



Century Farm Applications

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CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Arnold P. Anderson

Name(s) to appear on certificate Arnold P. Anderson Alice H. Anderson

Address Adams, Minnesota 55909

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section Nine Township Adams County Mower

Number of acres in the farm at present 240

Date of original purchase by member of your family November 14, 1866

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

Southwest one quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 9, Township 101 North, Range 16 West

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Paul Anderson (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1866 to 1914	father husband (grandfather to Arnold)
Anna Anderson	from 1914 to 1933	mother and grandmother
next owner Annie Anderson ($\frac{1}{2}$)	from 1933 to 1940	mother
next owner Arnold P. Anderson ($\frac{1}{2}$)	from 1933 to	
next owner	from to	Arnold P. Anderson purchased his mother's
next owner	from to	half interest in 1940
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:

Robert D. Hanson
(Witness sign here)

Arnold P. Anderson
(Signature of present owner)

Date July 8, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? George W. Whittelsey
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$9.70
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway (Paul Anderson)
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Norway - Wisconsin-South Dakota - to Adams Twp, Mower County Minn.
6. Was this a homestead? No
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Original Owner (no) first one to farm was Paul Anderson
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? Portion of house still in use and the barn and granary
Original House 1876 Barn 1880 Granary 1890
10. When was the present home built? Added to house in the 1890's and 1900
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Livestock and grain
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Adams Monitor Review, Adams, Minnesota 55909

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner *Present owner is Norman S. Anderson*
Andrew Anderson *original owner*

Name(s) to appear on certificate Norman S. Anderson

Address Adams, Minn, RT 1

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 25 Township Marshall County Mower

Number of acres in the farm at present 160

Date of original purchase by member of your family _____

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

M 1/2 NE 1/4 + E 1/2 NW 1/4
25-102-16 160

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
(owner in 1876 or B4)	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from <u>1894</u> to <u>1903</u>	<u>Andrew Anderson</u>
next owner	from <u>1903</u> to <u>1945</u>	<u>Robert A Anderson</u>
next owner	from <u>1945</u> to _____	<u>Norman S. Anderson</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 (X)	Other (please explain)
County Land Record ()	<u>Forner State Bank</u>
	<u>of E. E. E. E. E.</u>

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

Mrs Kenneth Sprau
(Witness sign here)

Norman S. Anderson
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 29-1976

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? _____
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80
3. What was the cost of land per acre? 1.00
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Norway
6. Was this a homestead? Yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
Self Taught Teacher
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? No
10. When was the present home built? 1900
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn Beans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Austin Daily Herald

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner

Name(s) to appear on certificate

Address

Address of farm, if different from above

Section

Township

County

Number of acres in the farm at present

Date of original purchase by member of your family

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

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME

DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP

BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER

Ole I. Anderson (owner in 1876 or B4)	from Jan 22 1876 to July 2 1934	Father
Ole I. Anderson next owner	from July 2 1934 to July 31 1967	Father's son
Clarence & Mame Anderson next owner	from July 31 1967 to present	Father
Carmen Lorraine Anderson next owner		
next owner		
next owner		
next owner		
next owner		

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Abstract of Title ☒
Land Patent ☐
Original Deed ☐
County Land Record ☐

Court file in Registration Proceedings ☐
Other (please explain)

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

Ken L. Giddin
(Witness sign here)

Carmen M. Anderson
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 25, 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Abram Severson
Caroline Severson
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 Acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? 12.50 / acre
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Janseing Farm worker
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? 1891
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? wheat, Corn & Dairy
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Austin Herald

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Myron C. Aultfather

Name(s) to appear on certificate same

Address R 2, Box 205, Austin, Minn

Address of farm, if different from above same

Section 33 Township Austin County Mower

Number of acres in the farm at present 384

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1856

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

SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 34, & S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 33. 120 acres

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
David Aultfather (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1856 to 1899	Father
next owner	from to	
James H. Aultfather	from 1899 to 1947	Father
next owner		
Myron C. Aultfather	from 1947 to 1976	Myron C. Aultfather
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 (x)
Original Deed (x)
County Land Record ()

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

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

Myron C. Aultfather
(Witness sign here)

Myron C. Aultfather
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 25, 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? The United States of America
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 120 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$ 1.25
4. Where was the first owner born? Belmont County, Ohio
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Owned land in Illinois
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. He was grain and livestock farmer
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? The original home was a log house. He built a frame house as the family became larger. It is standing but unused.
10. When was the present home built? Present home as built in 1901
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Purebred RedPoll cattle and Poland China hogs
Crops are corn, soybeans, oats, and alfalfa.
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Austin Daily Herald

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

My grandfather, David Aultfather, was born in Ohio in 1821. He moved to Illinois and farmed, then pioneered to Mower County, Minnesota in 1856. His wife was also from a pioneer family that came to this area in 1854. They raised nine children. My father farmed the home farm and built his home in 1901, near the first frame house of my grandparents. The other brothers and sisters of my father received 160 acres each when they were starting on their own. At one time my grandfather owned 1500 acres of land in Mower County. The land patent to the original 120 acres was signed by President James Buchanan, June 10, 1859.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Clifford C. Barclay
Name(s) to appear on certificate Clifford C. and Clara V. Barclay
Address R. 1. Lyle Minn.
Address of farm, if different from above same

Section 19 Township Lyle County Mower
Number of acres in the farm at present 16.5

Date of original purchase by member of your family Oct. 5, 1868

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
The South Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section Nineteen

