



## Century Farm Applications

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**BE IT NOW KNOWN that this farm of**

**MARIE BINGER BAILEY**

**has been in continuous agricultural operation  
since 1875 , signifying more than 100 years  
of service and contributions to the community,  
state, nation, and world.**

**Signed, in this year of America's Bicentennial, 1976.**

*Wendell R. Anderson*

Wendell R. Anderson, Governor  
State of Minnesota

*Tyrus W. Sincock*

Tyrus W. Sincock, President  
Minnesota State Agricultural Society

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Alice Binger and Marie Binger Bailey  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Alice Binger Marie Binger Bailey  
6400 York Ave. S.  
Address Edina, MN. Morton, MN. 56270  
Address of farm, if different from above Renville, MN.

Section 20 Township 114 N. - Flora County Renville  
Number of acres in the farm at present 240  
Date of original purchase by member of your family Settled on homestead grant April 19, 1868  
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
N 1/2 of NW 1/4, Section 20, Township 114, Range 36.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Peter Binger</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	<sup>1-15-</sup> from <u>1875</u> to <u>1921</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Herman Binger</u> next owner	from <u>1921</u> to <u>1960</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Marie Binger Bailey</u> next owner	from <u>1960</u> to <u>Present</u>	
<u>Alice Binger</u> 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 \_\_\_\_\_)  
County Land Record (X) olivia

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

[Signature] (Witness sign here) Alice Binger  
Marie Binger Bailey (Signature of present owner)

Date 6/22/76

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Quas. 1
4. Where was the first owner born? Brünn, Saxony
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? New York City - 2 years  
Germany prior to that.
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?  
Carpenter for first two summers
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? 1887
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn - Soy Beans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Renville Star Farmer

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

*I am enclosing a copy of a write up on Peter Binger, from a tape recording made with my father, Herman Binger. Though it is of my grandfather, it does record aspects of life in Minnesota 100 years ago.*  
*Maie Binger Bailey*



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cabinet maker - carpenter for first two summers
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Marie Binger Bailey

## PETER BINGER

Peter Binger was born in Brühl, Saxony, November 6, 1840. He came to America in 1866, and married Sophia Hasemen, who came a year later, in New York September 21, 1867. He worked in New York as a cabinet maker, the trade which he learned in Bremen and Berlin. Pay was by the piece completed and security uncertain, so it was the hope that the prairie land and the homestead grant offered with it would give greater security that brought him and his wife to Minnesota.

They came from New York by rail with five other families, and arrived in St. Peter in the spring of 1868. There they acquired an ox-driven prairie schooner, and arrived in Flora Township April 19, 1868. They settled on the claim they had filed, with five years to prove it, and homesteaded 80 acres, described as the North  $\frac{1}{2}$  of Northwest  $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 20, Township 114, Range 36, which lay north of the Minnesota River. This homestead was known as No. 541 application Number 3990 at Redwood Falls, Minnesota, May 20, 1862. This grant was signed by President Ulysses S. Grant on January 15 in the 99th year of the Independence of the United States. It was on this homestead that their ten children were born.

Upon arrival in 1868, a sod house was built--a dug out in the ground with sod walls. A little sod was broken by hand, the first corn was planted by poking a stick in the ground and dropping in the seed, and a little garden crop was planted. Then Peter walked to Mankato, did carpenter work in the summer, coming back in the fall when the carpenter season was over, first walking to St. Peter for what flour and groceries he could carry to bring with him. In 1869 he worked on the homestead in the winter building a log house about 12 by 14 feet, going to the river bottom to cut wood for fuel and logs for the cabin. That summer he again walked to Mankato to do carpenter work, returning to St. Peter for groceries in the fall and then home again.

In 1869 or 1870, he got an ox team, and between the neighbors, they did their own sod-breaking. They used a plow to break the sod, and seeding was done by hand. They leveled the sod as best they could by hitching the oxen to a tree bough and went over the ground until it was somewhat level. When the grain was ripe, at first it was harvested with a cradle, and later the reaper. The bundles were tied with straw bands. It was threshed by horse power. The wheat was hauled to St. Peter by ox team. (It was difficult to cross the Minnesota River unless it was frozen, which led them to the closest town on the north, Willmar.)

In 1872, the Great Northern Railroad came to Willmar. This was a forty mile trip from the homestead and took three days. The grain was loaded the evening before the trip, and they started early the next morning. They would drive until close to Willmar, and then stop for the night. (There were farm homes at which to stay.) The next day they would go to Willmar, unload the grain and shop, and go back to their stopping place, stay there overnight, and go home the third day.

The county court house, where the first county business was done, was built in Beaver Falls in 1871.

In all, five living abodes were constructed by Peter Binger for his family...the sod house, two log houses with thatched roofs (later used to store grain), one frame house 16 by 24 feet, two stories high with an 8 foot lean-to, (later also used as a granary) and with 2 apple trees and 15 plum trees close to the frame house, and in 1887, a frame house which stands there now. There was a barn built sometime in the 1880's.

On January 7, 1873, a great blizzard struck the county and many settlers perished. Later in 1873, the great grasshopper plague came, and in two hours all the crop was gone. The grasshoppers were so thick they darkened the sun. It took until 1877 for the settlers to recover from the grasshopper damage.

