

Century Farm Applications

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RETURN TO: MN. STATE FAIR CENTURY FARMS ST.PAUL, MN 55108 CENTURY FARM APPLICATION Name of Centennial Farm owner Name(s) to appear on certificate (Miguet Address Address of farm, if different from above _ Section __ / O __ Township __ County Oller Ja Date of original purchase by member of your family Hameste Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement) Dec 10 Lownship 13/ Kange 38 PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP DATES (YEARS) OF BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NAME OWNERSHIP NEXT OWNER august Brockoff from/876 to 1900 (owner in 1876 or B4) from 1900 to 1950 redrick Brockopp next owner rge Brock from/950 to 1973 next owner from/973 to/976 next owner from to next owner to from next owner to from next owner The above evidence of continous 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 (X)Court file in Registration Land Patent Proceedings Original Deed Other (please explain. County Land Record (X) I HEREBY CERTIFY that the information listed above is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief: (Witness sign here) (Signature of present 6-18-76 Date See reverse side for additional information.

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1.	From whom was the farm purchased? Homestead
	How many acres were in the original parcel?
3.	What was the cost of land per acre? Namestead
4.	Where was the first owner born? Lemany
5.	Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Cleveland Ohis
	Was this a homestead? <u>Jes</u>
7.	Did the first owner farm the land? Hes
8.	Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
9.	Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use?
10.	When was the present home built? 1895
11.	What are the farm's major crops or products? Com grain hay
12.	Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
	Varkers Prairie, Minn (Independent)
	ated information: (please feel free to use additional sheets of paper)
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1.	From whom was the farm purchased? Homestead from State
2.	How many acres were in the original parcel? 147.25
3.	What was the cost of land per acre?
4.	Where was the first owner born?
	Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Morton Count
6.	Was this a homestead?
7.	Did the first owner farm the land?
	Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
	yes Veterinary
9.	Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use?
0.	When was the present home built?
1.	What are the farm's major crops or products? Oats com & hay
	Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation: Jergus Falls Journal

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

CENTURY FARM APPLI	CATION	Plas	CENTURY FARMS ST. PAUL, MN 55108
Name of Centennial			N
Name(s) to appear	on certificat	te	
	Address		OUTE ONE ASHBY, MINNESOTA 56309
Address of farm, i	f different	from a	bove
Section <u>28 Range 13</u>	Township	ST. OL	AF County OTTER TAIL
Number of acres in	the farm at	prese	nt 277 Acres
Date of original p	urchase by me	ember	of your family MAY 1958
legal description	of the land	(from	deed, abstract, tax statement)
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PROOF OF 100 YEARS	OF CONTINUOL	JS FAM	ILY OWNERSHIP
NAME	DATES (YEAR		
	from 1869 to		Father
(owner in 1876 or B4) ChristianK.&Mary Clau	sorfrom 1018 to	1944	Husband
next owner	50111011 1910 00	1744	HASD CATA
Mary Clauson	from 1944 to	1958	Mother and Mother-in-law
next owner			
Bruce K, & Alberta Claus	on from 1958 to	present	
next owner	from to		
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next owner	. 11011 00		
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Land Patent	(X)		Proceedings ()
County Land		Ut	ther (please explain Copy in O.C. Museum
	()		CERTIFICATE OF HOMESTEAD RIGHTS
I HEREBY CERTIFY to	nat the infor	 cmation	n listed above is correct to the best

of my knowledge and belief:

(Witness sign here)

Date 7-28-76

KBruce Of Clauso (Signature of present owner) and alberte Clauson

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	rom whom was the farm purchased? <u>H.S. Government gave Homestead Right</u> in 1869 signeddby Rutherford B. Hayes How many acres were in the original parcel? <u>160 Acres</u>
	What was the cost of land per acre?
4.	Where was the first owner born? Tronso, Norway where he was trained as a carpenter. He landed in Quebec on coming to America
	Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Lived a short time in LaCrosse Wis. Working as farm hand, then in St. Groix Cy. as sawmill employee &log cabin bldr.
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?
	Not to our knowledge while he was farmingsee 5 above
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? 1912
11.	What are the farm's major crops or products? From diversified farming to Wheat, Barley, and Soy Beans at present
12.	Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
	Fergus Falls Journal Battle Lake Review

