



## Century Farm Applications

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CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Ames M. Holte  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Ames and Ardysen Holte  
Address Shelly, Minnesota  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 28 & 29 Township Shelly County Norman  
Number of acres in the farm at present 280  
Date of original purchase by member of your family 1872  
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
W 1/2 of SW 1/4 - Section 28 - Township 146 - Range 48

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Anna Oleson</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from _____ to _____	<u>Peter O. Holte (son)</u>
<u>Peter O. Holte</u> next owner	from _____ to _____	<u>Stanley Holte (son)</u>
<u>Stanley Holte</u> next owner	from _____ to _____	<u>Ames M. Holte (son)</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 <u>taken from</u>
County Land Record ( )	<u>Polk County Register of Deeds Office</u>

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

Dean Nelson  
(Witness sign here)

Ames M. Holte  
(Signature of present owner)

Date FEDERAL LAND BANK ASSOCIATION

See reverse side for additional information.  
BOX 438  
CROOKSTON, MINNESOTA

## 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? Homesteaded (from U.S.A.)
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? Fellmore County, 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 - Peter O. Halte was a shoe maker, Postmaster & blacksmith also. This was known as Holms - before Shelly was started.*

9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? yes - The store

building - the Blacksmith Shop & Port J house (log)

10. When was the present home built? The additions were built in late 1800's
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Sugar beets, wheat & barley
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:

Valley Journal - Halstad, Minnesota 56578

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

*The reason we are unable to find the original deeds is because Norman County was a part of Polk County and the records are not kept - the what to Crookston but the first dates were not kept. We only have the title to tell us when they come to Norman County - This farm has been farmed by the Halte Family continually and now my sons Peter & Gregory are now engaged with me in farming.*



the United States of America,  
Homestead Certificate No. 336 } To all to whom these presents shall come, greeting:  
Application 1437 } Whereas there has been deposited in the General  
Land Office of the United States a Certificate of the Register Land Office  
at Detroit, Minnesota, whereby it appears that, pursuant to the Act  
of Congress approved 20<sup>th</sup> May, 1862, "To secure Homesteads to actual  
Settlers on the Public Domain;" and the acts supplemental thereto,  
the claim of Anna Olson has been established and duly consum-  
mated, in conformity to law, for the west half of the south west  
quarter of section twenty eight, in township one hundred- and  
forty six, of range forty eight, in the district of lands formerly  
subject to sale at Detroit, now Crookston, Minnesota, containing  
eighty acres according to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said  
Land, returned to the General Land Office by the Surveyor General,  
Now know ye, That there is, therefore, granted by the United States  
unto the said Anna Olson the tract of Land above described:  
To have and to hold the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances  
thereof, unto the said Anna Olson and to her heirs and assigns forever.  
In Testimony whereof, I, Rutherford B. Hayes, President of the United  
States of America, have caused these letters to be made Patent, and the  
Seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.  
Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, the thirtieth

day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and seventy-nine, and of the Independence of the United States  
the one hundred and third.



By the President: R. B. Hayes.

By J. H. Cook, Secretary

W. D. Clark, Recorder of the General Land Office.

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(Filed May 5<sup>th</sup> 1880. 11 A.M.)

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Gladys Nilson Markgard  
 Name(s) to appear on certificate Karen Davis and Marvin C. Nilson  
 Address Fergus Falls, MN - Minnehaha Dr.  
 Address of farm, if different from above Twin Valley, MINN  
Route I  
 Section 4 (Flom) Township 143 - Rge. 43 County NORMAN  
 Number of acres in the farm at present 240

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1872 (Homesteaded)  
 Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
W 1/2 NE 1/4, NE 1/4 SW 1/4 + N.W 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 4  
Twp. 143 - Rng 43

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Nils Nilson</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1872</u> to <u>1915</u>	<u>Husband</u>
<u>ANNA Nilson</u> (Surviving) next owner and	from <u>1915</u> to <u>1917</u>	<u>Mother of Emil + Wilhelm</u>
<u>Wilhelm + Emil Nilson</u> next owner	from to	
<u>Wilhelm + Emil Nilson</u> next owner	from <u>1917</u> to <u>1950</u>	<u>Emil is father of Marvin</u>
<u>MARVIN + Gladys</u> next owner Nilson	from <u>1950</u> to <u>1969</u>	<u>Marvin husband of Gladys</u>
<u>Gladys Nilson</u> next owner <u>MARVIN</u>	from <u>1969</u> to <u>Present</u>	<u>(Married to Truman Markgard</u>
	from to	<u>in 1972)</u>
next owner		

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

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

Truman Markgard  
(Witness sign here)

Gladys Nilson Markgard  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 30 1976  
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1. From whom was the farm purchased? U.S. Gov. (Homesteaded)
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Unknown
4. Where was the first owner born? Långsrud, Värmland 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?  
worked for The N. P. Railroad
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? yes, the house which is now used as a shop-
10. When was the present home built? 1908 - and is still used.
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Small grains corn-beans-
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Norman Co. Index-Adel, Min & Twin Valley Times Twin Valley, Min.

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

I have two children  
Karen Davis, and Marvin C. Nilson  
Would it be possible to include  
their names also on the certificate?  
Gladys Marksgard