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Edgar Smith</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1868 to 1887	Husband
<u>Alida Smith</u> next owner	from 1887 to 1890	Mother
<u>Anna Bonnallie</u> next owner	from 1890 to 1908	Wife
<u>William Bonnallie</u> next owner	from 1908 to 1937	Father - Life Estate
<u>William A. Bonnallie</u> next owner	from 1937 to 1944	Brother
<u>Olive B. Bonnallie</u> next owner	from 1944 to 1947	Aunt
<u>Clifford C. Barclay</u> next owner	from 1947 to 1976	Great Grandson of Edgar Smith

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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:

Janet Curing (Witness sign here) Clifford C. Barclay (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? Levi Nash
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80
3. What was the cost of land per acre? don't know
4. Where was the first owner born? Pennsylvania U.S.A. ?
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? New York State
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?
don't know
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? no
10. When was the present home built? 1951
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Beef Cows - Corn - soybeans. etc.
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Austin Daily Herald Austin Minn 55912

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Pearl Tanner Ballanger + Edgar Ballanger

Name(s) to appear on certificate Pearl Ballanger + Edgar Ballanger

Address Brownsdale, Minn. 55918

Address of farm, if different from above Same as above

Section W. 1/2 of SW. Quarter Sec. 12 Township 103 R. 17 S. 17 E. County Mower

Number of acres in the farm at present 80 acres less 3 a. for Rail Road

Date of original purchase by member of your family May 10 - 1865

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

West 1/2 of SW. Quarter of Sec. 12 Township 103 N. Range 17 west Ex. R.R. right of way

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Eleazer E. Tanner</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	<u>5-10-1865 - June 18, 1870</u>	<u>father to son - Josiah Tanner</u>
<u>Angus Tanner</u> next owner	<u>Sept 16, 1936</u>	<u>father to mother who took his estate</u>
<u>Madeline Tanner</u> next owner	<u>1950</u>	<u>Pearl Tanner Ballanger Jan. 1951</u>
<u>next owner</u>	<u>from to</u>	<u>Present owner Pearl Ballanger +</u>
<u>next owner</u>	<u>from to</u>	<u>Edgar Ballanger. husband & wife.</u>
<u>next owner</u>	<u>from to</u>	
<u>next owner</u>	<u>from to</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:

Dorothy Johnson
(Witness sign here)

Pearl Ballanger + Edgar Ballanger
(Signature of present owners)

Date June 28, 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? From Father to Son to Relatives
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 a. less P.R.
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$1000
4. Where was the first owner born? Ebenezer E. Tanner
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Trigg Co. Penn.
6. Was this a homestead? yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
No.
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? part of house some large and old parts of basement. House remodelled + built on about 1896
10. When was the present home built? was born in this house in 1906 - married in it and still living in this home 70 years
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Potatoes Corn + Beans etc.
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Austin Daily Herald - Austin Minn.

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Kenneth N. Braaten

Name(s) to appear on certificate Kenneth N. Braaten

Address RFD #4, Box 166, Austin, Minnesota 55912

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 31 and 32 Township Udolpho 104 N County Mower

Number of acres in the farm at present 160

Date of original purchase by member of your family Feb. 20, 1873

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
The Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$), Section 31, Township 104 N., Range 18 West, and the West Half of the Southwest Quarter (W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$) and the Northeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$) in Section 32, Township 104 N., Range 18 West, Mower County, Minnesota.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
(Halvor Knudson Braaten	from	to	Father
((owner in 1876 or B4)	2-20-1873	8-3-1934	
{ Henry J. Braaten	from	to	Father
next owner	8-3-1934	10-29-1973	
{ Kenneth N. Braaten	from	to	Son
next owner	10-29-1973	Present time	
	from	to	
next owner			
	from	to	
next owner			
	from	to	
next owner			
	from	to	
next owner			

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

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

[Signature]
(Witness sign here)

Kenneth N. Braaten
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 24, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? John Thompson
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80
3. What was the cost of land per acre? 22.50
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Norway
6. Was this a homestead? Yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
No
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? Original house, barn and granary are all standing and in use.
10. When was the present home built? Unknown
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, soybeans, oats and livestock
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Austin Daily Herald, Austin, Minnesota

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

Family owners were patrons of the Red Oak Grove Creamery, and were members and active in the affairs of the Red Oak Grove Church.

They raised their families--who attended Corning District 72 Jt--school, and were active in community affairs.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Ozro F. Brown
Name(s) to appear on certificate Ozro F. Brown
Address Lyle, Minnesota
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 8 Township Nevada County Mower

Number of acres in the farm at present 160

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1869

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
NW 1/4 - Section 8 - Township 101 - Range 17
(80 Acres)

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Ozric Brown</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1869 to 1893	{ My Grand Father My Mother
<u>Nancy Reynolds</u> next owner	from 1893 to 1897	{ Mother Wife of O. C. Brown
<u>FRANK D. Brown</u> next owner	from 1897 to 1931	{ Father My Father }
<u>Ozro F. Brown</u> next owner	from 1931 to 1976	{ O. F. Brown }
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

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

Marlene Gow
(Witness sign here)

Ozro F. Brown
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-14-76

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? United States (Homesteaded)
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? _____
4. Where was the first owner born? New York State
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? _____
6. Was this a homestead? Yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
No
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? No
10. When was the present home built? 1891
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn - Beans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Austin Daily Herald - Austin, Minn.

