856

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

E 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec 22 SW 1/4 S 1/4 Sec 23
W 1/2 NE 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec 23

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Gunder Halvorson (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1856 to 1899	Homesteaded
Edward Halvorson next owner	from 1899 to 1949	Son of Gunder
Curtis G. Halvorson next owner	from 1949 to 1976	Son of Edward
next owner	from to	This farm was a century farm in 1958.
next owner	from to	Our mail route was changed last summer from Plate to Lester Prairie
next owner	from to	On Fair grounds plaque our Curtis name was spelled wrongly -
next owner	from to	should be only one S CURTIS G. Halvorson

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

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

(Witness sign here) _____
(Signature of present owner) Curtis Halvorson

Date June 23, 1976

See reverse side for additional information

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? US (Granted)
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? ~~200~~ 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Granted by US
4. Where was the first owner born? Urødahl, Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Norway
6. Was this a homestead? yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
Before coming to US, He was engaged in the Lumber on the Baltic Sea.
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? 12 in 1899 other 2 1908
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Kitchen Area dining-living
corn, soy beans, alfalfa
wheat oats
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Glencoe Enterprise Glencoe 55334
Lester Prairie News 55354

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

Gunder Halvorson's

In Norway the family name was different than in some other countries. A sons last name would be his fathers first name and add the word son. Therefore Gunders last name would be Halvorson. Gunders son would be called Gunderson and so forth. The daughters would work the same way, except you add an 's' and the word datter. Such as Halvorsdatter. They would name one son Halvor or Gunder to keep the name going.

Gunder, age 29, was the oldest in the family of five children. His parents were Halvor and Dorteia (Halvorsdatter) Gunderson. He came to the U.S. first and landed in Quebec. From there he moved to Illinois for one year. In 1854 he⁵⁰ journeyed to Carver in Carver county, where he engaged in farm labor for two years. He and three others bought a McCormick wagon, a team of oxen, and loaded it with a meager amount of equipment. They left Carver and traveled westward to Glencoe. Here they found a few people in shacks on the townsite. Glencoe had been laid out by the Hon. Martin McLeod.

As they traveled they slept in the open for their wagon was not covered and they had no tent. They used brush for a shelter. Proceeding from Glencoe they cut through underbrush and willows to Crow River, in the north, Then followed the river to the east. They then went to the south to section 23 in Bergen township. There they built a shack on a hill three hundred yards to the northwest of the present site. Gunder then built on this site. The shack and another house a quarter of a mile away, were used by people passing through or until their own home was built.

[Gunder made a preemption claim on this farm and proved up on it. Afterwards he took a Homestead right on it. June 15, 1864, Gunder recieved a deed for the 160 acres. This was under former Pres. Abraham Lincoln's term. On June 15, 1876, he received another deed for 40 acres under U. S. Grant's term of Presidency. These two deeds are still in our possession. In 1853, Gunder's parents, brothers, and sister left Norway for America.

They were Halvor, his wife Dorteia, sons John, Halvor, Knudt, and daughter Liva. Their ages where from 57 down to 13. Gunder's parents and Liva came through Wisconsin to join him. John stayed in Terry Wisconsin before moving to McLeod county. He was a day Laborer. Halvor (the son) went to Dowieville, Sierra County, California to mine for gold. He did write home a few times. He wrote that when he had made sufficient money, he would come home. That was the last they ever heard from him. Believed that he was robbed

L. Mean's IT should be indented

and killed. Knudt went to Sibley County, which is to the south of here. He enlisted into the service, the Civil War, in September 26, 1861. He died at Jackson, Tennessee on September 17, 1862. He was in Company B of the 4th Regiment of the Minnesota Volunteers, as a private. Liva married a Peterson, but was widowed. She had no children. Gunder married on May 16, 1864 to Ellena Ellingson, a neighbor. They had five children; Halvor, Edward, Bertha, Carrie, and Henry. Henry died at the age of two and Bertha at the age of eleven.