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

The story of this man's trip until he came to Otter Tail County is a very interesting one. A daughter if his had presence of mind enough to get it into the Otter Tail County Historical files along with the Certificate of Home stead Rights. Now those members of the family who are interested may find the information there.

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ST.PAUL, MN 55108

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Name(s) to appear on certificate I	
Address R	te 1 By 121 ackley, MNSE
Address of farm, if different from a	bove none
Section 29 Township St. O	lef county Offertail
Number of acres in the farm at prese	nt 161 acus
Date of original purchase by member	of your family 1976, aug 23
Legal description of the land (from	deed, abstract, tax statement)
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(owner in 1876 or B4)	- francisco
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(Witness sign hère)	(Signature of present owner)
Date //me 25/976	
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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Monstead
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 161 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre?
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway
4. Where was the first owner born? Toway 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?
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? 15 years ago
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? con, wheat,
(Small pain) 12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
The Daily Journal - Georges Dells. m N 56537
Related information: (please feel free to use additional sheets of paper)
The home still standing is a log house biret 75 pers
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3. What was the cost of land per acre?
4. Where was the first owner born? Roros Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Royos Norway came to the state of Lova in 1867 lived thre 2400 and then came her in 1869 they were manu 6. Was this a homestead? yes march 15, 1867 and they left for america
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? η_{δ}
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? <u>the first house burntin 1914</u>
but the barn, Machine Shed, Granary, Small Granary, Chicken House & Pump house are the Original builting that a Still being used 10. When was the present home built? 1914
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Small grain, was also dairy farm until 1976 when the dairy cows were Sold 12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Fergus Falls Daily Sournal Fergus Falls Minn
Related information: (please feel free to use additional sheets John Beckes the Bent Butter of paper) (they first organized Ten Mile Make Church in 1869 John J Beckes was along and organized Bettel Church in 1876
was also the president of the conquation at one time, beside bewing as Secretar treasure at different times on may 4-1889 his daughter & lizabith Beckers, was alected Organist & send water 1919 when her daughter & lizabith Beckers,
was alected Organist & sewed until 1919, when her daughter & the Thompson,
(ms Edwin Lang) was elected and served until 1971 John J. Beckes was the
early precentor (Klokker) and in 1891 his aon in law John OThompson was
early precentor (Klokker) and in 1891 his son in law John OThompson was elected klokker & choir derector until in 1939 some of his children were also members of the Choir Alece Thompson Enckers & the Thompson Lang, maure Thompson.

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ST.PAUL, MN 55108 CENTURY FARM APPLICATION Name of Centennial Farm owner Helen MRS. Name(s) to appear on certificate Mrs ALFIED Address Address of farm, if different from above County Ottertail Township Number of acres in the farm at present 340 Date of original purchase by member of your family 18/ Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement) WI OF NW 4 and FR 40 PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP DATES (YEARS) OF BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NAME OWNERSHIP NEXT OWNER PATMAN from 147/ to 1892 Father owner in 1876 or B4) H enty thutwen \$57 from/492 to 1901 next owner HelpetTa, S. T4Letpetropom/90/ to 1903 Stathet and Sister next owner elBert A Patwam from 1963 to 1926 next owner HEXBELT A PRINCEST from 1921 to 1921 B70 Thers and 5/5 ters next owner Kennet at Alfred + Parman from 1926 to 1946 next owner 1 from 1946to1952 ALFred TPatrom next owner Patwam The above evidence of continous family ownership of this farm since 1876 is taken from one or more of the following records. DO NOT SEND IN RECORDS, just indicate by check marks those which apply. Abstract of Title (Court file in Registration Land Patent . Proceedings Original Deed Other (please explain County Land Record I HEREBY CERTIFY that the information listed above is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief: (Witness sign here) (Signature of present owner) Date 6 - 30 - 76