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

O.C. Brown (Oznic C Brown)
My Grand FATHER FILED ON THIS LAND IN 1860
Frank D. Brown
MY FATHER WAS Born ^{here} Dec. 29, 1863 & Died Jan. 27, 1945
He CALLED THE FARM THE "LONE OAK FARM"
WE HAVE ONLY ONE OAK Tree but many more large
beautiful ones, including two beautiful Elm trees.
(continued)

Ozro H. Brown, was born in Austin, Minn., Dec 18th, 1896. When he was nine months old, his father and mother, Mr & Mrs Frank D. Brown, moved back to the Brown Homestead.

He grew up here, and helped his father farm til Sept. 1911, when he decided to go west. He settled in Scobey, Montana, and later married a Scobey girl, Marian Hanson, and they lived there about nine years. Then Ozro decided to move back to the old Brown Homestead, with his wife and three small children, Ozro H., Carrol H. and Lela M. Later another son Frank D. was born and a daughter Dorothy H.

Since we moved back to the old Homestead, we have planted many trees and flowers, but the Lone Oak is still all alone.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner B. M. Christianson
Name(s) to appear on certificate B. M. Christianson
Address Blooming Prairie Route #1
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 19 Township Udolpho County Mower

Number of acres in the farm at present 77 acres

Date of original purchase by member of your family May 4th 1856

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

West 1/2 of N.W. 1/4 Section 19 Township 104 N. Range 118
The farm was divided and sold to Ole Eli and Bjorn two sons in 1868

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Christian Olson</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>May 4, 1856</u> to <u>March 20, 1868</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Bjorn (Bennett) Christianson</u> next owner	from <u>3/20/1868</u> to <u>7/6-1925</u>	<u>Son</u>
<u>B. M. Christianson</u> next owner	from <u>7/6/1925</u> - present to date	<u>Grandson</u>
next owner	from to	
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 <u>farm divided and sold to two sons</u>)
County Land Record <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Bjorn (Bennett) Christianson West 1/2 77 acres</u>
	<u>Ole Christianson East half 77 acres</u>

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

Norval D. Christianson (Witness sign here) B. M. Christianson (Signature of present owner)

Date July 6, 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Territory of Minnesota Chatfield
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 154+ acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Total cost \$465.00
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Bought 80 acres Dane Co. Wis.
6. Was this a homestead? No.
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
No.
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? No
10. When was the present home built? 1882 addition in 1919
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn grain Beans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:

Austin Daily Herald, Austin, Minnesota or Blooming Prairie Times, Blooming Prairie, Minnesota.

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

My Grandfather Christian Olson Rukke came to Dane County ^{Wis.} Town of Primrose in 1844 and bought 80 acres. Sold same in 1855 for \$500.00 immigrated by cover wagon to Minnesota. Landed at Brownsdale July 4th 1855. A trapper stayed with them over night and directed them to go west about 15-20 miles where stated was beautiful farm land. My grandfather did so and settled at my home July 5, 1855. He bought land in Wisconsin when it was a Territory and he also bought land in Minnesota Territory. I'm the third generation and I wrote ^{and} illustrated it called From the Land of the Midnight Sun to the Fertile Prairies of Minn.

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From the land of the mid-night sun
to the fertile prairies of Minnesota.

1. Biography of Author.
2. In memory of my grandmother, her childhood days in Norway, her marriage, the voyage across the sea in a sail-ship, arrival in America, early pioneer days in Wisconsin, sale of their home and the long trek through the wilderness to the territory of Minnesota.
3. Family history of over 100 of the early pioneers, from 1854 to 1865, how they farmed and how they lived.
4. Red Oak Grove Lutheran Church organized in 1859 and history of over a century of the Church.
5. St. Marys Catholic Parish also organized in 1859 and history of Parish.
6. History of early Irish pioneers in Newry Township.
7. Early history of Mower County, Austin, Lansing and Udolpho Townships, Moscow and Newry Townships Freeborn County, Blooming Prairie and Westfield Township, Dodge County.
8. Coming of the Rail-road.
9. Civil War.
10. Chapter on the Indians.
11. Organization of Townships.
12. Schools and school districts.
13. Oxens are replaced by horses.
14. A chapter of food recipes commonly used by early settlers.
15. A century of progress.
16. A history of farm organizations, co-operatives coming of Rural Electricity, on the farm, Municipal electricity in Austin, and Blooming Prairie.
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B. M. Christianson

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Blooming Prairie, MN 55917

DEAR FRIENDS AND READERS OF THIS BOOK:

When you have read this book, and if it meets with your approval, why not order some to give away to relative and friends, especially some whose forefathers were early settlers.

I'm sure they would appreciate a book as a prized possession, either for a birthday or Christmas gift.

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All of these early pioneers have now made their last journey to God's acre, but let us not forget the blessings they left us.

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Christian Olson Rukke, son of Ola and Gjoran Rukke, was born at a place called Rukke Dal, in Halling Dal, Norway, in August, 1805, and his wife Ragnild a daughter of Bjorn and Kari Skolt, was born in April, 1807, Hemse Dal, Halling Dal, Norway.

They were married in 1834 and immigrated to Dane County, Wisconsin in 1844. They bought 80 acres of land in Town of Primrose, Dane County, Wisconsin, in 1845 and sold it to John Anderson in 1855 and moved to Mower County, Minnesota, and bought 160 acres in Town of Udolpho the same year. Their two sons bought the farm from their parents in 1870, Ole bought the east 80 and Bennett the west 80.