Peter Binger, who built a half mile from the woods, was the first on the prairie, where there was no protection from the then prevailing northwest wind. The Larkins were the first people out of the woods, but very close to it. Conrad Becker, who, because he was a soldier, got 160 acres, had come earlier to Section 18, but had settled right in the woods. After Peter came, settlers picked up land fast. Peter increased his land holdings, keeping 240 acres in what was known as the homestead. This was later deeded to his youngest son, Herman. Three of his sons, William, Bernhard, and August each owned 160 acre farms near their father.

The first school was a mile from the homestead, but burned. A second school was built much closer. It was known as the Binger School for four Binger farms were located near it. Peter built some of the furniture for the school and served as school board clerk.

For church, the people first met in the homes. The Baptist had the first church close to the first school. The Lutherans, Methodist and Evangelicals met in houses and built their churches before or around 1890. Peter finished building St. Matthew's Lutheran Church of Flora township when the original contractor died before the job was completed. This was the church of which he was a member.

A little post office town called Vicksburg, where mail came once a week, was built  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile west and 1 mile south of the homestead. This disappeared when the town of Renville was established in 1878. The post office of Vicksburg was moved and existed for a bit  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles north and 1 mile west of the homestead.

Notes on history of this area: The Indians gave up the 10 mile strip on the north side of the Minnesota River to the Yellow Medicine Agency in a treaty between the Sioux and the whites in 1858. These Indians and Whites received their money and supplies from the government through the Redwood Agency. The Indians had kept the 10 mile wide strip on the south side of the Minnesota River. When money and supplies didn't get through in time, there was a lot of suffering among both Whites and Indians. The Indians blamed the Whites,

so decided to drive them out in 1862. The Whites were either killed or driven out, so didn't try to settle on this north strip until about 1866. (The brutal Kitzman Massacres took place in this area in August, 1862, and are described in the book Minnesota, Forgotten River. When Peter homesteaded, he found a grave in the wooded area of his land, but knowledge of its location has been lost.)

Additional family information:

In March, 1898, the farmers in Flora Township organized the Flora Farmers' Cooperative Creamery Association. Peter Binger was one of its three trustees.

The Peter Binger family (with their first children) would sometimes visit the Andrew Binger family in Mankato, driving there with horses. After Andrew's death, the families each went its own way.

Peter, Sophia, their sons Louis, Edward, August, Bernhard, and daughter Dora, are buried in the cemetery of St. Matthew's Church of Flora.

Peter Binger died April 28, 1924.

Peter Binger—

as told to Marie Binger Bailey  
by Herman Binger



Pub. 1916

## Chapter XXXVIII. BIOGRAPHICAL REVIEW.

Pioneers and Later Comers Whose Industry Has Helped to  
 Build up the County--Early Experiences in an Unsettled  
 Country--Leaders in Urban and Rural Life--Family His-  
 tories of Well-Known Men--Amusing Stories of the Fron-  
 tier Days..... 932

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## HISTORY OF RENVILLE COUNTY

PETER BINGER, a thrifty and industrious farmer of Flora town-  
 ship, was born in Germany, Nov. 6, 1840, son of Valentine and  
 Dorethea (Laubel) Binger. There were three children in the  
 family: Adam, Andrew and Peter. Andrew and Peter left Ger-  
 many in 1866 and reached New York after a nine days' voyage.  
 They remained in New York until 1868, when they went to Min-  
 nesota. Peter had learned the trade of a cabinetmaker in Ger-  
 many and had followed that trade in New York. He located  
 a homestead of 80 acres in section 20, Flora township, in 1868,  
 where his home now stands. The land had been broken and there  
 had been an old shanty on it, but it was burned at the time of the  
 Indian uprising in 1862. He made a rude barn by driving stakes  
 into the ground and covering the roof with straw. He had one  
 ox team and at first borrowed a government wagon at St. Peter,  
 but finally made one with wooden wheels. Beaver Falls was  
 the nearest market and the grain was taken there to be ground.  
 He now has three 80-acre tracts and has erected new buildings  
 and raises good stock. He is a member of the school board and  
 of the German Lutheran church. He helped build the church  
 and was one of its trustees for several years.

Mr. Binger was married to Sophia Masemann in New York,  
 and they have had ten children, eight of whom are living: Louis  
 (deceased); Edward (deceased); William, a farmer of Emmett  
 township; August, a farmer of Flora township; Dora, now Mrs.  
 Gustave Mack, of Flora township; Bernard, a farmer of Flora  
 township; Henry, of Spokane, Wash.; Pauline, now Mrs. Thos.  
 Zapf, of Spokane, Wash.; Herman, at home, farming with his  
 father; and Marie, at home.

## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Galen Kramin  
 Name(s) to appear on certificate Same  
 Address RR 2 Renville, MN 56284

Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 24 Township Emmet County Renville

Number of acres in the farm at present 260

Date of original purchase by member of your family 4 June 1873

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

W2 of NW4 Sec 24. Twp 115. Rge 36

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Fredrick A Kramin Sr (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1873 to <sup>May 22</sup> 1888	Father
Fredrick A Kramin, Jr	from 1888 to 1926	Father
next owner Louis W Kramin	from 1926 to <sup>July 10</sup> 1963	Father
next owner Galen L Kramin	from 1963 to present	Father
next owner	from to	
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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the information listed above is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief:

Karen Lippert  
(Witness sign here)

Galen L Kramin  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-25-76

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2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? homesteaded
4. Where was the first owner born? Kries Flatow, West Prussia
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Kries Flatow
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?  
unknown
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? Sheep, navy beans, corn, wheat
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  

<u>Olivia Times-Journal</u> Olivia, MN	<u>Renville Star-farmer</u> Renville, MN
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Related information: (please feel free to use additional sheets of paper)



# Kramin Family History

Kara

FIRST CENTURY  
1873 - 1973

On or about May 17, 1873, a boat docked on New York City. It was carrying a six-year old boy named Frederick, his father Frederick A. Kramin, Sr., and his mother Caroline from their home in Kries Flatow, West Prussia. Here they had owned two and one-half morgans. This would equal five acres in America.

Apparently they knew almost exactly where they were going and had very good transportation connections because only eighteen days later, on June 4, the first homestead application was made. Two days later, before H. D. Baldwin, Clerk of District Court at Redwood Falls, one Frederick A. Kramin, Sr. registered his Declaration of intention to become a citizen of the United States of America.

My great-uncle can remember his father telling of the journey from New Ulm to what was to become the family home in Renville County. The trip was made in an ox-drawn, two-wheeled cart which was carrying all their earthly possessions. This meant a few crude tools and cooking utensils, a change of clothes, some seed, fifty pounds of flour, a little sugar and salt, and fifty cents.

Actually they had left New Ulm with a dollar more, but they stopped and spent the night in an abandoned building near Beaver Falls. The next morning a not so friendly Irishman had greeted them with the announcement that this was his building and that they owed him a dollar for the night's lodging. There went two-thirds of their cash!

No one has really figured out how the family survived the first year. They arrived in June, which would be quite late in the season for breaking ground and planting crops. We do know that they built a sod shanty with rush shingles and a lean-to on the side for the animals. This shanty was west across the road and a little south of our present house.

On May 10, 1882, they received their Land Patent and Homestead Certificate which was signed by President Chester A. Arthur.

Every summer they plowed a fire-break but, even with this, they were burned out by a prairie fire one of the first years they were here.



Other dangers and problems came in the forms of drouth and grasshoppers.

In 1875 a log cabin was built a short distance west of where our house now stands. While leveling rocks for the foundation with blasting powder, the elder Fred Kramin was blinded. This left his wife and eight-year old son in charge.

The logs for the cabin came from along the Minnesota River. For later buildings, up to the 1910's and 1920's, lumber was hauled by horse team from northern Minnesota near present day Pontoria which is about twenty miles south of Leech Lake.

Each summer and fall firewood was hauled to the farm and piled for the winter. This was used in the fireplace and later in the wood-burning furnace. A five acre wooded lot was bought in 1883 to supply this wood.

The two nearest large towns were Redwood Falls and Willmar. Late each fall a trip was made to Willmar for the winter supplies. One year the trip was later in the fall than usual and on the way home the family was caught in a bad snowstorm. The only thing they could do was unhitch the horses and unpack the wagon. Then the wagon was tipped over for protection from the cold wind and snow and shelter for the night.

On May 25, 1888, Fred, Jr. was married to Anna Gens, daughter of Johann and Caroline Gens.

Three days before the wedding the elder Kramins signed the farm over to Fred, Jr. in a combination lease-mortgage. Provision made for the elder couple was very specific: Annual rent of \$250 and all taxes paid, one fattened hog of about 300 pounds, one fat sheep, fifty pounds of dressed beef, fifty pounds of butter, two eggs on every day he may have them, ample supply of good dry stove wood prepared and ready for the stove, good and comfortable clothing for both parents, one room in the family dwelling, or should they ever disagree, a good comfortable home with stable within six miles, use of horse and buggy, to go for the doctor when needed, do the washing, furnish dishes and furniture, guarantee freedom of the premises, and two more hand-written pages of specifications. Every imaginable situation and need was

On April 6, 1875 Fred, Jr. was one of the people who signed the constitution of the newly organized Lutheran Church of Emmet Township, which is 3 miles from the family farm.

provided for by these thorough people.

Perhaps one reason for this document was a step-son Gustav Rieck. He and a brother, August, had come from Prussia a few years after the rest of the family, August had been buried September 16, 1880 at the age of twenty-five. Gustav had a habit of returning yearly from his new home in South Dakota, telling of crop failures and hard times. Come spring, he'd leave again for South Dakota with seed, livestock and other provisions generously given by his mother and step-father. On January 2, 1886, this must have come to a halt, as we have a document granting \$500 cash (quite a lot of money in those days) and "other personal property" in final settlement to Gustav Rieck (incidentally, Gustav's wife was also named Caroline!). After being "fleeced" by a step-son, the parents now protected both their own and their son's welfare in black and white, leaving nothing to chance.

Eighteen ninety-one was an important year for the homesteaders. A large new house was built on a three foot wide fieldstone and mortar foundation. It had eight spacious rooms, a basement and attic, a balcony on the west side, and a porch all the way around. What a change from a one or two room log cabin!