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	2.	How many acres were in the original parcel? 114	
	3.	What was the cost of land per acre?	
	4.	Where was the first owner born? Massachutes	
20	5.	Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Mune Prairie	Oninn
1	.6.	Was this a homestead?	
/.	7.	Did the first owner farm the land? <u>Yes</u>	
	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?	
1	.0.	When was the present home built?	
1	1.	What are the farm's major crops or products? Dalty	
1	2.	Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:	
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Helen Thompson Helegren, Evelyn Thompson Dreat Brand daughter awella Kang became Missionary to Madagascar on June 21-1959 and serviced there until 1974 John J. Beckos father in law Johannes O degaard was chosen custodian on Dec 3-1888 at a salary of 8 - a year, he was also chosen at various times to make provisions for bread & were at communion at the Present time mr. 4 mis Edwin Lang are the custodians and have bun since 1962. Soughten Enelyn Lang has been Sunday School teacher since 1961 and also been Sunday School Supt. several years.

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BETHEL CHURCH WAS ORGANIZED IN 1876

INTERESTING HISTORICAL SKETCH OF A PIONEER CONGREGATION
THE FIRST PIONEERS OF SCANDINAVIAN DESCENT, WHO SETTLED THIS TERRITORY, WERE REARED IN
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH. NATURALLY THEY WERE INTERESTED IN HAVING A CONGREGATION IN THEIR
MIDST.

FROM TIME TO TIME THESE SETTLEMENTS WERE VISITED BY LUTHERAN PASTORS, AS FOR INSTANCE, OLE J. KASA, NILS BRANDT, TORJUS VETLESON AND O.A. NORMANN. THESE MEN CONDUCTED SERVICES, PERFORMED MINISTERIAL ACTS AND PREPARED THE GROUND FOR ORGANIZED CHURCH WORK. REV. O. J. KASA, WHO VISITED THIS TERRITORY IN THE SPRING OF 1869 DID MUCH TO ENCOURAGE SUCH A STEP, AND HE WAS INVITED TO COME BACK IN THE FALL. BUT MEANWHILE A CONGREGATION WAS ORGANIZED AT THE HOME OF INGEBRET MORTENSEN NAESSET IN TOWN OF TUMULI BY PEOPLE FROM DANE PRAIRIE, TUMULI, ST. OLAF, AND EAGLE LAKE. THIS TOOK PLACE JULY 9, 1869. ITS NAME WAS THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TEN MILE LAKE CONGREGATION OF OTTER TAIL COUNTY. SEVEN YEARS LATER IT WAS AGREED TO DIVIDE THE CONGREGATION .. INTO THREE CONGREGATIONS. THEY WERE TO COME TOGETHER ONCE A YEAR ON EPIPHANY SUNDAY TO MUTUALLY HELP AND ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER IN THE WORK. THEY WERE, HOWEVER, TO REMAIN IN THE SAME PARISH. THESE THREE CONGREGATIONS WERE TEN MILE LAKE LUTHERAN, SWAN LAKE LUTHERAN AND BETHERL THE FOLLOWING, ACCORDING TO THE SCANT RECORDS, HELD MEMBERSHIP IN THE OLD CONGREGATION BEFORE 1876 AND SINCE THAT YEAR CONTINUED AS MEMBERS OF THE BETHEL CHURCH: PEDER NELSON HALDOR GULDSETH, OLE H. GULDSETH, NILS JOHNSON, KNUT JOHNSON, JOHN J. BECKOS, MATTIS L. SALVEVOLD, ELLEN L. SALVEVOLD, JOHN P. WIK, WALBORG AASMUNDSE, ELLING P. EVAVOLD, MIKKEL TORGERSON, JOHANNES J. ODEGAARD, ANNA NILSON KJOSNESS, ANDERS JOHNSON, JOHN PEDERSON, IVER PEDERSON. THE NAMES OF THE MEMBERS OF THESE DIFFERENT FAMILIES ARE NOT GIVEN HERE AS THE LIST WOULD BE RATHER LONG.