Six children were born to them, namely:—Ole, Gjoran, Randi, Bennett, Kari, Margaret.

Christian Olson Rukke died September 13, 1874, about 70 years old, his wife Ragnild died April 23, 1900 age 93 years old. Both interned in the Red Oak Grove Cemetery.



Bjorn (Bennett) Christianson, a son of Christian and Ragnild Olson Rukke, was born at Rukke Dal, Halling Dal, Norway, November 11, 1841, and came to America with his parents in 1844.

His wife Barbro, a daughter of Embrick Asleson Torset and his wife Bergette was born in Hemsedal, Halling Dal, Norway, March 9, 1847 and came to America with her parents in 1864, where her parents bought a home in Newry Township, Freeborn County, Minnesota.

They were married July 5, 1870 and they bought the farm and took possession the same year and owned and operated it until they sold it to their youngest son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Christianson.

Ten children were born to them namely: Ragnild, Marie, Christian, Engebret, Jorgine, Clara, Lena, Maline, Inga and Bennett.

Bjorn (Bennett) Christianson passed away October 16, 1932, 91 years old. His wife-Barbro died January 31, 1940, 93 years old. Only one of their children are dead, namely, Maline who died November 19, 1938.

All are buried in the Red Oak Grove Cemetery.



Bennett (B. M.) Christianson, a son of Bennett Christianson and his wife Barbro, was born March 2, 1889 on the home farm, and his wife Arthina Kruger a daughter of William Kruger and his wife Inga, was born in Clayton County, Iowa, February 6, 1895. They were united in marriage March 19, 1919. Nine children were born to them, namely: Bruce, Berneice, Donald, Arden, Richard, Nathan, Carol, Roger and Patricia. All living except Arden who died at the age of 8, December 27, 1934 and Mrs. B. M. Christianson died September 7, 1950 at the age of 55 years old.

They bought the farm in July, 1925 and named it the Cozy Home Farm and it is still in the ownership of B. M. Christianson, which is the third generation, as the century mark passes by. He wishes now to take this opportunity to extend to his relatives and many friends this souvenir on this occasion in appreciation for the respect, courtesy and confidence shown to him and his family during these many years he has lived in the Red Oak Grove community.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner William V Cress

Name(s) to appear on certificate Mary Jane Cress

Address _____

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 36 Township Wisdom County Mower

Number of acres in the farm at present 180

Date of original purchase by member of your family May 31, 1875

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

SE 1/4 Section 36 Township 102 Range 17

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Nicholas Cress</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from _____ to _____	
<u>Charles M. Schack</u> next owner	from _____ to <u>1875</u>	<u>Nicholas Cress</u> Grandfather
<u>Nicholas Cress</u> next owner	from <u>1875</u> to <u>1922</u>	<u>Grandfather</u>
<u>William Peter Cress</u> next owner	from <u>1922</u> to <u>1958</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>William V. Cress</u> next owner	from <u>1958</u> to _____	<u>Son</u>
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:

Mary Jane Cress
(Witness sign here)

William V Cress
(Signature of present owner)

Date July 8 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Charles McElrath & David C. Shepard
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 A.
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$21.00
4. Where was the first owner born? Luxemburg
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Luxemburg
6. Was this a homestead? No
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
No
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? No
10. When was the present home built? 1963
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Beans Corn & Peas
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Austin Daily Herald

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Leonard & Lucille Corbett Hanson
Name(s) to appear on certificate Leonard & Lucille Corbett Hanson
Address 407 SW 17 St, Austin, Minn
Address of farm, if different from above Rose Creek, Minn

Section 16 Township 102R16 County Mower
Number of acres in the farm at present 320

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1872 a house was built
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

North West Quarter of Section 16 township
one hundred two Range sixteen in Mower County

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>1872?</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from to	<u>Willie M Corbett</u>
<u>August 16 1928</u> next owner	from to	<u>Lewis Corbett</u>
next owner	from to	<u>Lewis Corbett & Etta Corbett</u>
<u>1961</u> next owner	from to	<u>wife passed away</u>
<u>1972</u> next owner	from to	<u>Lewis Corbett passed away</u>
<u>1972</u> next owner	from to	<u>Leonard & Lucille Hanson</u>
next owner	from to	

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

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

Mrs Nancy Corbett
(Witness sign here)

Lucille Corbett Hanson
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 29, 1974

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? School land.
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 at least. He owned 5 quarters in the 80
3. What was the cost of land per acre? He was paid for over a long time because they could only pay 50 cents
4. Where was the first owner born? New York State & Wisconsin
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? N.Y. State, around Dover, Minn.
6. Was this a homestead? The family came first to the SE quarter.
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
He was a school teacher at one time & help plat roads
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? Yes - West Wall & stairs
10. When was the present home built? 1872 - Remodeled in 1928 & 1974
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn & beans, grain & hay
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Austin Daily Herald, Advertiser, The Monitor Review
Adams, Minn.

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

2 (continued)
ABSTRACT OF CONVEYANCES AND INSTRUMENTS
AFFECTING THE TITLE

TO
THE NORTHWEST QUARTER
of
SECTION SIXTEEN, TOWNSHIP ONE HUNDRED TWO, RANGE SIXTEEN
IN
MOWER COUNTY, MINNESOTA.

and the said grantor has agreed to make an agreement made by the grantor in favor of the grantee providing for an annual payment to the grantor during his natural life, said annual payments and the agreement, according to its provisions, and any lien created hereby terminating absolutely upon the death of the grantor.

