



Century Farm Applications

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CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Mr & Mrs Herbert T. Hanson

Name(s) to appear on certificate Mr & Mrs. Herbert T. Hanson

Address R.R. Box 53 Currie Minn. 56123

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 24 Township Murray County Murray

Number of acres in the farm at present 400

Date of original ^{Homesteaded} purchase by member of your family Apr. 23 1872

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
N.E. 1/4 SEC. 24 - 107 - 40

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>TOM HANSON</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1872</u> to <u>1904</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Hans Hanson</u> next owner	from <u>1904</u> to <u>1937</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Herbert Hanson</u> next owner	from <u>1937</u> to <u>1976</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

Abstract of Title ()	Court file in Registration
Land Patent ()	Proceedings ()
Original Deed ()	Other (please explain)
County Land Record ()	<u>Homestead application No. 6939</u>
	<u>Homestead Certificate No. 3790</u>

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

Howard T. Hanson
(Witness sign here)

Herbert T. Hanson
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 24, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Homesteaded
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 120
3. What was the cost of land per acre? _____
4. Where was the first owner born? Dovre, 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? no
10. When was the present home built? 1948
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Grain + Livestock
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Murray County Herald Slayton Minn 56172

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

A 100th anniversary was observed at the farm in the summer of 1972:
The next owner will be our son Howard Hanson.
He has one son David.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner DOUGLAS E. MIHIN

Name(s) to appear on certificate MRS. DOUGLAS E. MIHIN

Address R.R. BOX 13, HADLEY, MINN.

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 32 Township 107 N. 42 W. County MURRAY

Number of acres in the farm at present 576

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1872

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

N.E. 1/4 of SECT. 32 107 N 42 W. LOWVILLE
TOWNSHIP, MURRAY CO.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
MIKE (MICH. E. MIHIN (owner in 1876 or B4))	from 1872 to 1888	FATHER
JOHN J. MIHIN next owner	from 1888 to 1945	FATHER
FRANK J. MIHIN next owner	from 1945 to 1965	FATHER
DOUGLAS MIHIN next owner	from 1965 to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

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

Nolan Johnson
(Witness sign here)

Douglas E. Mihin
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 26 1974

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? U.S. GOVERNMENT
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? IRELAND
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? WABASH CO. MINN.
6. Was this a homestead? YES
7. Did the first owner farm the land? YES
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
NO
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? NO
WE HAVE A PICTURE OF THE ORIGINAL HOME -
10. When was the present home built? 1900
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? CORN, OATS, HOGS, & CATTLE
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
MURRAY CO. HERALD, SLAYTON MINN.

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

(CONT. FROM ABOVE) #9
- AND THE FIRST THREE OWNERS, ~~STANDING~~
IN FRONT OF THE LOG CABIN,

MORE INFORMATION IS CONTAINED IN ILL. BIOGRAPHY OF S.W. MINN. OCCIDENTAL PUBL. CO. CHICAGO, 1889 AND EARLY WESTERN MURRAY CO. HISTORY PUBLISHED IN 1946 JOHN J. MIHIN WAS TWP. CLERK OF LOWVILLE TWP. FOR 50 YRS.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

CENTURY FARMS
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

Name of Centennial Farm owner

GARY A. MILLER

Name(s) to appear on certificate

GARY & DONNA MILLER

Address

BALATON MINN

Address of farm, if different from above

LAKE WILSON, MINN

Section

30

Township

SKANDIA

County

MURRAY

Number of acres in the farm at present

92

Date of original purchase by member of your family

Homestead

1872

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

W $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ & W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Less SW $\frac{1}{4}$ part
of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ - 30-108-42

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME

DATES (YEARS) OF
OWNERSHIPBLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO
NEXT OWNER

Final Receiver's Receipt.