Frederick A. Kramin, Sr. died May 7, 1898.

Fred and Anna Kramin raised five children: Johanna, August, Frederick G., Louis (my grandfather), and Hertha. Little is known about the first twenty years of their marriage, except for what is found in church records of baptisms and burials. We have records that show they must have prospered as land was added to the farm until it totaled 440 adjoining acres which were divided between Fred G. and Louis, plus the already mentioned woodlot, and a farm for each of the other three children.

Anna Gens Kramin, wife of Frederick A., Jr., died in 1922.

My grandparents, Louis Kramin and Erma Kremin, were married in a double wedding ceremony on February 14, 1926. The other couple was their sister and brother, Hertha Kramin and Elmer Kremin. What a confusing bunch of names to a stranger!

Not many years after my grandparents were married, the depression

hit. These were hard times when, as my great-uncle Fred G. says, yellow corn sold for 2 cents a bushel and white corn sold for 2 cents less. One load of corn hauled to town sold for \$1.40. The barber was paid with eggs because very few people had the twenty-five cents in cash. Staple groceries were paid for with eggs, cream, and butter. In the middle of such times, on May 8, 1931, my dad was born.

My grandparents, with their son Galen and foster daughter Jean, lived on the home farm until December 1944 when they moved to Olivia.

On July 24, 1955, my dad married Eunice Myra Honebrink whom he met in Mankato where they were both attending State Teacher's College. That fall, winter, and next spring they lived in Northern Minnesota where Dad taught school in Ball Club and Mom taught at Deer River. After this they moved to Olivia and in 1957 my parents moved back to the family farm. I was one and a half years old and my sister was five and a half months old. Since then, a boy and three more girls have been added to the family.

Some changes have been made on our farm since the early 1900's but since 1925, everything has stayed pretty much the same. Two more rooms downstairs and one room upstairs were added to our house in about 1912 and the porch and balcony were taken off. In 1960 four rooms downstairs were remodeled. The other seven rooms are the same as they were when the house was built in 1891 except that on the walls there are a few extra layers of paint and wallpaper.

The granery, built in 1894, is still in use, even though the elevator (it has a small pit and elevator just like the elevators in town) sometimes doesn't work very well. The wooden windmill was replaced by a metal one which has since been replaced by an electric pump.

In 1921 a huge new 44' x 96' barn was built. It had a cement floor and ten inch thick cement walls eight feet high above the ground. These walls also extended into the ground about 4 feet to serve as a foundation. To the peak of the roof, the building was forty feet high. The lumber from the old barn was used to build a shed.



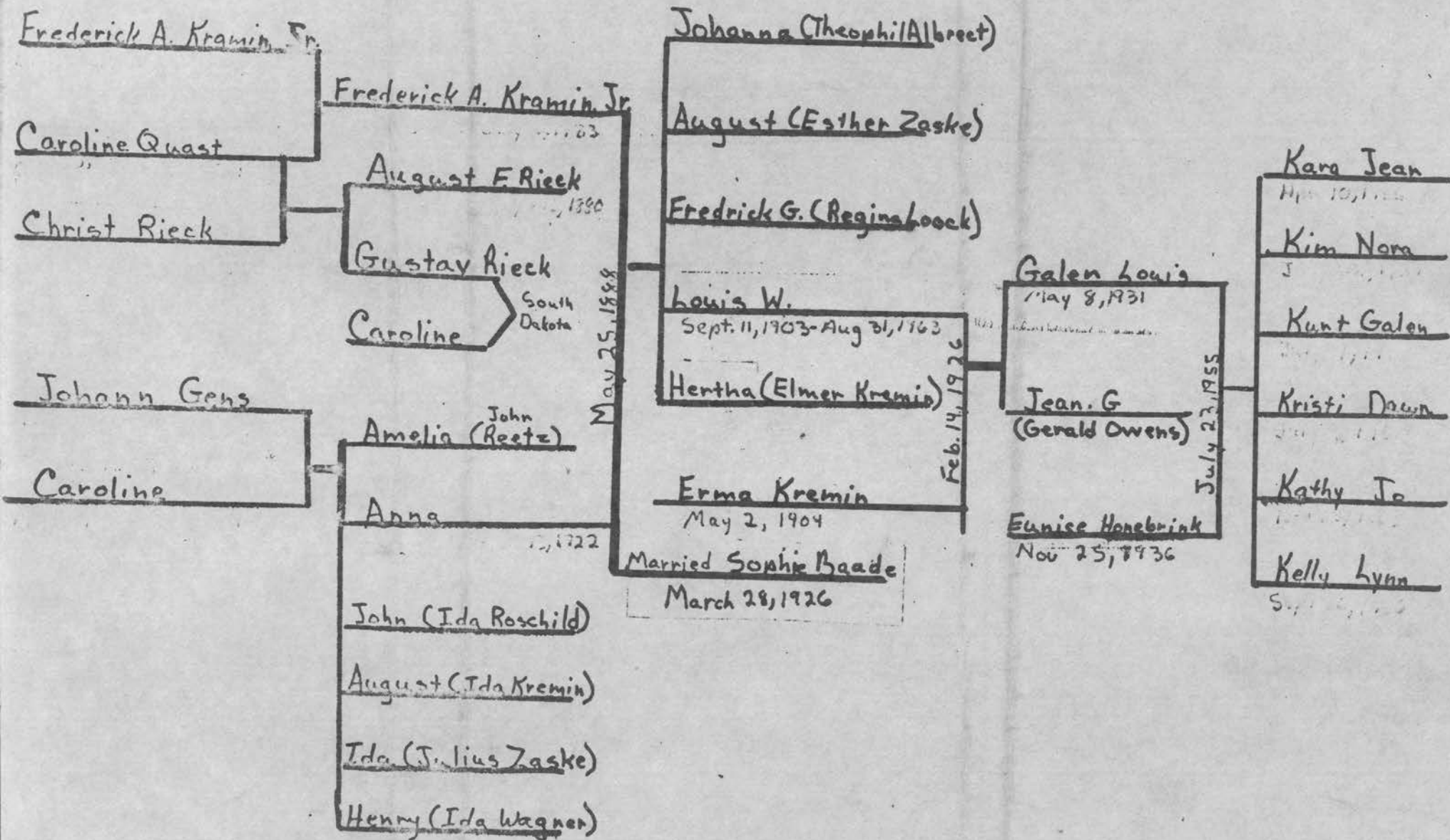
A galvanized tin shed for machinery and grain storage was put up in 1962 and two round corncribs were built in the late forty's or early fifty's.