The State of Minnesota,
By John Lind, Governor,
Attest: R. C. Dunn, Commissioner of the State Land Office,
(Seal of the Commissioner of the State Land Office attached)

PATENT.
Book 50 of Deeds, page 294.
Dated June 5, 1900.
Filed July 2, 1900-9 A.M.

to
Willis M. Corbitt.
RECITES: "Whereas, By an Act of Congress of the United States, approved February 26th, 1857, entitled 'An Act to enable the people of Minnesota Territory to form a Constitution and State Government, and for the admission of such State into the Union,' the sections numbered sixteen and thirty-six in every township of the Public Lands of this State, were granted to the said State of Minnesota, for the use of schools; and, Whereas, by the Constitution of this State, such sixteenth and thirty-six sections were accepted for such use; and Whereas, it appears by the reports and records of the Commissioner of the State Land Office that full payment was made by Willis M. Corbitt on the 29th day of May A.D. 1900, according to the provisions of law, for the following described tract of land, a part of the lands so granted, to-wit: "The Northwest Quarter 16-102-16 (and other land not in caption), "and situated in the County of Mower and State of Minnesota, according to the official plats of the surveys of the said lands, on file in the State Land Office, as provided by law, which said tract has been purchased in pursuance of law by the said Willis M. Corbitt, NOW KNOW YE, That the State of Minnesota, in consideration of the premises, and in conformity with the several acts of the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, in such case made and provided, has Bargained, Sold, Granted and Conveyed, and by these presents does Bargain, Sell, Grant and Convey, unto the said Willis M. Corbitt and to his heirs and assigns, the said tract above described".

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2.

W. M. Corbitt, a widower,
same person as Willis M.
Corbitt,

to

Lewis Corbitt.

WARRANTY DEED.
Book 95 of Deeds, page 249.
Dated March 6, 1928.
Filed August 16, 1928-11 A.M.
Acknowledged August 16, 1928 before
Martin A. Nelson, Notary Public,
Mower County, Minnesota.
Notarial seal attached.
Commission expires March 4, 1933.
Two witnesses.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner

Howard Boal Evans

Name(s) to appear on certificate

Howard B. Evans

Address

415 N.E. 3rd St. StewartvilleMinn. 55976

Address of farm, if different from above

Racine, Minnesota 55967

Section

24

Township

Racine

County

Mower

Number of acres in the farm at present

360

Date of original purchase by member of your family

1864-North East

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

North East Quarter of Sect 24 - twp 104 - North of
range 14 west. Mower County - twp Racine

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Chancy D Evans</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1864 to 1906	<u>Father</u>
<u>Chancy B Evans</u> next owner	from 1906 to 1945	<u>Father</u>
<u>Howard B Evans</u> next owner	from 1945 to present time	
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 _____)

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

Harry R Carter
 (Witness sign here)

Howard B Evans
 (Signature of present owner)

Date June 25, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? In 1864 the 160 A purchased from Walter Booth
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? Evans Mills, near Theresa, NY
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Frankford near Spring Valley 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, but he was somewhat self-sufficient in building, repairing
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? yes in 1919 Elizabeth Evans Penfold moved the original house to another farm to rebuild their home
10. When was the present home built? 1917
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, beans, wheat also livestock
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Stewartville Star, Stewartville, Minn. 55976
Rochester Post Bulletin, Rochester, Minn.

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

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

6-25-76
Stewartville, Minn
55-976

Century Farms
St Paul, Minn.

Dear Sirs;

Enclosed information on our farm,
our son Raymond Evans and his family are
living on the farm at present.

My Grandfather and family came to this
area in 1858 part of the way on the Great
Lakes and overland by stage to Frankford
near Spring Valley Minn. My grandparents
soon moved to the neighborhood of his farm
that he acquired.

The times of the pioneers were at times quite
difficult with sickness, poor crops, blizzards
etc. They hauled their wheat to Winona
with oxen and brought back supplies
It was great days for these people when
the railroads came with new towns
springing up and the older towns
fading away

(over)

As we still have a loan on our farm we
got some of the information from our Federal
Land bank assn. But my Grandparents
and my parents kept many papers enclosed
a tax receipt copy + also copy of patent
toss them away as we have the original

Yours truly

Howard & Joy Evans

No. 1701

Treasurer's Office, Austin, May 29. 1873
 C. D. Evans & Co.

Six 79/100

in full payment of Taxes due on the following described Lands for the year 187 2

J. S. Brown County Treasurer.



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

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 relating Bounty Land to certain Officers and Soldiers who have been engaged in the Military Service of the United States," there has been deposited in GENERAL LAND OFFICE, Warrant No. 27591 for 120 acres, in favor of Aaron Smith, Private in, Captain Brown's Company, Massachusetts Militia, War 1812. — evidence that the same has been duly located upon the East half of the Northeast quarter, and the Southwest quarter of the Northeast quarter, of Section twenty-four, in Township one hundred and four north, of Range fourteen West, in the District of Lands Subject to Sale at Chatfield Minnesota, containing One hundred and twenty 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 signed by the said Aaron Smith, to Samuel S. Stewart, in whose favor said tract has been located.

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

In Testimony Whereof, I, James Buchanan
IDENTIFIED 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 tenth day of June IN THE YEAR
OF OUR LORD one thousand eight hundred, and fifty-nine and of the INDEPENDENCE OF THE
UNITED STATES the Eighty-third
BY THE PRESIDENT: James Buchanan

By Isaac Seonard, Sec'y.