Axle R. Lagerwall

from 1878 to 1900

UNCLE

(owner in 1876 or B4)

Anthon Reinhold

from 1900 to 1966

GRAND-FATHER

next owner

GARY MILLER

from 1966 to 1976

next owner

from to

next owner

from to

next owner

from to

next owner

from to

next owner

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Abstract of Title ☒Land Patent ☒Original Deed ☐

County Land

Record ☒

Court file in Registration

Proceedings ☐

Other (please explain)

Church Records

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

Bernice Wirtjes

(Witness sign here)

Gary Miller

(Signature of present owner)

Date

7-16-76

See reverse side for additional information.

My Commission Expires March 28, 1977

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Farm Homesteaded - Patent
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? Deed awarded March 13, 1879, 52 1/2
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Homesteaded
4. Where was the first owner born? SWEDEN
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? SWEDEN
6. Was this a homestead? YES
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? THE HOUSE IS STILL THERE BUT IS NOT LIVED IN AT PRESENT. BUILT IN 1886. THE FAMILY LIVED IN A CAVE PRIOR TO THAT.
10. When was the present home built? 1886
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? CORN - OATS - BEANS
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
MORRAY CO. HERALD

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

Anton Reinholdt 411A
C.D. to - Gary Miller
Balaton, Minnesota 56115

W¹/₄ SW¹/₄ & W²/₄ SW¹/₄, less SW¹/₄ly part
lf SW¹/₄ SW¹/₄ 30-108-42

FOR STATE TAX CREDIT FILING PURPOSES ONLY

SECTION A INCOME ADJUSTED HOMESTEAD CREDIT

If you qualify for this credit use the amounts listed below to complete form M-IHC, Minnesota Income-Adjusted Homestead and Freeze Credit Return. See instructions on back.

1. Qualifying Tax Amount
Limited to dwelling and one acre adjoining land (120 acres if Farm).
2. State Paid Homestead Credit
3. No Delinquent Taxes unless Box is checked ()

SECTION B SENIOR CITIZENS SPECIAL PROPERTY TAX FREEZE CREDIT

If you are a Senior Citizen or a surviving husband or wife of a Senior Citizen qualifying for this credit use the amounts listed below to complete form M-IHC, Minnesota Income-Adjusted Homestead and Freeze Credit Return. See Instructions on back.

4. Base Year Base Year Tax
Limited to dwelling and one acre adjoining Land
5. Current Year Tax

PAY THIS AMOUNT

If tax is less than \$10.00, it must be paid in full by May 31st
If tax is \$10.00 or more it may be paid in full or paid in equal installments by May 31st and October 31st to avoid penalty.

STATEMENT OF REAL ESTATE TAXES PAYABLE IN 1976

MURRAY COUNTY, MINNESOTA

NO. 130

TO BE USED IN FILLING OUT STATE TAX CREDIT
(SENIOR CITIZENS)

Estimated Market Value	Limited Market Value	Assessed
27602	21064	7021

School District Tax (Item 9) reduced by
State Paid Agricultural Aid Credit in amount of 70.21

SECTION C GROSS TAX DISTRIBUTION

6. State00
7. County	118.36
Township or City	39.80
9. School District	270.53
10. Other Taxing Districts	1.07
11. TOTAL GROSS TAX	429.76

12. REDUCTIONS

a. Less State Paid Homestead Credit

13. TOTAL TAX

14. Special Assessments

15. TOTAL AMOUNT PAYABLE

First Half Installment

Second Half Installment

429.76
214.88

Make CHECK PAYABLE TO: MURRAY COUNTY TREASURER
Receipt is not valid until check has been paid by bank.

eran faith and teachings, Rev. Hocanson had met one of the settlers from this region and had learned from him that there was a settlement of Swedish Americans here and that they deeply longed for spiritual food and nourishment. It was in accordance with this need that he traveled to this locality by ox team and by foot and held the first divine services in the humble sod-house home of Nels Miller, located on what is now the home of Mrs. Nels Miller, his widow, and Fred Miller, his youngest son.