During the Indian out break Gunder and his parents remained at home attending to his duties. They did go to the fort at Carver twice during this time. They had to go to Carver for supplies. One winter day, Halvor, Gunder's Father, went to get some supplies. He started home in a blizzard. But he missed the building site. He walked until he came upon a lake, which he knew. This lake was a mile west of home. Here he sat down to rest and there he froze to death. He was buried at this site for there were no cemeteries then.

[The first address of this community was Brush Prairie. It consisted of a Post Office and a town hall. It was then changed to Lester Prairie for a short period before being changed to Plato. It remained as Plato address until 1975 when it was changed back to Lester Prairie.

An acre of Gunder's land was set aside for school. They built a building for the 1872 school term. This same building is still standing. In 1889 they made a well for the school. Later they put one in the hall. The major improvements during its life were a new Floor and siding. They used kerosene lights from home for light if needed. It wasn't until the last 20 years before closing that they had electricity for lights. The school closed its doors in 1954. They consolidated with the Lester Prairie school District.

Compiled by
Clinton G. Halvorson

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner GERALD HOCHSPRUNG *OK*

Name(s) to appear on certificate GERALD HOCHSPRUNG

Address BROWNTON, MN.

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 13-24 Township ROUND GROVE County MCLEOD

Number of acres in the farm at present 200 original (452)

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1868

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

Commence the Northwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section 24 Township 114 range 30 containing 40 acres. (other sheet & paper)

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>William Hochsprung</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1868</u> to <u>1909</u>	<u>father</u>
<u>Edward Hochsprung</u> next owner	from <u>1909</u> to <u>1962</u>	<u>father</u>
<u>Gerald Hochsprung</u> next owner	from <u>1962</u> to <u>—</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 <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:

Loretta Hochsprung
(Witness sign here)

Gerald Hochsprung
(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? 40 acres United States Government
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 40 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? 40 acres \$1.25 an acre
160 acres \$900.00
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 40 acres
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? a granary 1870
is still being used
10. When was the present home built? 91 years ago 1885
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn soybeans
alfalfa
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Brownton Bulletin, Glencoe Enterprise, Hutchinson
Leader

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

Mr. Hochsprung bought
160 acres from Thomas M. Martin June 3, 1878
Gerald

1966 ~~was~~ bought 40 acres of land

1973 ~~was~~ bought 2 1/2 acres of land
Gerald

total land owned today 45.2 acres

We also farm 50 acres of Mr. Wetlands. 45.2 + 50 = 95.2

Legal description of the land:

Conveys the southwest quarter . section
13 Township 114 Range 20
Containing 160 acres.

Eduard Hockprung was the
youngest son.

There were 9 children in William
Hockprung family. All deceased.
3 sons 6 daughters.

William Hockprung came to Mn.
the summer of 1868 by covered
wagon and then from Wisconsin

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Edwin Karg
Name(s) to appear on certificate Edwin & Lerna Karg
Address Hutchinson, Minn. Rt 4
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 33 Township Acoma County McLeod
Number of acres in the farm at present 160 + 50 purchased later
Date of original purchase by member of your family _____

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
Northeast quarter of Section thirty three in township
One Hundred Seventeen Range 30 County of McLeod

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Charles Lewis</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1864</u> to <u>1891</u>	
<u>John Lewis</u> next owner	from <u>1891</u> to <u>1895</u>	<u>Son</u>
<u>Frank Steffen</u> next owner	from <u>1895</u> to <u>1900</u>	<u>Not Sure of Relationship, believed to be owner</u>
<u>Bernard Steffen</u> next owner	from <u>1900</u> to <u>1958</u>	<u>Son & Daughter-in-law</u>
<u>Herman & Edna Raether</u> next owner	from <u>1958</u> to <u>1971</u>	<u>Daughter & Son-in-law</u>
<u>Edwin & Lerna Karg</u> next owner	from <u>1971</u> to <u>1976</u>	<u>Daughter & Son-in-law</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	

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

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

Mrs Edwin Karg (Witness sign here)
Mrs & Mr Edwin Karg (Signature of present owner)

Date June 28, 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? From U.S. Government in 1855
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Do not know
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?
Do not believe so.
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? 1964
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Grain & Corn
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Hutchinson Leader

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

Enclosed is a copy of the original deed which I have for this farm, signed by Abraham Lincoln. We ~~now~~ have our son & daughter - ^{are} ~~are~~ living on this farm ~~also~~ & maybe owners by fair time - which would make the 5th generation living on this farm. I am not sure of relationship between John Dows & Frank Steffen, as we are unable to find any proof but are positive there was a relationship.



TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

Whereas, In pursuance of the Act of Congress, approved MARCH 3, 1855, entitled "An Act in addition to certain Acts granting Bounty Land to certain Officers and Soldiers who have been engaged in the Military Service of the United States," there has been deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE, Warrant No. 88.954, for 160 acres, in favor of Ann E. Sauls, formerly Widow of John Semilly, Private Captain Hartman's Company, North Carolina Militia, War 1812 with evidence that the same has been duly located upon the North East quarter of Section Thirty three in Township One hundred and seventeen of Range Thirty, in the District of Lands formerly subject to sale at Forest city, now Minneapolis Minnesota, containing One hundred and sixty acres according to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said Land returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the SURVEYOR GENERAL the said Warrant having been assigned by the said Ann E. Sauls to Charles Jews in whose favor said tract has been located.

Now know ye, That there is therefore granted by the UNITED STATES unto the said Charles Jews as assignee as aforesaid and to his heirs the tract of Land above described: To have and to hold the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said Charles Jews as assignee as aforesaid and to his heirs and assigns forever.

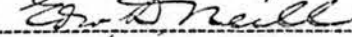
In Testimony Whereof, I, Abraham Lincoln

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these Letters to be made Patent, and the SEAL OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE to be hereunto affixed.

GIVEN under my hand, at the CITY OF WASHINGTON, the Fifteenth day of September in the YEAR OF OUR LORD one thousand eight hundred and Sixty four and of the INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES the Eighty Ninth

BY THE PRESIDENT:

Abraham Lincoln

By  E. D. Neill, Sec'y.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner

JAMES KEENAN

Name(s) to appear on certificate

KEENAN FARM

Address

Route 1 GLENCOE, Minn.

Address of farm, if different from above

Section

22

Township

GLENCOE

County

MCLEOD

Number of acres in the farm at present

39.3

Date of original purchase by member of your family

1857

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

North east quarter of section 22 township 115
range 28 containing 160 acres

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>I. W. Cummings</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>6/26/1857</u> to <u>8/22/1895</u>	<u>father-in-law</u>
<u>James Keenan</u> next owner	from <u>8/22/1895</u> to <u>1/5/1931</u>	<u>husband</u>
<u>Josephine Keenan</u> next owner	from <u>1/5/1931</u> to <u>10/24/1932</u>	<u>mother</u>
<u>Melville Keenan</u> next owner	from <u>10/24/1932</u> to <u>10/21/1968</u>	<u>husband</u>
<u>Marie Keenan</u> next owner	from <u>10/21/1968</u> to <u>3/4/1976</u>	<u>mother</u>
<u>James Keenan</u> next owner	from <u>3/4/1976</u> to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

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

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

(Witness sign here)

James Keenan
 (Signature of present owner)

Date 8/16/76

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Francis Cummings
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land ^{for 160 acres} ~~per acre~~? 100⁰⁰
4. Where was the first owner born?
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? London, Canada
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?
building railroad, mail carrier
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? ~~yes~~ no
10. When was the present home built? 1859?
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn, alfalfa
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Glencoe Enterprise

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

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

McLeod

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

Names to appear on 1976 Certificate KEEVAN FARM

ADDRESS Route 1

GLENCOE, MINN

FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION BY THE FAMILY 1857

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.