W. H. M. W., Recorder of the General Land Office.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Nathan K Goodwin

Name(s) to appear on certificate Nathan K Goodwin

Address R 1 Austin Mn 55912

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 29 Township Udolpho County Mower

Number of acres in the farm at present 320

Date of original purchase by member of your family 5/19/76

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

E 1/2 of Sec 29 Twp 104 North of Range 18 West

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Nils K Goodwin</u> (owner in 1876 or B4).	from <u>5/19/76</u> to <u>5/19/1909</u>	<u>Nathan</u>
<u>Nels C Goodwin</u> next owner	from <u>5/19/09</u> to <u>3/28/1957</u>	<u>Nathan</u>
<u>Nathan K Goodwin</u> next owner	from <u>3/28/57</u> to <u>1976</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:

(Witness sign here)

Date 6/30/76

Nathan K Goodwin
(Signature of present owner)

See reverse side for additional information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? George M. Bernard
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 320
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$ 5.00
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? unknown
6. Was this a homestead? No
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
No
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? No
10. When was the present home built? 1898
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, Soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Austin Daily Herald Austin, Min

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Odin I. Johnson
Name(s) to appear on certificate _____
Address Blooming Prairie, Minnesota
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 6 Township Udolpho County Mower

Number of acres in the farm at present _____

Date of original purchase by member of your family Sept. 18, 1948

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

Pt. NE 1/4 W. of R.R. + 7W 1/4 - SE 1/4 - 6-104-18
127.43 acres

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Ole Johnson</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	<u>from 1867 to 1901</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Svend O. + Andrew Johnson</u> next owner	<u>from 1901 to 1906</u>	<u>Brother</u>
<u>Andrew O. Johnson</u> next owner	<u>from 1906 to 1948</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Odin I. Johnson</u> next owner	<u>from 1948 to 1976</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)	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:

Marlene Law
(Witness/sign here)

Odin I. Johnson
(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? _____
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? 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? _____
10. When was the present home built? 1925
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 Wayne Johnson
Name(s) to appear on certificate Wayne Johnson
Address P.R. Box 134
Waltham, Minn. 55982
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 22 Township Waltham County Mower
Number of acres in the farm at present 160
Date of original purchase by member of your family March 7, 1864
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
S¹/₂ - SW¹/₄ - 22 - 104 - 17

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
George Johnson (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1864 to 1891	Father
Dorothy Johnson next owner	from 1891 to 1900	Wife
Nathaniel Johnson next owner	from 1900 to 1929	Son Father
Louisa J. Johnson next owner	from 1929 to 1941	Wife
Glenn Johnson next owner	from 1941 to 1967	Father
Rena Johnson next owner	from 1967 to 1973	Wife
Wayne Johnson next owner	from 1973 to —	Son of Glenn Johnson

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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:

Marlene J. Jous
(Witness sign here)

Wayne Johnson
(Signature of present owner)

Date _____

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Niels Johnson
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? _____
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? _____
6. Was this a homestead? _____
7. Did the first owner farm the land? _____
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?

9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? no

10. When was the present home built? 1873
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, beans, oats, hay
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Austin Daily Herald

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Ambrose Krebsbach

Name(s) to appear on certificate _____

Address Adams, Minnesota Johnsburg

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 32 Township 101 County 16Number of acres in the farm at present 160Date of original purchase by member of your family 1860

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

NW 1/4 - Section 32 - Township 101
Range 16.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Christopher Krebsbach (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1860 to 1876	Father
Peter Krebsbach next owner	from 1876 to 1922	Father
Nicholas Krebsbach next owner	from 1922 to 1930	Brother
Math P. Krebsbach next owner	from 1930 to 1965	Father
Ambrose Krebsbach next owner	from 1965 to 1976	
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:

Marlene Law
(Witness sign here)

Ambrose Krebsbach
(Signature of present owner)

Date 7-8-76

See reverse side for additional information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? _____
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? _____
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? _____
6. Was this a homestead? _____
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? yes since
1876 House + Grainery
10. When was the present home built? 1876
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? hay, corn, oats, beans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
The Monitor Review - Adams Mo.

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

When Christopher + Peter lived here their address was Johnsbury as there was a Post Office in little town of Johnsbury now is not much left but church. Store still stands but not used. So our Post Office is in Adams.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Kinley and Harland Peterson
Name(s) to appear on certificate Kinley and Harland Peterson
Address Rural Route 1 Box 24
Blooming Prairie, Minnesota 55917
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 7 Township Udolpho County Mower
Number of acres in the farm at present 352.89
Date of original purchase by member of your family (Warranty Deed) June 27th 1865
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
S.W. 1/4 Trac. and S.E. 1/4 Sec. 7 W. 1/2 W. 1/2 S.W. 1/4 Sec. 8
Township 104 Range 18 Mower Co. Minn.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>P.A. Peterson</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	<u>from 1865 to 1904</u>	<u>father</u>
<u>Oren C. and Henry A. Peterson</u> next owner	<u>from 1904 to 1958</u>	<u>father and uncle</u>
<u>Kinley and Harland Peterson</u> next owner	<u>from 1958 to</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:

Jon Carlson
(Witness sign here)

Kinley Peterson
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-28-76

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Noah G. Perry
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 152.89
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$3.92 (\$600 for parcel)
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway
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?
yes, State Representative for two years (1881-1882)
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? 1887
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn and soybeans
hogs
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Bloomington Prairie Times - Austin Daily Herald