Rev. L. A. Hocanson

It was here, on April 27, 1873, amid these humble surroundings that was born the Ev. Lutheran Sillerud Church. Rev. Hocanson presided at the meeting that was held after the services and the constitution which was drawn for the church was signed by the following family heads and single persons:

Nels J. Miller and family; C. F. Green and family; Johan Nilson and family; John Svecnson and family; P. N. Ostrom and family; A. R. Lagerwall and family; N. Truedson and family; Jens Olson and family; Olof Olson and family; E. Erickson and family; Mrs. Anna Johnson, a

widow, and children; Jens Anderson, single; John Billberg, single; Carl Bergstrom, single; Carl Haldin, single; O. J. Miller, single; C. M. Hommerberg, single; C. J. Anderson, single; Aug. Green, single; Andrew Borg, single; N. A. Hommerberg, single; A. J. Reinholdt, single; Jens Larson, single.

The above members organized by electing as deacons C. F. Green, C. M. Hommerberg, and N. J. Miller. As trustees they elected Carl Bergstrom, P. N. Ostrom and A. R. Lagerwall. Nels J. Miller was elected president and P. N. Ostrom secretary. Resolutions were adopted as follows: that the church apply for admission into the Augustana Synod of the Lutheran Church which would hold its annual meeting at Paxton, Illinois, in June of that year, and that the trustees be instructed to proceed with incorporation proceedings for the congregation at once.

Another resolution adopted at this meeting which was, and is of historical value, was the instructing of the officers of the new church to procure at once, "a piece of ground that could be dedicated as a burial ground for our dead." This resolution was carried out at once, and today we find that many of those who were present at this meeting and



Mr. and Mrs.

voted for the securing of this "Holy" trumpet call of the Savior. Here of Nels J. Miller, in whose home took a leading and prominent part as long as he lived.

From the report of the Augustana that the Sillerud church had a membership of 100 communicant members, the rest were communicant members, the rest in the minutes of the first meeting of the church had any membership fee or the minutes of the second business meeting of 1874, we find that a membership was granted upon. Does not that speak volumes of these early settlers? It needs but little of these pioneers. And in money? They had no market for their goods granted they had any crops or stock to sell would be when they would go East and money was sorely needed to buy clothes few as they were. We dare say that the poorest member today.

From the minutes of 1875 we get progress, even from an economic standpoint of the church were admonished to be

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C.C. Goodman, Receiver
Receiver's Office,
New Ulm, Minnesota

To

The Public,

FINAL RECEIVER'S RECEIPT \$3.80
Receipt No. 3529
Application No. 6363
Dated May 17, 1878
Filed Nov. 2, 1878 at 10 A.M.
Recorded Book "A" Misc. page 99

Received of Axel R. Lagerwall, the sum of \$3.80, being the balance of payment required by law for the entry of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 30-108-42, containing 151.76 acres, under Sec. 2291 of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

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President of the
United States,

to

Axel R. Lagerwall,

HOMESTEAD PATENT
Certificate No. 3529
Application No. 6363
Dated March 13, 1879
Filed Jan. 6, 1880 at 1 P.M.
Recorded Book A Deeds, page 417
Official Seal.

Conveys: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 30-108-42, containing 151.76 acres, according to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said land.

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Axle R. Lagerwall, and
G. Lagerwall, his wife,

To

Thomas Thompson,

MORTGAGE \$200.00
Dated Nov. 20, 1878
Filed Nov. 25, 1878 at 10 A.M.
Recorded Book A Mtgs, page 196
Two witnesses. Sealed.
Acknowledged Nov. 23, 1878 before
A.C. Fling, Register of Deeds.
Murray County, Minnesota. Seal.

Conveys: SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 30-108-42, containing 151.76 acres according to the Government survey thereof.

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Thomas Thompson,

To

Axle R. Lagerwall, and
G. Lagerwall, his wife.