BEFORE A HOUSE OF WORSHIP WAS BUILT THE PEOPLE GATHERED IN THE FARMHOUSES. A LEADER IN THIS WAS ESPECIALLY PEDER NELSON. THEIR FIRST PASTOR, REV. O.J. KASA, SERVED MANY SCATTERED CONGREGATIONS, SO MANY WEEKS WOULD PASS BEFORE THE NEXT SERVICE. THE SUNDAYS PASTOR COULD NOT BE PRESENT THE PEOPLE GATHERED ANYHOW FOR MUTUAL EDIFICATION. THEY READ FROM THE BIBLE AND SERMONS BY MEN LIKE LUTHER AND ARNOT, AND AT TIMES SOMEONE ADDED A PERSONAL TESTIMONEY. WHEN PASTOR O.J.KASA HAD SERVED THEM FOR ONE YEAR, HIS SALARY WAS \$66.00 AND SOME WHEAT.

THE FIRST BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BETHEL CONGREGATION, AS A SEPARATE UNIT WAS HELD OCT. 6, 1876, IN THE PEDER NELSON HOME. AT THIS MEETING PEDER NELSON WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE CONGREGATION AND KNUTE JOHNSON SECRETARY. AT THAT TIME THE CONGREGATION WAS NAMED THE NORWEGIAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ST. OLAF.

ON THE 29th OF MAY IN 1877 THE NAME WAS CHANGED TO NORWEGIAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF EAGLE LAKE INSTEAD OF THE NORWEGIAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ST. OLAF.

ON THE 24th OF MAY 1886THEY AGAIN CHANGED THE NAME TO BETHEL. ON THE 8th day of JUNE 1893THE CONGREGATION WAS INCORPORATED UNDER THE INCORPORATED NAME OF BETHEL EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ST. OLAF AND EAGLE LAKE.

THESE EARLY SETTLERS WORKED UNDER VERY HUMBLE CIRCUMSTANCES COMPARED WITH PRESENT DAY CONDITIONS. BUT THEY PROSPERED AND THE CHURCH WORK IN THEIR MIDST FLOURISHED. ON DECEMBER 31st. 1914. THE DAY OF MRS. BRYNILD EVAVOLD PEDERSON'S FUNERAL THE CHURCH BURNED. DO TO THE LARGE ATTENDANCE FOR THE FUNERAL EVERYTHING IN THE CHURCH WAS SAVED. THE FIXTURES WERE STORED IN A HOUSE ON THE SALVEVOLD FARM UNTIL THE NEW CHURCH WAS COMPLETED IN 1915. THE NEW CHURCH WAS BUILT BY OLE MYKLEBY AND KNUTE KLEVEN AND OTHERS IN THE CONGREGATION THAT COULD HELP.

OTHERS HAVE SINCE JOINED THE CONGREGATION AND THE WORK HAS BEEN CARRIED ON FAITHFULLY FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION. THE PIONEERS, WHO FOUNDED THIS CONGREGATION, HAVE ALL DEPARTED THIS LIFE AND MANY OF THE OTHERS WHO WERE ADDED LATER. OTHERS HAVE MOVED INTO NEW LOCALITIES. BUT THOUGH THESE ARE GONE, THE CHILDREN AND CHILDREN'S CHILDREN OF MANY OF THESE ARE CARRYING ON THE WORK.