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner

Peter J. Schaefer

Name(s) to appear on certificate

B

Address

McIntire Iowa

Address of farm, if different from above

Section

31

Township

101

County

*Monroe ?
15-*

Number of acres in the farm at present

184

Date of original purchase by member of your family

Dec - 1874

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

Southeast Quarter of Section 31 - 101 - 15

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<i>Mathias Schaefer</i> (owner in 1876 or 84)	from <i>1874</i> to <i>1889</i>	<i>Father</i>
<i>Peter Schaefer</i> next owner	from <i>1889</i> to <i>1914</i>	<i>Father</i>
<i>John W. Schaefer</i> next owner	from <i>1914</i> to <i>1940</i>	<i>Brothers & Sisters</i>
<i>John W. Schaefer</i> next owner	from <i>1940</i> to <i>1965</i>	<i>Father</i>
<i>Peter J. Schaefer</i> next owner	from <i>1965</i> to <i>1976</i>	
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:

Marlene Dow

(Witness sign here)

Peter J. Schaefer

(Signature of present owner)

Date

7-9-76

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? ?
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 1600 A.
3. What was the cost of land per acre? ?
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Germany
6. Was this a homestead? yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
don't know
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? before 1874
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? General
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Monitor Review, Adams, MN 55909

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner John and Salmena (Severson) Runkle

Name(s) to appear on certificate John and Salmena Runkle

Address Racine, Minn

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 28+33 Township Racine County Mower

Number of acres in the farm at present 120 acre

Date of original purchase by member of your family June 29, 1866 and Dec 12, 1871

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

N 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Sec 33 and the SW 1/4 of S.W 1/4 of Sec 28 all in
Township 104 North Range 14 West

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Erick Severson</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	<u>from 1866 to 1909</u>	<u>Grand Father</u>
<u>Sever Severson</u> next owner	<u>from 1909 to 1945</u>	<u>Son (father)</u>
<u>John + Salmena Runkle</u> next owner	<u>from 1945 to date</u>	<u>daughter</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:

Seraldine Seaton
(Witness sign here)

John C. Runkle
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 30, 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Erich Severson from Levi Bemis 1866
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 Acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? See 28 \$350. at 10% interest
See 33 \$155 at 12% "
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway (Grandfather)
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Norway
6. Was this a homestead? (no) was 10 years previously
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 - Log kitchen
See note below
10. When was the present home built? 1964
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn + Soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Austin Daily Herald

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

Log building was constructed for use as a school for first settlers in 1859 also used for church services. Around 1886 it was purchased by Erick & moved 2 miles to his farm where it was used as the kitchen until 1964 when the new home was built. In 1974 it was dismantled & donated to "Good Earth Village" Bible Camp where it is being used as a Directors Cabin

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner MAURICE SEVERSON
Name(s) to appear on certificate MAURICE + GERALDINE SEVERSON
Address ADAMS MINN
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 33 Township MARSHALL County MOWER

Number of acres in the farm at present 120 acres

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1867

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 - 33 - 102 - 16W + W 1/2 of SW 1/4 - 33 - 102 - 16W

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
(owner in 1876 or B4)	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from <u>1867</u> to <u>1928</u>	<u>Mons Severson</u>
next owner	from <u>1928</u> to <u>1968</u>	<u>Martin Severson</u>
next owner	from <u>1968</u> to <u>1976</u>	<u>Maurice Severson</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	

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

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

Nordeen Snortum CMA
(Witness sign here)

Maurice Severson
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 22, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Homesteaded
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 120
3. What was the cost of land per acre? _____
4. Where was the first owner born? Luster Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Sun Prairie, Wis
6. Was this a homestead? yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
no
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? no
10. When was the present home built? 1900 (est)
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn - Soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Austin Daily Herald

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner HARRY M. SHAW
Name(s) to appear on certificate Mr. & Mrs. Harry Shaw
Address Adams, Minn.
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section (NE 1/4) 27 Township MARSHALL County MOWER
Number of acres in the farm at present 240

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1868

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

NE 1/4 of Section 27
N. half of S.E. 1/4 of Section 21

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>HANS J. SHAW</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1868</u> to <u>1913</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>JOHN H. SHAW</u> next owner	from <u>1913</u> to <u>1943</u>	<u>Son</u>
<u>HARRY M. SHAW</u> next owner	from <u>1943</u> to <u>1976</u>	<u>grand 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 ()	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:

Mrs. Harry Shaw
(Witness sign here)

Harry Shaw
(Signature of present owner)

Date by June 30

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Land Patent deed
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? _____
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Adams township
6. Was this a homestead? I believe so - the one in Adams
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? 1892
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, Beans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Austin Daily Herald, Austin, Minn. 55912

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Harry Simonson
Name(s) to appear on certificate Harry Simonson
Address Racine, Minn. 55967
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 32 Township 104 County Mower
Number of acres in the farm at present 120
Date of original purchase by member of your family July 7, 1864
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
N 1/2 S.E. 1/4 - 32-104-14 -

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
(owner in 1876 or B4)	from to	
<u>Hans Simonson</u>	from <u>1864</u> to <u>1913</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner		
<u>Claus Simonson</u>	from <u>1913</u> to <u>1933</u>	<u>Brother</u>
next owner		
<u>Martin Simonson</u>	from <u>1933</u> to <u>1953</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner		
<u>Harry Simonson</u>	from <u>1953</u> to <u>present</u>	
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		