The icehouse, woodshed, outhouse, and smokehouse have all been taken down.

This year (1973) marks 100 years of progress for our family and farm. It surely would be great to have a big family gathering and bring back everyone who has ever lived on our farm or been associated with the place.

I wonder what the next hundred years have in store for our family and farm?





U. S. Land Office,  
Kedwood Falls Minn  
July 10. 1878

Sir:




Your Homestead entry No. 311, Sec. 24  
T. 115, R. 36, was made June 4, 1873,  
and the five years during which residence and cultivation were required by  
law expired June 4<sup>th</sup>, 1878.

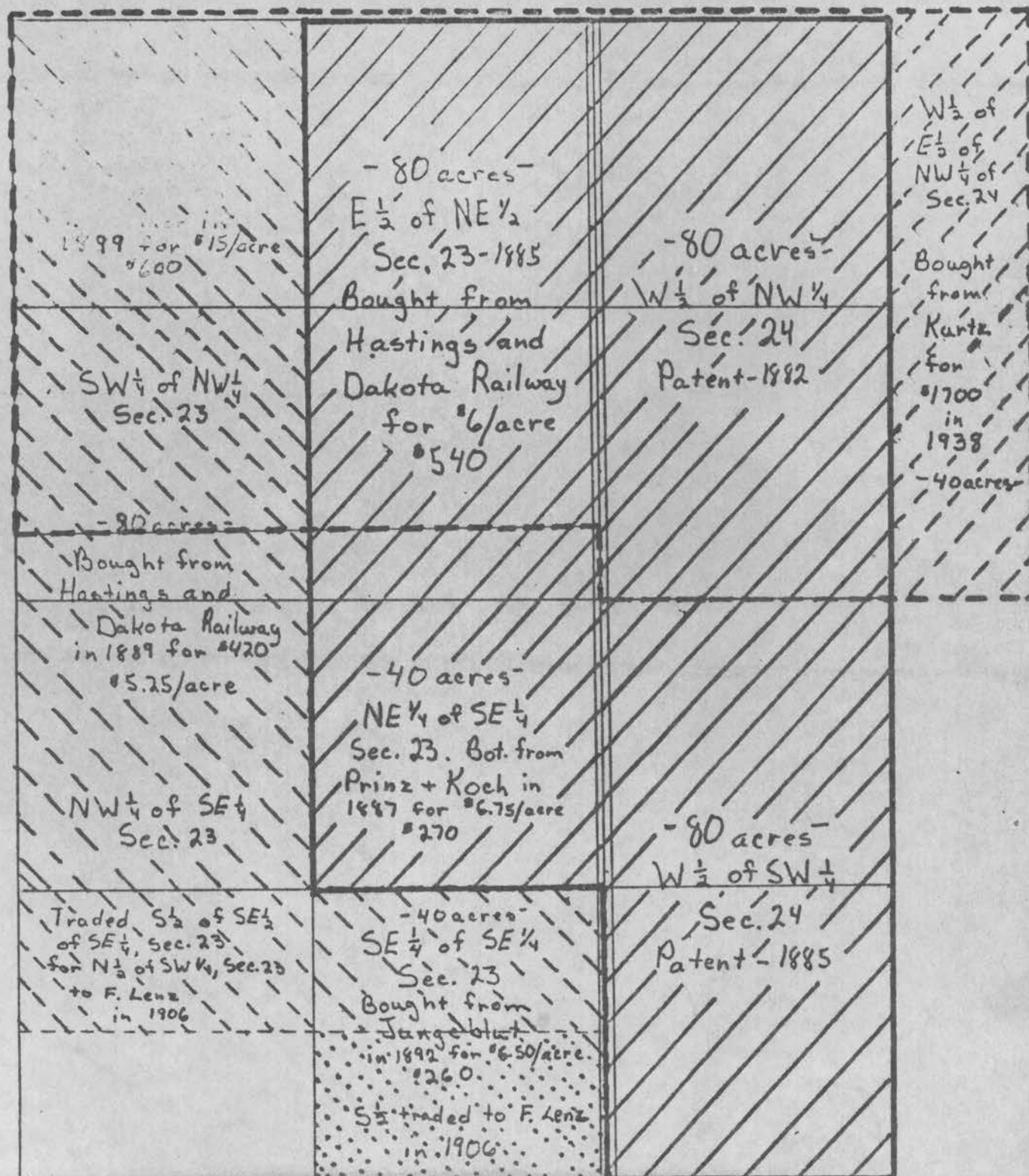
The law provides that patent shall issue upon the presentation of  
proper proof of residence and cultivation within two years after the  
expiration of the five years referred to.