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CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner FRED KUEHL
Name(s) to appear on certificate FRED AND JOYCE KUEHL
Address R3 HUTCHINSON, MN. 55350
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 17 Township ACOMA County MCLEOD

Number of acres in the farm at present 192

Date of original purchase by member of your family MAY 1874

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

LOTS 6, 7 & 8 17-117-30
13 1/2 AC NW 1/4 20-117-30

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
FRED KUEHL (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1874 to 1900	FATHER
HENRY KUEHL next owner	from 1900 to 1929	FATHER
WALTER KUEHL next owner	from 1929 to 1957	FATHER
FRED KUEHL next owner	from 1957 to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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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:
[Signature] (Witness sign here)
[Signature] (Signature of present owner)

Date June 3, 1976
See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? ST. PAUL & PACIFIC RAILROAD-1874
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 108
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$6 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? ~~NO~~
7. Did the first owner farm the land? YES
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
NO
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? ?
10. When was the present home built? 1890
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? CORN, BEANS, DAIRY
ALPACA
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 VICTOR and ESTHER NAGEL

Name(s) to appear on certificate VICTOR + ESTHER NAGEL, MINN.

Address ARLINGTON, MINN.

Address of farm, if different from above PLATO MINN.

Section 27 Township Islela County McLeod

Number of acres in the farm at present 158 acres

Date of original purchase by member of your family Feb 10, 1867

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

Half of North west quarter and the North East of the N.E. quarter of Sec 27 Range 27 McLeod Co. Minn.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Minn Valley Railroad Co.</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	1867 from 1923 to	<u>Friederika, Steke or Stack</u>
next owner	from to	<u>Mother of Charles Litzen</u>
<u>Friederika Stack</u>	1923 from 1947 to	<u>Chas Litzen</u>
next owner	from to	<u>Father of Esther Nagel</u>
next owner	1947 from Present to	<u>Esther and Victor Nagel</u>
<u>Chas Litzen</u>	from to	<u>Daughter + son in law of Chas Litzen</u>
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

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

John A. Nagel
(Witness sign here)

Victor + Esther Nagel
(Signature of present owner)

Date 7-10-76

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Miss Valley Railroad Co.
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? unknown
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Plato, Minn.
6. Was this a homestead? No
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? No.
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? Yes
10. When was the present home built? _____
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Dairy, Cows, Hens
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
GLENCOE ENTERPRISE, GLENCOE, MINN.

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Dean Oleson
Name(s) to appear on certificate Mr. & Mrs. Dean Oleson
Address Route 4, Hutchinson, Minn. 55350
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 34 Township Lynn County McLeod
Number of acres in the farm at present 240

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1872

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

South 1/2 of the Southwest Quarter of Section 34, Twp 16N, Rng 30W
in Township one hundred sixteen 116 North of Range thirty 30 West

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Jerger Oleson</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1872</u> to <u>1896</u>	
<u>Maria Oleson</u> next owner	from <u>1896</u> to <u>1902</u>	
<u>James Oleson</u> next owner	from <u>1902</u> to <u>1911</u>	
<u>Samie Oleson family</u> next owner	from <u>1911</u> to <u>1952</u>	
<u>Ernest Oleson</u> next owner	from <u>1952</u> to <u>1967</u>	
<u>Rose Oleson</u> next owner	from <u>1967</u> to <u>1968</u>	
<u>Dean Oleson</u> next owner	from <u>1968</u> to <u>1976</u>	

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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.

Thomas F. O'Connell
(Witness sign here)

Dean Oleson
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-30-76

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Gilman R. Stetson
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$2.25
4. Where was the first owner born? Denmark
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? homesteaded another farm in Lynn 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?
none that I know of
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? A portion of our home was the original home
10. When was the present home built? 2
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? wheat, corn, oats, soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Dutchinson Leader

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Henry OttoName(s) to appear on certificate Henry OttoAddress Lester Prairie

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 26Township 24thCounty McLeodNumber of acres in the farm at present 160Date of original purchase by member of your family Homesteaded in 1863

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

Section 26 NE 1/4 & S 30 ac. of SE 1/4 NE 1/4S. 30 & C. SE 1/4 NE 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Henry Otto</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1858 to 1898	<u>son father</u>
<u>Albert Otto</u> next owner	from 1898 to 1946	<u>father</u>
<u>Henry + Ben Otto</u> next owner	from 1946 to 1953	<u>brother</u>
<u>Henry Otto</u> next owner	from 1953 to <u>Present day</u>	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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Abstract of Title (x)
 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:

Eileen Otto
 (Witness sign here)

Henry Otto
 (Signature of present owner)

Date Aug. 13 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? He lived on it for five years and got a title to the land
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? He had to live on it for 5 years & improve it.
4. Where was the first owner born? E. Hembree, Munster, Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Immigrated from Germany come to Kentucky and worked their way north.
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? Henry discovered there was a market for ginseng, so they dug the roots and sold them at Carver & Shakopee. The first ginseng is still in use every day.
10. When was the present home built? In the late 1890's
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Dairy, hog, corn & oats
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation: Lester Prairie News, Winsted Journal

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

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CENTURY FARMS
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

McLeod

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Names to appear on 1976 Certificate

Henry Otto

ADDRESS

Lester Prairie

Minn.

FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION BY THE FAMILY

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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 Henry Otto
Name(s) to appear on certificate Henry Otto
Address Lester Prairie
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 26 Township Hevisted County McLeod
Number of acres in the farm at present 160
Date of original purchase by member of your family 1858
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
NE 1/4 et S 30 ac of SE 1/4 NE 1/4 + S30 AC SE 1/4 NE 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Henry Otto</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1859</u> to <u>1898</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Albert Otto</u> next owner	from <u>1898</u> to <u>1946</u>	<u>Son</u>
<u>Henry Otto</u> next owner	from <u>1946</u> to <u>Present</u>	<u>Son</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	

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Original Deed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (please explain _____)
County Land Record <input type="checkbox"/>	

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

(Witness sign here) _____

Henry Otto
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 30, 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? It was a wilderness when he corner here
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 A
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Had to live on the land for five years + improve it
4. Where was the first owner born? April 15, 1820 E. Ebenburen Münster Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? He came to Kentucky from Kentucky.
6. Was this a homestead? Yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Yes) after he had it cleared
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
He dug ginseng roots and sold them at Casser and Shakopee
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? No Yes, the original granary is still being used
10. When was the present home built? 1900
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, dairy & hogs
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Itasca Journal, Itasca Mirror or Lester Prairie News
Lester Prairie, Minn.

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

Mr. Otto had no horses or oxen. Their implements included on tools they could carry. With these they started to clear the land, they planted corn potatoes and grains between the stumps and one year harvested sixty bushels of wheat besides corn and potatoes without the use of horse & oxen.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Luke Otto pk

Name(s) to appear on certificate Luke Otto

Address Lester Prairie, Mn 55354

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 26

Township Winsted

County McLeod

Number of acres in the farm at present 80

Date of original ^{home steaded} ~~purchase~~ by member of your family 1857

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

W 1/2 of S W 1/4 Section 26, Winsted Twp, McLeod County

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>William Otto</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1857</u> to <u>1902</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Clemens Otto</u> next owner	from <u>1902</u> to <u>1947</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Luke Otto</u> next owner	from <u>1947</u> to <u>Present</u>	<u>Present owner</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 ()
Land Patent ()
Original Deed ()
County Land Record ()

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

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

John Otto
(Witness sign here)

Luke Otto
(Signature of present owner)

Date Aug 16, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Father
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 A.
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$100.
4. Where was the first owner born? Westphalia 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? 1903
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn, beans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Lester Prairie News

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

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CENTURY FARMS
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

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

Names to appear on 1976 Certificate Mr and Mrs Luke Otto

ADDRESS Lester Prairie, Minn.

McLeod

FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION BY THE FAMILY 1857

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 Maynard L. Rannow

Name(s) to appear on certificate same

Address R 3 Glencoe, Minn.