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

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

Mrs Ovedia Kratz
(Witness sign here)

Harry Simonson
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 28, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Charles A. Harrington
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? _____
4. Where was the first owner born? Simonsen in Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? "
6. Was this a homestead? _____
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Don't know
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
Don't know
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? No
10. When was the present home built? 1870 or 1872
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Grain, Corn, Beans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Rochester Post Bulletin, and Austin Daily Herald

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Gerald R. & Cyril P. Smith
Name(s) to appear on certificate Cyril Smith - Jerry & Joan Smith
Address Adams, Minn 55909
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 31 Township 101-16 County Mower

Number of acres in the farm at present 200

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1869

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

Northwest Quarter of Section 31-101-16 (160A)
South west quarter of the Northeast quarter Sec 31-101-16 (40A)

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Andrew Smith</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1869</u> to <u>1940</u>	
<u>Anna Smith</u> next owner	from <u>1940</u> to <u>1941</u>	<u>wife of Andrew</u> <u>Mother in life estate</u>
<u>Mrs Margaret Smith</u> next owner	from <u>1941</u> to <u>1971</u>	<u>Mother</u>
<u>Gerald & Cyril Smith</u> next owner	from <u>1971</u> to <u>Present</u>	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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Abstract of Title ☒ 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:

Marlene Law (Witness sign here) Gerald Smith (Signature of present owner)

Date 7-9-76

See reverse side for additional information.

May farm some day, take over the farm. Jerry Smith

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Mathias Krebsbach + MINN Railroad
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? one - was 40A one - 160A
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$350.00 for 40A + 1,400.00 for 160A
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 (part of it)
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 part of The original House
10. When was the present home built? Part in 1890 - Part original
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn + Hay - oats Beans Dairy + Hog Farm
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Austin Daily Herald Austin M.N.N. Monitor - Review Stacyville Iowa

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

Andrew farmed untill about 1925 at which time his youngest son Albert started to farm; in 1936 Albert died and his wife Margaret continued to farm with the help of hired men. In 1940 Andrew died at the age of 97 and his wife Anna had use of the farm untill her death in 1941, at which time the Andrew Smith estate was settled and Mrs Albert (Margaret) Smith purchased the farm. She farmed with hired help and her oldest son Cyril untill 1952 when her youngest son Jerry and Cyril farmed for her. In 1960 Cyril + Jerry started to farm on a share bases with their mother untill 1966 when she retired from farming and Cyril + Jerry farmed on a cash rent bases untill 1971 at which time Cyril + Jerry purchased the farm from their mother. In 1952 Margaret bought an additional 40A and in 1965 Cyril and Jerry bought 120A across road from original 200A and in 1973 an additional 80A was purchased joining the original 200A so the farming operation today consists of 440A plus 60 rented A with a herd of 175 Hol cows (65 milking) about 500 Hogs raised a year along with 30 sheep + 500 chickens. The work is done by Cyril - Jerry + his 4 young sons who (over)

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner NORDEEN & ARNOLD SNORTUM
Name(s) to appear on certificate NORDEEN & ARNOLD SNORTUM
Address ADAMS MINNESOTA
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 26 Township 102N-16W County MOWER
Number of acres in the farm at present 80
Date of original purchase by member of your family 1876
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
W 1/2 of NW 1/4 of Section 26-102N-16W

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
(owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1876</u> to <u>1926</u>	<u>John H Snortum</u>
next owner	from <u>1926</u> to <u>1938</u>	<u>Betsy H Snortum</u>
next owner	from <u>1938</u> to <u>1971</u>	<u>Carl M Snortum</u>
next owner	from <u>1971</u> to _____	<u>Nordeen & Arnold Snortum</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	

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

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

Lud W Wellman
(Witness sign here)

Nordeen Snortum
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-30-76

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? C. H. Clark & Maria Clark
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80
3. What was the cost of land per acre? 7.50
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Adams Township
6. Was this a homestead? no
7. Did the first owner farm the land? _____
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?

9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? no

10. When was the present home built? 1913
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn & Soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Austin Daily Herald

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner LEE Thompson
Name(s) to appear on certificate LEE + HARRIET Thompson
Address RURAL ROUTE #4 AUSTIN MINN
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 7 Township LANSING County MOWER
Number of acres in the farm at present 200
Date of original purchase by member of your family 7/14/1856
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
W 1/2 NE 1/4 - 7 - 103 - 18

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

Better known as	NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
	LARS THOMPSON		
AS	LEWIS Thompson	from 1860 to 1891	FATHER IN LAW
	(owner in 1876 or B4)		
C	Johnson wife	from 1891 to 1891	SON IN LAW + DAUGHTER
	next owner		
	LEWIS Thompson	from 1891 to 1904	WIFE
	next owner		
AAS	Thompson widow	from 1904 to 1912	MOTHER
	next owner		
AARON	L Thompson	from 1912 to 1963	FATHER
	next owner		
	LEE Thompson	from 1963 to	
	next owner		
		from to	
	next owner		

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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:

Kenneth C. Carlson
(Witness sign here)

Lee Thompson
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 25, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

1. From whom was the farm purchased? UNITED STATE
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? 3.75?
4. Where was the first owner born? NORWAY
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Rock County Wis
6. Was this a homestead? BY PREEMPTION
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, Log house
IS USED FOR A GARAGE
10. When was the present home built? 1856
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? CORN Beans + Peas
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
AUSTIN DAILY HERALD

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