If this final proof is not presented within the time prescribed, this  
Office will be warranted in treating the entry as voluntarily abandoned on  
your part.

J. M. Dunnington, Register.  
Receiver.

To  
Fredrick Krause

-  - land acquired by Fredrick A. Kramin, Sr & transferred to Fredrick Jr.  
 - land acquired by Fredrick A. Kramin, Jr.  
 - Our farm today; the rest belongs to my great uncle Fredrick G.







# THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Homestead Certificate No. 1931  
APPLICATION 311

Whereas There has been deposited in the General Land Office of the United States a Certificate of the Register of the Land Office at Redwood Falls Minnesota, whereby it appears that, pursuant to the Act of Congress approved 20th May, 1862, "To secure Homesteads to actual Settlers on the Public Domain," and the acts supplemental thereto, the claim of Fredrick Kramin has been established and duly consummated, in conformity to law, for the west half of the north west quarter of section twenty four in township one hundred and fifteen north of range thirty six west of the Fifth Principal Meridian in 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 Fredrick Kramin the tract of Land above described: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said Fredrick Kramin and to his heirs and assigns forever.

In testimony whereof, I, Chester A. Arthur, 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 twentieth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty two, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and sixth.

BY THE PRESIDENT:

*Chester A. Arthur*

By

*W. H. Book*

Secretary.

*J. H. Leach*

Recorder of the General Land Office.



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Gerald E. Johnson

Name(s) to appear on certificate Gerald E. Johnson

Address Route #1 - Box 112 - Hector, Minn. 55342

Address of farm, if different from above ----

Section 14 Township Palmyra County Renville

Number of acres in the farm at present 256

Date of original purchase by member of your family Homesteaded

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

W 1/2 of SE quarter Sec. 14 Twp. 114 Range 33

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John Adolph Johnson next owner	from 1896 to 1942	Father
Edward Leonard Johnson next owner	from 1942 to 1973	Father
Gerald Edward Johnson next owner	from 1973 to	Father
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
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Barth Johnson  
(Witness sign here)

Gerald E. Johnson  
(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? 80
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Free
4. Where was the first owner born? Totdahl, Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Lansing, Iowa
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? 1902
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Wheat, soybeans, pinto beans, corn and sugar beets
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Hector Mirror

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


Route #1 - Box 112  
Hector, Minnesota 55342  
June 24, 1976

Minnesota State Fair  
Century Farms  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55108

Dear Sir:

According to all the information we have of our family, they came to this farm from Lansing, Iowa in the spring of 1872. They built a sod house and lived on this farm from that time. They didn't have their deed recorded until 1878 because of the period needed to prove they had lived on the land long enough to receive it free from the government and also transportation problems. But we know that our farm has been in the family over 100 years and feel it should be included as a century farm.

Sincerely,

  
Gerald E. Johnson



## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

ST. PAUL, MN 55108

Name of Centennial Farm owner ALTON & A HARRYET GRABOWName(s) to appear on certificate SameAddress RENVILLE, MINN

Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 28 Township EMMET County RENVILLENumber of acres in the farm at present 160Date of original purchase by member of your family Home Stead

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

N2 OF Sec 28 - 115 36 80 A - S2 OF Sec 115 36 80

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Home Stead</u> <u>1882</u>	from _____ to <u>1894</u>	<u>Satisfied Grabow - Grandfather</u>
(owner in 1876 or B4)	from _____ to _____	<u>Son</u>
next owner <u>1894</u>	from _____ to <u>1948</u>	<u>Gustav Grabow - father</u>
next owner <u>1948</u>	from _____ to <u>present</u>	<u>Alton Grabow - Son</u>
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:

Marlene B. Stodfus  
 (Witness sign here)

Alton A. Grabow  
 (Signature of present owner)

Date July 9, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Home stead - U.S. Govt
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Homesteaded
4. Where was the first owner born? West Prussia, Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? West Prussia, 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?  
no - other than selling rock from the land
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? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? alfalfa, corn, beans, wheat, sugar beets, oats
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Renville Star Farmer, Renville, Minnesota

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

When first homesteaded, the family lived in a log cabin built by Gotfried Grabow, grandfather of the present owner. The rocks are still there, where the cabin was built. We have a cupboard that was in the cabin, used by the family in our kitchen today. This land has three generations handed down. Present owner bought it from his father Gustav Grabow.