PASTORS WHO HAVE SERVED BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH

REV. O. J. KASA 1869-1886 REV. B. B. HAUGEN 1886-1894 REV. J. J. RENDAHL 1894-1904 1904-1907 REV. J. N. WALSTAD REV. J. K. LEROHL REV. J. F. MELOM 1907-1914 1914-1919 REV. ALBERT MOLBERG 1920+1923 REV. A. H. THORSEN 1924-1925 REV. M. O. SILSETH REV. B. J. BLIKSTAD REV. L. NYPEN 1925-1928 1929-1942 1942-1953 1959-1966 REV. E. O. STENSON REV. F. M. NORLIEN

OVER TRODDEN AND UNTRODDEN TRACTS YOUR FATHERS CAME AND A HOME TO THEIRS GIVE.

IN THE HEART THEY CARRIED A HOLY FEAR OPEN WIDE FOR HIM YOUR HEART'S DOOR FOR HIM WHO IS EVERYWHERE NEAR AND HE WILL COME IN FOR EVERMORE THEY ASKED HIM TO BE THEIR STAY IN A LAND, FROM THEIR KIN, SO FAR AWAY.

SO TO HIM A HOUSE THEY DID REAR WHERE THEY IN QUIETUDE COULD DRAW NEAR AND IT SHALL NOT HAVE BEEN IN VAIN AND RECEIVE FROM THE BOOK OF LIFE THAT IN YOUR MIDST GOD'S CHURCH WAS BUILT AND RECEIVE FROM THE BOOK OF LIFE

TO SEND THEM HIS BLESSINGS FROM ON HIGH

PEOPLE TODAY FROM ST. OLAF AND EAGLE LAKE FOR THEIR OWN AND FOR YOUR SAKE THEY LABORED AND SACRIFICED IN LOVE IN ORDER TO BRING BLESSINGS FROM ABOVE.

DEDICATED TO THE PRESENT AND FUTURE BETHEL LUTHERAN CHURCH
DUNTRODDEN TRACTS
YOU WORSHIP TODAY WHERE FATHER AND MOTHER KNELT AND WHERE THE PRESENCE OF GOD WAS FELT. NOT IN SEARCH FOR WORLDLY HONOR OR FAME

NOW HE STANDS READY YOUR SOULS TO BLESS
BUT FOR A PLACE WHERE THEY MIGHT LIVE

AS IN HIS HOUSE HIS NAME YOU CONFESS.

> TO SUP WITH YOU AND YOU WITH HIM TO BLESS YOUR LIFE TO THE VERY BRIM.

THEN YOU TO THE CHURCH TRIUMPHANT SHALL ATTAIN WISDOM AND STRENGTH FOR THE EARTHLY STRIFE. PROCLAIMING THAT FOR YOU CHRIST'S BLOOD WAS SPILT.

BETHEL, "HOUSE OF GOD" ITS NAME SHOULD BE.
AND HE HAD PROMISED WHERE TWO OR THREE
OF JESUS CHRIST OUR KING
OF JESUS CHRIST OUR KING
UNTIL THE NEW SONG FOREVERMORE
TO SEND THEM HIS BLESSINGS FROM ON HIGH
WITH CLEAN TIPS WE SING ON ETERNITY'S SHORE:

BY THE LATE BERSVEND J. BLIKSTAD 1936

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CENTURY FARM APPLI	CATION	lan.	ST. PAUL, MN 55108
Name of Centennial	Farm owner	sheater !	Henn Kyshrutt
Name(s) to appear	on certificate	hester a	GLENN RISBRUST
	Address	DALT	ON, MINN.
Address of farm, i	f different from	above	
Section 10 4 //	Township	13/	County 4/ Ofedael
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Date of original p	urchase by membe	r of your fa	mily June 20 1876
Legal description	of the land (from	m deed, abst	ract, tax statement)
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W/3 5N/4			
PROOF OF 100 YEARS	OF CONTINUOUS FA	AMILY OWNERS	HIP
	DATES (YEARS)	OF	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO
NAME	OWNERSHIP		NEXT OWNER
	from to	14.6	Torkel & Hockelein
(owner in 1876 or B4)	from to		
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next owner	8-6-1946 april	la appene 1	Receptated to
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Witness s	ign here)	75	Signature of present owner)
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RETURN TO: MN. STATE FAIR CENTURY FARMS