MAYNARD RANOW
RT. 3
GLENCOE, MINN.
55336

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 24 Township Hassen Valley County McLeod

Number of acres in the farm at present 160

Date of original purchase by member of your family April 9, 1863

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

West 40 acres NW 1/4 of Sect 19 Township 116N Range 28 W
NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 all in Sect 24, township 116N Range 29 W

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Lewis Meyers</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1863</u> to <u>1891</u>	<u>Father</u> SON - IN-LAW
<u>Louis Rannow</u> next owner	from <u>1891</u> to <u>1919</u>	<u>Father</u> SON
<u>Geo. A. Rannow</u> next owner	from <u>1919</u> to <u>1965</u>	<u>Father</u> SON
<u>MAYNARD RANOW</u> next owner	from <u>1965</u> to <u>NOW</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 ☐ _____

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

X Carl Sanborn
(Witness sign here)

Maynard L. Rannow
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6/25/76

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? William B. Healey
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 120
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$ 3.00
4. Where was the first owner born? _____
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? _____
6. Was this a homestead? yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
don't know
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? the west section of house (log walls) is still in use
10. When was the present home built? new rooms put on in 1898
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? milk, eggs, oats & corn
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Hutchinson Leader

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Norbert A. Rusch and Bertha M. Rusch

Name(s) to appear on certificate Norbert A. Rusch and Bertha M. Rusch

Address Route #4 Box #232, Hutchinson, MN. 55350

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 32 and 33 Township Acoma County McLeod

Number of acres in the farm at present 120

Date of original purchase by member of your family May 2, 1970

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

Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section #32 and the South half of the

Southwest Quarter of Section #33 in Township 117N, Range 30 W

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Edward & Minnie Rusch (owner in 1876 or B4)	May 2, June 2, from 1870 to 1891	father
Albert & Mina Rusch	June 2, July 27, from 1891 to 1917	father
next owner	July 27, May 8, from 1917 to 1958	father
Herman & Ella Rusch	May 8, from 1958 to today	
next owner		
Norbert & Bertha Rusch		
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		

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Abstract of Title (X)	Court file in Registration
Land Patent (X) *Homestead 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:

Olivia Rusch

(Witness sign here)

Norbert Rusch

(Signature of present owner)

Date June 28, 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? was homesteaded
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 158 and 45/100 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? was homesteaded
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany (Pamerine) (?)
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? Original barn was burned in 1862
Sioux uprising. The barn, house and wood shed were built around 1887, still in use on the site.
10. When was the present home built? at least by 1887 if not earlier
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn, hay, dairy cattle
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:

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

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CENTURY FARMS
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

Our family feels that Edward Rusch, our great and great-great grandfather was in Minnesota as early as 1860.

Our great grandmother, Mrs. Albert (Wihlemine Tatz) Rusch came to Minnesota near 1887. She married Albert Rusch Sr. (son of Edward Rusch) in 1888. Great grandmother Rusch died in 1966 at the age of 98, of sound body and mind. We were blessed with many facts from her childhood and young life.

She spoke of her husband's family leaving the farm to go into Hutchinson because of the Indians coming (Indian uprising of 1862). We do then feel Edward Rusch & family was here in 1862. Also, according to our church records, Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church of Acoma Township was organized on December 24, 1864 of which Edward Rusch was one of the first officers. Also, our great great grandfather Wm. Tews was the first settler to buy land in these parts.

Our city of Hutchinson was founded in 1855. Therefore, we do believe Edward Rusch & family could have been here as early as 1860.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Fred Zavoral
Name(s) to appear on certificate Fred Zavoral
Address Hutchinson, Minn
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 2 Township Hasson Valley County McLeod
Number of acres in the farm at present 250
Date of original purchase by member of your family _____
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
W 1/4 NW 1/4 EX 1 Rod & NW 1/4 SW 1/4 EX RR
T. H. #7 - 1.52 AC SEC. 2 TWP 29, RG 118

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Frank Zavoral</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from _____ to _____	<u>Frank Zavoral</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	<u>Wesley Zavoral</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	<u>Fred Zavoral</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	<u>Fred Zavoral Jr</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	

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Abstract of Title ()	Court file in Registration
Land Patent ()	Proceedings ()
Original Deed (✓)	Other (please explain _____)
County Land Record ()	<u>Homestead Certificate</u>
	<u>No 1417</u>

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

(Witness sign here)

Fred Zavoral
(Signature of present owner)

Date _____

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? UNITED STATES AMERICA
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? Austria
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? 1938
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:

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