Gustav Grabow dug ~~field~~  
field  
rock and hauled them to  
Renville and sold them



Records show Homestead 1872.  
Tax Records 1875 \$3.78 Rd.  
Wasn't registered until 1882.

Signed  
Alton A Grabau

## CENTENNIAL FARM APPLICATION

CENTURY FARMS  
ST. PAUL, MN 55108Name of Centennial Farm owner Gilman Gens and Marvel GensName(s) to appear on certificate Gilman And Marvel GensAddress Renville, Minnesota

Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 34 Township Emmet County RenvilleNumber of acres in the farm at present 220Date of original purchase by member of your family 1872

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

5 1/2 of SW 1/4 Section 34 115-36

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>John Gens</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	<u>from 1872 to 1896</u>	<u>Husband</u>
<u>Caroline Gens</u>	<u>from 1896 to 1906</u>	<u>Mother</u>
<u>next owner</u> <u>Henry Gens</u>	<u>from 1906 to 1953</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>next owner</u> <u>Gilman &amp; Marvel Gens</u>	<u>from 1953 to Present</u>	
<u>next owner</u>	<u>from to</u>	
<u>next owner</u>	<u>from to</u>	
<u>next owner</u>	<u>from to</u>	
<u>next owner</u>	<u>from to</u>	

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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:

Jeffrey Tweston  
 (Witness sign here)

Gilman Gens  
 (Signature of present owner)

Date July 6, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Henry Gens
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Homestead
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? New Ulm
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?  
Before Homesteading John Gens worked in a Lime Kiln in New Ulm.
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? We have only pictures of the  
Log House, and stones on the yard where it stood.
10. When was the present home built? approximately 1890 or before
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn, soybeans, wheat
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Renville Star Farmer, Renville, Minnesota

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



Renville, Minnesota  
July 6, 1976

Dear Sir:

Enclosed is a history of the Gens family. The first portion was taken from a history book of Renville County. It was taken from a book which was copyright'd 1916.

"John Gens was born in Germany and there married Caroline Rhofult. They came to America in 1869, the voyage taking 13 weeks, and landed at New York. Then they traveled on to New Ulm where they located for a time, Mr. Gens finding work in the lime kiln. In 1871 they came to Renville County and secured a homestead in section 34 of Emmet township, of 80 acres of prairie land. There were no buildings and no roads. A sod hut was built and money was borrowed to buy a cow and a steer. A piece of wagon was also obtained and breaking of the land was begun.

"Mr. Gens gradually prospered so that in time he was owner of 620 acres and was able to erect new and modern buildings on his farm.

"Mr. Gens held several township offices, served on the school board and helped start the first school. He was also a member of the Lutheran church and held the position of trustee. He was also instrumental in helping build a new church building.

"Mr. Gens, as noted, was married in Germany to Carolina Rhofult and one child, Amelia, was born in Germany; Anna was born in New Ulm and the following in Renville County: Ida, August, John and Henry. Mr. Gens died in 1896 at the age of 60 years and his wife died in 1906 at the age of 60 years."

Henry Gens youngest son of John Gens acquired the original 80 acres homestead plus 40 acres. Also he purchased another 60 acres of John's estate. In 1907 Henry married Ida Wagner. Seven children were born, their names being: Viola, 1908; Evelyn, 1910; Alton, 1911; Ruth, 1913; Elfrieda, 1917; Marcella, 1921; and Gilman, 1925.

Henry added 40 acres to the farm in 1907 by buying 40 acres from John and Mary Branick. In 1920 he added another 40 acres bought from Albert Zaske.

In 1942 Alton Gens bought 40 acres leaving 220 acres in the farm. In 1953 Gilman and Marvel Gens bought the 160 acres which contained the homestead and the remaining 60 acres a few years later.

Gilman Gens married Marvel Olson in December 1946. They have four children: Douglas, 1949; Diane, 1951; Bonita, 1955; and Brian, 1959.

Gilman Gens

*Gilman Gens*

Marvel Gens

*Marvel Gens*

Renville, Minn.

GEG:blg

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner ENESTVEDT Bros  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Odean ENESTVEDT Clara Nelson  
ALBERTA ENESTVEDT BERT ENESTVEDT  
Johannes ENESTVEDT  
Address SACRED HEART MINNESOTA  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 15 Township SACRED HEART Twp. County RENVILLE  
Number of acres in the farm at present 268  
Date of original purchase by member of your family Homesteaded - 1867  
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

NW 1/4 (Ex Lot 1) 15-114-37  
SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 10-114-37  
E 1/2 of NE 1/4 16-114-37

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Ole O ENESTVEDT</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	<u>from 1867 to 1890</u>	<u>husband &amp; father</u>
next owner	<u>from 1890 to 1905</u>	<u>Please see</u> <u>additional sheet</u> <u>for this section.</u>
next owner	<u>from 1905 to 1925</u>	
next owner	<u>from 1925 to 1974</u>	
next owner	<u>from 1974 to -</u>	
next owner	<u>from to</u>	
next owner	<u>from to</u>	
next owner	<u>from to</u>	

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Abstract of Title ☒ 1871 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:

Alfred ENESTVEDT  
(Witness sign here)

ENESTVEDT Bros  
Bert ENESTVEDT  
(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? State of Minnesota
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$6.00
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Nurmedal, 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?  
Sacred Heart Township Treasurer and Assessor in 1869
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? No  
There is a marker placed on the site of the original dug out home.
10. When was the present home built? 1887
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Feed Corn & Feed Grains
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Sacred Heart News, Sacred Heart  
Minn.