ST.PAUL, MN 55108 CENTURY FARM APPLICATION Name of Centennial Farm owner Melvin Harriet Name(s) to appear on certificate Melinis Harria Battle Lake? Address Address of farm, if different from above _ County Ottento Township 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) Wholiach shows his PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP DATES (YEARS) OF BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NAME OWNERSHIP NEXT OWNER from 1860 to 1908 (owner in 1876, or BA from 1908 to 1923 from/923 to 1941 next owner from 1941 to next owner from to next owner from to next owner from to next owner The above evidence of continous 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 (X) Court file in Registration Land Patent Proceedings Original Deed Other (please explain County Land Record

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

(Witness sign here)

(Signature of present owner)

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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? Toros, norway
5.	Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Noway
	Was this a homestead?
	Did the first owner farm the land?
	Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? Not that I know of
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? 1886 or 1896 I don't for sure.
11.	What are the farm's major crops or products? rate com wheat
12.	Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
	Fergus Callo Journal - Fergus Falls, Minnesota
Re	lated information: (please feel free to use additional sheets of paper)
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a History of Salvevol farm. Mattias + Marit Salvevold Come from Roros, norway 1867, they come to lowa with other families & traveling by Covered wagon to It alof, attestail County in 1868. & settled on this farm. There were three family, Salverol Beckos I Largens, They built a joint loyhouse on Salvevold land + later Beckos + Largen built the their own loghouses on their homesteads as Close neighbors. Salvevolds, Beckos Largen as will as other pioneers organized + built a Church Honour now as Bethel Church 1876. on tand donated by Salvevold- In year before 1876 services were held in their homes. mattia & marit Salvevold had four Children all born on this form Marenborn in 1868; Farsborn 1870 thron born 1871 ; John born 1874 Maren married & the family soon moved to Montaina 1909. Fars died at age 56 Thron I folim lived on family farm with their parent also their own families Mattia died in 1909 1919. Marit died in

In 1923 John John wife thee doughters moved to their own farm Close by. thron swife bought out John's share in farm. They had one son Melvin Meloin married Harriet Helden in 1937, They moved right in a lived with his folks. Took over farm whenthron died in 1941. his mother lived with us until her death in 1863. Melvin & Karriet have three daughters Joyce Helen, + Inila

how the whole family got along so will all living together as they did. I taking care of elder.

BETHEL CHURCH WAS ORGANIZED IN 1876

INTERESTING HISTORICAL SKETCH OF A PIONEER CONGREGATION
THE FIRST PIONEERS OF SCANDINAVIAN DESCENT, WHO SETTLED THIS TERRITORY, WERE REARED IN
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH. NATURALLY THEY WERE INTERESTED IN HAVING A CONCREGATION IN THEIR
MIDST.