SATISFACTION
Dated Oct. 17, 1881
Filed Nov. 5, 1881 at 11 A.M.
Recorded Book C Mtgs, page 356
Two witnesses. Sealed.
Acknowledged Oct. 17, 1881 before
P.C. Scott, Notary Public,
Bent County, Colorado. Seal.

Satisfies Mortgage recorded in Book A Mortgages, on page 196

Abstract of Title

To the following described Real Estate situated in

MURRAY COUNTY, MINNESOTA

WEST HALF OF EAST HALF OF SOUTHWEST QUARTER ($W\frac{1}{2}E\frac{1}{2}SW\frac{1}{4}$)
In SECTION THIRTY (30), TOWNSHIP 108, RANGE 42.

AND

WEST HALF OF SOUTHWEST QUARTER ($W\frac{1}{2}SW\frac{1}{4}$)
IN SECTION THIRTY (30), TOWNSHIP 108, RANGE 42,
EXCEPT 19.4 acres, more or less in the Southwest corner
thereof, described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the SW cor. of said Sec. 30, thence North $00^{\circ}48'$
East, 1109.3 feet along the West line of said Section;
thence North $90^{\circ}00'$ East 271.0 feet;
thence South $51^{\circ}08'$ East 581.5 feet;
thence South $35^{\circ}44'$ East, 322.7 feet;
thence South $00^{\circ}16'$ West, 482.7 feet to South line of said Sec;
thence North $90^{\circ}00'$ West 925.8 feet along the South line of
said Section to the point of beginning.

COMPILED BY

WILLARD W. OHME
ABSTRACTOR
SLAYTON, MINN.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Gerhardt & Ollie Ness

Name(s) to appear on certificate Gerhardt + Ollie Ness

Address Rushdaug Minn

Address of farm, if different from above Balaton, Minn.

Section 13 Township Ellsborough County Murray

Number of acres in the farm at present 160 A

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1889

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

Section 13, Ellsborough township Murray county

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Gustave Johnson</u> (owner in 1876 or B4) <u>1869</u>	from <u>1869</u> to <u>1873</u>	<u>Son</u>
next owner	from to	
<u>John C. Johnson</u> next owner <u>family</u>	from <u>1873</u> to <u>1940</u>	<u>To family, Allie Johnson (wife)</u>
<u>Allie Johnson, Wife</u> next owner	from <u>1940</u> to <u>1958</u>	<u>Allie Johnson's family</u>
<u>Allie Johnson family</u> next owner	from <u>1958</u> to <u>1969</u>	<u>Gerhardt and Ollie Ness</u>
next owner	from to	<u>Ollie Ness Daughter</u>
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

Thorvald Johnson
(Witness sign here)

Gerhardt and Ollie Ness
(Signature of present owner)

Date July 1-76

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Horne Stead
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 A
3. What was the cost of land per acre? _____
4. Where was the first owner born? Sweden
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? _____
6. Was this a homestead? yes 1869
7. Did the first owner farm the land? a little
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
Worked on E. N. W. R. R.
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? yes after dug out
10. When was the present home built? 1880's
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? grain, corn, + Beans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:

Buffalo Ridge Gazette & Murray County Herald.
Rushon, Minnesota Section 1

31p 56190
Related information: (please feel free to use additional sheets of paper)

The Gustave Johnson family
lived in a dug out in the side of
a hill

one morning in Jan 7, 1873

Gustave and son Fred started
with team of horses and a sled
for Rush Lake in Lyon County
to get logs for the house which
they hoped to build in the spring
a storm suddenly came up
and they were unable to find there
way home

Three days later ^{their} frozen bodies
were found 2 miles north of
Bear Lake in Murray County

They are buried on the farm.
The grave's can still be seen.

They worked on the railroad
at New Elm Minn.
& returned each summer.

