



Century Farm Applications

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CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner David G. Alexander *ok*
Name(s) to appear on certificate David G. and Mary M. Alexander
Address Box 135-A, Belview, Minnesota 56214
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 12 Township 112N R 38W County Redwood
Number of acres in the farm at present 320
Date of original purchase by member of your family Homesteaded June 1870
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
N $\frac{1}{2}$, Section 12, T 112N R 38W

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
David Alexander (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1870 to 1918	father
George L. Alexander next owner	from 1918 to 1947	uncle
David G. Alexander next owner	from 1947 to present	
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 (x)	Court file in Registration
Land Patent (x)	Proceedings ()
Original Deed ()	Other (please explain "The History of Redwood County Minnesota", compiled by Franklyn
County Land Record (x)	Curtiss-Wedge, 1916

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

Mrs. W^M Alexander
(Witness sign here)

David Alexander
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6/22/76

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? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? _____
4. Where was the first owner born? Roxburghshire, Scotland
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Ontario, Canada
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? only the grove of trees remains
10. When was the present home built? no buildings on the original homesite
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn, soybeans and small grain
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Redwood Gazette, Redwood Falls, Mn. 56283

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

(See attached sheet)

Related information:

David Alexander, the homesteader, was born in Roxburghshire, Scotland, June 17, 1847. At the age of 2 years, he came to Ontario, Canada, with his family, where they lived until March 1870, when they came to Redwood County, Minnesota.

David, and his father, George, homesteaded the North half of Section 12, Vesta Township. (David Alexander, the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and his father, George Alexander, the NE $\frac{1}{4}$). David Alexander received the patent June 1877.

The neighborhood was then a wild sweeping prairie, the only house within sight being that of Edward Payne. The original house, 16 by 20, was made of native lumber. The year after it was built it was equipped with pine sidings and shingles from the mill at Delhi.

In 1891 he purchased the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ from his father, and moved to this homesite. He lived his retirement years in Redwood Falls.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Ray George

Name(s) to appear on certificate _____

Address RR 1 Morgan, Minn. 56266

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 25 Township Morgan County Redwood

Number of acres in the farm at present 80

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1873

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

N 1/2 of SW 1/4 of Sec. 25 111
Morgan Township - Redwood Co.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Sara George</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1873</u> to <u>1914</u>	<u>Handbook of Mrs Mary George</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	
<u>Mrs Mary George</u>	from <u>1914</u> to <u>1950</u>	<u>Mother of Mrs Ida Jensen</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	
<u>Mrs Ida Jensen</u>	from <u>1950</u> to <u>1966</u>	<u>Aunt to Ray J. George</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	
<u>Ray J. George</u>	from <u>1966</u> to <u>present</u>	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	

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

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

Elmer George
(Witness sign here)

Ray J. George
(Signature of present owner)

Date 7-12-76

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? US Govt.
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$1.25
4. Where was the first owner born? Skelland, Denmark
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Sankow Twp. + Redwood Co.
6. Was this a homestead? no - Indian Reservation land
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 - Joe & George lived in a dugout on this land to begin with
10. When was the present home built? no buildings on this & anymore
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn & soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

CENTURY FARMS
ST. PAUL, MN 55108Name of Centennial Farm owner V. Paul + Elaine C Hagen; Elizabeth Payne HagenName(s) to appear on certificate Same as aboveAddress RR. Belview, Mn. 56214

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 6 Township Sheridan County RedwoodNumber of acres in the farm at present 192.07Date of original purchase by member of your family Homesteaded in 1869;Patent issued 1876.