FROM TIME TO TIME THESE SETTLEMENTS WERE VISITED BY LUTHERAN PASTORS. AS FOR INSTANCE. OLE J. KASA, NILS BRANDT, TORJUS VETLESON AND O.A. NORMANN. THESE MEN CONDUCTED SERVICES. PERFORMED MINISTERIAL ACTS AND PREPARED THE GROUND FOR ORGANIZED CHURCH WORK. REV. O. J. KASA, WHO VISITED THIS TERRITORY IN THE SPRING OF 1869 DID MUCH TO ENCOURAGE SUCH A STEP, AND HE WAS INVITED TO COME BACK IN THE FALL. BUT MEANWHILE A CONGREGATION WAS ORGANIZED AT THE HOME OF INCEBRET MORTENSEN NAESSET IN TOWN OF TUMULI BY PEOPLE FROM DANE PRAIRIE, TUMULI, ST. OLAF, AND EAGLE LAKE. THIS TOOK PLACE JULY 9, 1869. ITS NAME WAS THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN TEN MILE LAKE CONGREGATION OF OTTER TAIL COUNTY. SEVEN YEARS LATER IT WAS AGREED TO DIVIDE THE CONGREGATION., INTO THREE CONGREGATIONS. THEY WERE TO COME TOGETHER ONCE A YEAR ON EPIPHANY SUNDAY TO MUTUALLY HELP AND ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER IN THE WORK. THEY WERE, HOWEVER, TO REMAIN IN THE SAME PARISH. THESE THREE CONGREGATIONS WERE TEN MILE LAKE LUTHERAN, SWAN LAKE LUTHERAN AND BETHERL THE FOLLOWING, ACCORDING TO THE SCANT RECORDS, HELD MEMBERSHIP IN THE OLD CONGREGATION BEFORE 1876 AND SINCE THAT YEAR CONTINUED AS MEMBERS OF THE BETHEL CHURCH: PEDER NELSON HALDOR GULDSETH, OLE H. GULDSETH, NILS JOHNSON, KNUT JOHNSON, JOHN J. BECKOS, MATTIS L. SALVEVOLD, ELLEN L. SALVEVOLD, JOHN P. WIK, WALBORG AASMUNDSE, ELLING P. EVAVOLD, MIKKEL TORGERSON, JOHANNES J. ODEGAARD, ANNA NILSON KJOSNESS, ANDERS JOHNSON, JOHN PEDERSON, IVER PEDERSON. THE NAMES OF THE MEMBERS OF THESE DIFFERENT FAMILIES ARE NOT GIVEN HERE

BEFORE A HOUSE OF WORSHIP WAS BUILT THE PEOPLE GATHERED IN THE FARMHOUSES. A LEADER IN THIS WAS ESPECIALLY PEDER NELSON. THEIR FIRST PASTOR, REV. O.J. KASA, SERVED MANY SCATTERED CONGREGATIONS, SO MANY WEEKS WOULD PASS BEFORE THE NEXT SERVICE. THE SUNDAYS PASTOR COULD NOT BE PRESENT THE PEOPLE GATHERED ANYHOW FOR MUTUAL EDIFICATION. THEY READ FROM THE BIBLE AND SERMONS BY MEN LIKE LUTHER AND ARNOT, AND AT TIMES SOMEONE ADDED A PERSONAL TESTIMONEY. WHEN PASTOR O.J.KASA HAD SERVED THEM FOR ONE YEAR, HIS SALARY WAS \$66.00 AND SOME WHEAT.

AS THE LIST WOULD BE RATHER LONG.

THE FIRST BUSINESS MEETING OF THE BETHEL CONGREGATION, AS A SEPARATE UNIT WAS HELD OCT. 6, 1876, IN THE PEDER NELSON HOME. AT THIS MEETING PEDER NELSON WAS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE CONGREGATION AND KNUTE JOHNSON SECRETARY. AT THAT TIME THE CONGREGATION WAS NAMED THE NORWEGIAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ST. OLAF.

ON THE 29th OF MAY IN 1877 THE NAME WAS CHANGED TO NORWEGIAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF SAGLE LAKE INSTEAD OF THE NORWEGIAN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF ST. OLAF.