John C Johnson. son of
Gustave after their death
He ~~helped~~ ^{helped} ~~of~~ ⁱⁿ the
storm of 1888 had a terrifying
experience with a sudden
snow storm

He had started with a herd
of Cattle to Current Lake where
he watered his cattle, the
blizzard over took him after
considerable difficulty with his
horse was able to make it home.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Robert & Blanche Stoffel
Name(s) to appear on certificate Robert H & Blanche L. Stoffel
Address Lisimore, Minn.
Address of farm, if different from above Lake Wilson, Minn.
Section 12 Township 106 County Murray
Number of acres in the farm at present 150
Date of original purchase by member of your family 1874
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
NE 1/4 of Sec. 12 township 106 Range 43

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Old Olson</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1874 to 1925	Father to <u>Ellen Reisdorfer</u> (Olson)
<u>Ellen Reisdorfer (etal)</u> next owner	from 1925 to 1941	
<u>Ellen Reisdorfer</u> next owner	from 1941 to 1949	Mother to <u>Mary</u>
<u>Mary Gentle (etal)</u> next owner	from 1949 to 1967	Mother to <u>Blanche</u>
<u>Robt & Blanche Stoffel</u> next owner	from 1967 to present	
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 (J) Proceedings ()
Original Deed () Other (please explain _____)
County Land Record (J)

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

Edward L. Dexter
(Witness sign here)

Robert H. Stoffel
(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? Ellen Ruedorfer estate
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$170 in 1967
4. Where was the first owner born? Sweden
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Bear Lake Mrs.
6. Was this a homestead? yes - timber
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? corn, oats + wheat
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Northampton Daily Globe

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

Ole Olson homestead - Lake Wilson
Robert + Blanche Stoffel - owners
Lismore Wn.

It is believed that Ole Olson homesteaded this property in the early 1860's

My grandmother Ellen Keesdoyer related this story about the Sioux Uprising of 1862

Previous to this time there were several bands of Sioux Indians that made camp in the tree claim in the north-west corner of the property. These Indians remained camped in the tree claim leaving only to get water from the farm well. They never caused any trouble to the Olsons and their friendship was strengthened when the Olsons gave them baked goods, milk, poultry and fresh meats. The Indians reciprocated by leaving moccasins, bead work and fresh venison.

The Indians' loyalty and friendship was tested by the Sioux Uprising of 1862

At this time marauding bands of Sioux Indians including the ones camped on this homestead swept through southwest Wn. raiding and killing as they went.

To ensure the safety of the Olson homestead the Indians marked the trees to indicate that this homestead was to be bypassed and left unharmed.

The Olsons heard the passage of the Indians as they traveled east on their murderous rampage.

Blanche L. Stoffel

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Alan L. Swan
Name(s) to appear on certificate ^{Mr. & Mrs.} Alan L. Swan
Address Balaton, Minnesota 56115
Address of farm, if different from above Same

Section 28 Township Skandia County Murray
Number of acres in the farm at present 361

Date of original purchase by member of your family September 1, 1969

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

The South Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section
Twenty-eight

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Rail Road</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from to	<u>Rail Road</u>
<u>Nels Miller</u> next owner	from <u>1872</u> to <u>1891</u>	<u>Wesband</u>
<u>Hester Miller</u> next owner	from <u>1891</u> to <u>1944</u>	<u>Mother</u>
<u>Fred Miller</u> next owner	from <u>1944</u> to <u>1969</u>	<u>Great Great Uncle</u>
<u>Alan L. Swan</u> next owner	from <u>1969</u> to <u>present</u>	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

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

Mrs Anna E. Swan
(Witness sign here)

Alan L. Swan
(Signature of present owner)

Date July 14 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Rail Road Fred Miller Estate
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? Sweden
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? St Peter
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
Lived in Sod House 1872
10. When was the present home built? 1889
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Oats & corn
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Balaton Press Tribune

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

The Lillend Lutheran Church was originated on this farm in a sod house. 1873