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

The Fractional North Half (Fr. N 1/2) of Section Six (6), in Township One Hundred
Twelve (112) North, in Range Thirty-Seven (37) West of the Fifth (5th) Principal
Meridian, in Redwood County, State of Minnesota.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Edwin Payne</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	<u>from 1876 to 1888</u>	<u>Husband</u>
<u>Elizabeth Payne</u> next owner	<u>from 1888 to 1911</u>	<u>Mother</u>
<u>Lucien Payne</u> next owner	<u>from 1911 to 1959</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Elizabeth Payne Hagen</u> next owner	<u>from 1959 to present</u>	
<u>Melville Payne</u> next owner	<u>from 1959 to 1972</u>	<u>Uncle</u>
<u>V. Paul + Elaine C. Hagen</u> next owner	<u>from 1972 to present</u>	
	<u>from to</u>	
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:

(Witness sign here)

(Signature of present owner)

Date 6/29/76

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? U.S.
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 150.94
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Homestead. No cost
4. Where was the first owner born? Cattaraugus, New York
Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Baraboo, Wisc.
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? Yes
10. When was the present home built? 1904
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, Soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Redwood Gazette, Redwood Falls; Belview Independent, Belview, Minn.

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

Evidence of residence of Edwin Payne in Sheridan township, Redwood County, beginning in 1869 found in History of Minnesota Valley (copyright 1882), pages 775-776.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner GRETA BREDVOLD JENSEN

Name(s) to appear on certificate WARREN AND GRETA JENSEN

Address ROUTE 1 BOX 42
SPRINGFIELD, MINNESOTA

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 20 Township SUNDOWN County REDWOOD

Number of acres in the farm at present LAND WAS PURCHASED SO
THAT WE NOW OWN 200 ACRES

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1879 LAND PATENT

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

SECTION 20 TOWNSHIP 110 RANGE 35
N 1/2 OF NW 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
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<u>MARTINUS BREDVOLD</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1879</u> to <u>1925</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
<u>OTTO J. BREDVOLD</u> next owner	from <u>1925</u> to <u>1962</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
<u>GRETA M. JENSEN</u> next owner	from <u>1962</u> 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 ()	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:

Charlotte Burgmeister
(Witness sign here)

Greta M. Jensen
(Signature of present owner)

Date July 12, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? HOMESTEAD
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? NESS HEDEMARKEN, NORWAY
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? FROM NORWAY HE CAME TO LANSING, IOWA AND THEN TO SUNDOWN.
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?
SEE BELOW
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? FIRST WAS A SOD HOUSE. A FRAME HOUSE WAS ERECTED IN EARLY 1800'S. IT WAS ADDED ONTO IN EARLY 1900'S. THIS HOME IS STILL USED.
10. When was the present home built? SEE # 9.
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? CORN - SOYBEANS - HOGS
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
REDWOOD GAZETTE

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

- *8. CHARTER MEMBER AND PRESIDENT OF REDWOOD COUNTY MUTUAL INSURANCE FOR 25 YRS.
CHARTER MEMBER OF SUNDOWN-WILLOW LAKE CREAMERY AND SECRETARY FOR 10 YRS.
SECRETARY OF SUNDOWN LUTHERAN CHURCH FOR 10 YRS.
SUNDOWN TOWNSHIP CLERK FOR MANY YEARS
SCHOOL BOARD CLERK FOR A TIME.

THIS FARM HAS BEEN OCCUPIED AND OPERATED ONLY BY THE OWNER FOR THREE GENERATIONS OF THE BREDVOLD FAMILY SINCE IT WAS HOMESTEADED.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Leonard Jensen
Name(s) to appear on certificate Mr & Mrs Leonard Jensen
Address Springfield Mn R1B154
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 26 Township Brookville County Redwood
Number of acres in the farm at present 160

Date of original purchase by member of your family homesteaded in 1872
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement):
Section 26 W 1/2 of NW 1/4 section 26, township 110 - Range 34

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Niels Jensen</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1872</u> to <u>1929</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	_____
<u>Hans C Jensen</u>	from <u>1929</u> to <u>1937</u>	<u>husband</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	_____
<u>Alice E. Jensen</u>	from <u>1937</u> to <u>1941</u>	<u>mother</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	_____
<u>Leonard Jensen</u>	from <u>1941</u> to _____	<u>son - present owner</u>
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:

David Ham (Witness sign here) Leonard Jensen (Signature of present owner)
Date 6-25-76

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Wibrona + St Peter Land Co.
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? homesteaded
4. Where was the first owner born? Denmark
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Denmark
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

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? First home was a cave in the hill, my father Hans O Jensen born 1875 in this cave.