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

CENTURY FARM APPLIC	CATION	BLC	ST.PAUL, MN 55108
Name of Centennial	Farm owner	sidney M.	Sether
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wame(s) to appear t		0	
	Address	CURLISLE,	MINNESOTA
Address of farm, if	different from	above 5A	ME
Section 34	_ Township	SCAR	County W. OTTertail
Number of acres in	the farm at pre	sent 360	330
Date of original pu	irchase by membe	r of your family	1868
Legal description of Elas	of the land (fro	m deed, abstract	t, tax statement)
		ty, Minniero	
PROOF OF 100 YEARS	OF CONTINUOUS F	AMILY OWNERSHIP	
NAME J. Sether, S	DATES (YEARS) OWNERSHIP		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
(owner in 1876 or B4) - John J. Sethar	from /869to /96	5 Father to	to SON John J. Sether I redied and it was deeded tow Wife and 2 sons
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The above evidence 1876 is taken from RECORDS, just indic	one or more of	the following re	cords. DO NOT SEND IN
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I HEREBY CERTIFY th	at the informat		is correct to the best

Date July 12, 1976

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Mrs. Doedon A. Johns

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? His Comment (Himsterde
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 and 5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? staked the land, walked back
6. Was this a homestead? Ves year and then returned with
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Ves
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
Mostly farmed but hauled gravel for the Duat Northern Railroad
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? There is a
wood-shed, a blacksnith shop, the barn with foundation redone, and the built? the form with foundation for the built?
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Wheat Corn Barley, Flax IT was a dairy farm until 5 years ago.
2. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Fergus Falls - "The Duily Journal"
Related information: (please feel free to use additional sheets of paper)

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

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Name of Centennial	Farm owner	Ralph Skistad
		Ralph Skistad
Mame(s) to appear o		
	Address	R#1, Elizabeth, Minn. 56533
Address of farm, if		above
Section 6	Township Fergu	as Falls Twp.133 County Otter Tail
Number of acres in	the farm at prese	ent 184 acres
		of your family <u>8-23-1876</u> as shown on the original homestead certificate
Government Lots 1 ar the southwest quarte the northwest quarte	nd 2, and the northeaser of Section 6, t	deed, abstract, tax statement) theast quarter of the northeast quarter, st quarter, and the southeast quarter of township 133 north, range 43 west, ment survey thereof.
PROOF OF 100 YEARS	OF CONTINUOUS FAM	MILY OWNERSHIP
NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Iver O. Skistad		Father of Ingward & Sannah Skistad
(owner in 1876 or B4)	1919 224 3 3 19 52	
Ingward and Sannah next owners Skistad	from1918 to1954	Uncle & Aunt of Ralph Skistad /
Ralph Skistad	from1954 topreser	nt
next owner		
	from to	The farm was purchased by Ralph Skistad from his bachelor uncle Ingward Skistad
next owner	from to	and maiden aunt Sannah Skistad who were
next owner	from to	co-owners. Gaylen Skistad, great grandson of Iver
next owner	from to	Skistad and the son of Ralph Skistad, i also helping work this farm at the presenting.
next owner	7 I POIN GO	time.
1876 is taken from	one or more of th	ly ownership of this farm since ne following records. DO NOT SEND IN sthose which apply.
Original Deed (County Land	x)	Court file in Registration Proceedings () Other (please explain
	at the information belief:	on listed above is correct to the best (Signature of present owner) Ralph Skistad

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The patent or homestead certificate #1360 which I have in my possession was "established and duly consummated, in conformity to law" as worded on the document on August 23, 1876, with signature "U. S. Grant" as president. However, we understand my grandfather, Iver Skistad, lived on this homestead several years prior to that date.

The story has been handed down that Grandpa Skistad walked all the way from Alexandria to his homestead claim carrying a sack of flour on his back, a

distance of about sixty miles.

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	General Land Office of United State
1.	From whom was the farm purchased? at Alexandria, Minn. Homestead control #464 Recorded Vol. 3 Page 18
2.	How many acres were in the original parcel? 184 acres
3.	What was the cost of land per acre? Homesteaded. Not shown on cert
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?
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9.	Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? Yes - 5 of the 6 children
	were born in the log house
10.	When was the present home built?
11.	What are the farm's major crops or products? Grain and cattle
12.	Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
	The Daily Journal, Fergus Falls
Re	lated information: (please feel free to use additional sheets of paper)

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