10. When was the present home built? 1896
1. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn, hay, pasture.
2. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Herald Dispatch, Sleepy Eye, Minn 56085.

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

- 10.
1. I'm retired at present, have land rented out to son-in-law, Darwin Johnson, and I've lived on this farm since March 1928.

Farm's crops, corn, beans, hay and livestock pasture.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

CENTURY FARMS
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

Name of Centennial Farm owner Ralph Mann
 Name(s) to appear on certificate Ralph Mann
 Address Redwood Falls 56283
 Address of farm, if different from above North Redwood, 56275

Section 19 Township Honner County Redwood

Number of acres in the farm at present 196

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1862

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

Lots 2 and 3 & E 1/2 of N 1/4 Sec 19 Twp 113
Rang 35

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>E. A. Mann</u>	from <u>1862</u> to <u>1891</u>	son
next owner		
<u>W. C. Mann</u>	from <u>1889</u> to <u>1936</u>	<u>son</u>
next owner		
<u>E. A. Mann</u>	from <u>1936</u> to <u>1965</u>	<u>son</u>
next owner		
<u>Ralph Mann</u>	from <u>1965</u> to <u>Now</u>	<u>Brother</u>
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		

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Abstract of Title ()	Court file in Registration
Land Patent (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>)	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:

Lois Mann
 (Witness sign here)

Ralph Mann
 (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? My grand father came here in 1862 to help chase Indians away. He liked the land and acquired it by Patent.
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 156
I have no record until about 1882. I don't have that paper now as I left it at P. F. Courthouse to be recorded.
3. What was the cost of land per acre? _____
4. Where was the first owner born? Mass.
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Goodhue County
6. Was this a homestead? No. acquired by Patent
7. Did the first owner farm the land? No
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? Started about 1890. remodeled in 1936
1. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, beans, wheat
2. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Redwood Gazette, Redwood Falls, Minn. 56283

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

I do not have records until about 1882. My father told me of his father coming here from Goodhue, County to chase Indians. My father bought it from his father in 1891 for \$1000. My father gave it to my oldest brother in 1936. I bought it from my brother in 1965 for \$25 per A.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Agnes Miller & Elaine Petersen

Name(s) to appear on certificate Agnes Miller & Elaine Petersen
 Address Evan, Mn. 56238 Sleepy Eye, Mn. 56085
 Address of farm, if different from above R. 3 Sleepy Eye → (vacant)

Section 1 Township 110 Range 34 County Redwood

Number of acres in the farm at present about 156 Acres

Date of original purchase by member of your family June 29, 1872

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

SE 1/4 Section 1, Twp. 110, Range 34

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Jens Mikaelson (owner in 1876 or B4)	from ^{June 29, 1872} to ^{Dec. 20, 1911}	Father
William Mikaelson next owner Agnes Miller and Elaine Petersen	from ^{Dec. 20} 1911 to 1966	Father
next owner	from 1966 to present	
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 (X)	Court file in Registration
Land Patent ()	Proceedings ()
Original Deed ()	Other (please explain _____)
County Land Record ()	

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the information listed above ^{and on back page} is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:

Barbara Freeman
 (Witness sign here)
 Associate Extension Agent
 Date 6-28-76

Agnes Miller
Elaine Petersen
 (Signature of present owner)

See reverse side for additional information.

Farm purchased from Hans P. Hansen and Lena S. N. Hansen on June 29, 1872 by our grandfather, Jens Mikaelson. Our father, William Mikaelson, purchased this in 1911. After his death in 1966 his 2 daughters (Agnes Miller and Elaine Petersen) became the owners. The farm has been operated by members of the family throughout this time.

*Agnes Miller
Elaine Petersen*

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

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

10. When was the present home built? _____
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? _____
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Redwood Gazette - Redwood Falls; New Ulm Journal - New Ulm

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

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

Jens Mikaelson was the first president of the Lutheran church at Evan, Mn which will be celebrating its centennial in 1977.