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

Name	Date	Relationship
Ole O Enestvedt	Homesteaded - 1867 - 1890	husband - father
Anne O Enestvedt - widow		husband
Ole O Enestvedt		
CARL O Enestvedt		
Reier J. Enestvedt		
Teodore Enestvedt	1890 -	Sons
Engebret Enestvedt	1905	&
Jorgen C Enestvedt		daughters
Sophia H. Enestvedt		
Anna R. Enestvedt		
Louise M. Enestvedt		
Engebret Enestvedt	1905 - 1925	Son
Clara O Enestvedt - widow		daughter-in-law
Odean Enestvedt		
Alberta Enestvedt	1925 -	Grand
Johannes Enestvedt	1974	sons
Clara O. Nelson		daughters
Bert Enestvedt		
Odean Enestvedt		
Alberta Enestvedt	1974 -	Grand
Johannes Enestvedt		sons
Clara O Nelson		&
Bert Enestvedt		daughters

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Johannes Hanson Anderson <sup>Born Sept 15-1828</sup>  
Name(s) to appear on certificate with Anna Brita Anderson

Address HECTOR MINN. R1,

Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Owner now 1976 Robert Anderson grandson,

Section 24 Township palmyra County Renick Co

Number of acres in the farm at present 240.

Date of original purchase by member of your family \_\_\_\_\_

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

Section 24, Southwest quarter.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Johannes Anderson</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1869 to	<u>father</u>
<u>A. W. Anderson</u> next owner	from 1873 to 1939	<u>Son to Johannes Anderson</u>
<u>Robert Anderson</u> next owner	from 1939 to 1976	<u>son to A. W. Anderson</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 (X)	Court file in Registration
Land Patent ( )	Proceedings (X)
Original Deed (X)	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:

Mrs Arvid Anderson  
(Witness sign here)

Robert Anderson  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 25-1976.



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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Rail Road.
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? He once owned 500 acres.
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$1.25 or maybe \$3.00
4. Where was the first owner born? Halland, Sweden
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Came by covered wagon, from Goodhue 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?
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? no, Neighbor helped Neighbor, wheat was seeded by hand Mar 8 - 1870 yielded 125 bu  
yes, part of the house
10. When was the present home built? remodeled in 1919.
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? wheat, corn, soy beans, etc
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Hector Murray, Hector, Minn.

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

There were no trees, it was all prairie. Everyone lived in Sod houses. The first home burnt down, so they then moved to an adjoining #0. and built a wood house. The youngest daughter was born in the Sod House Oct 6 - 1873.

Johannes, Hanson, Anderson  
emigrated to Spring Garden  
Goodhue Co in 1866.

His father Anders Hanson  
are buried on the Lutheran  
cemetery their (Spring Garden  
church)

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The youngest daughter  
Charlotte, Anderson, Wallstrom  
was born in the Sod House  
they lived in, Oct 6 - 1873  
in Section 24 palmyra Twp

During their first years  
grasshoppers, destroyed  
their crops, High Winds &  
cyclones, no trees, all  
prairie, They got their wood  
to burn from the Minnesota  
river, carded their own  
wool, for making mittens  
& stockings.

Drove Oxen. until they got  
horses.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Gerhard Johnson  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Gerhard Johnson  
Address RR1 Ellendale, Minn.  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 19 Township Lemond County Steele

Number of acres in the farm at present 120

Date of original purchase by member of your family \_\_\_\_\_

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

NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 Sec. 19 twp. 106 R.21

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>1848</u> to <u>1893</u>	<u>Husband</u>
<u>Christianna Olson</u> next owner	from <u>1893</u> to	<u>Widow of Christian</u>
<u>Ovidia Johnson</u> next owner	from <u>1893</u> to <u>1936</u>	<u>Daughter of Christian &amp; Christianna</u>
<u>Gerhard Johnson</u> next owner	from <u>1936</u> to <u>Present</u>	<u>Son of Ovidia &amp; Gilbert Johnson</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:

Annette Johnson  
(Witness sign here)

Gerhard Johnson  
(Signature of present owner)

Date July 16 - 1974

See reverse side for additional information.



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1. From whom was the farm purchased? State of Minnesota
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 120
3. What was the cost of land per acre? No record
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?  
Served in Civil War four years 1861-1865
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? First home was a log cabin still being used as a garage
10. When was the present home built? 1901
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, soy beans, oats
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Owatonna Daily Peoples Press

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

## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

ST. PAUL, MN 55108

Name of Centennial Farm owner Arthur M. Korsmo

Name(s) to appear on certificate Arthur M. Korsmo

Address Franklin, MN

Address of farm, if different from above same

Section 21 Township Camp County Renville

Number of acres in the farm at present 160

Date of original purchase by member of your family July 2, 1869

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

E<sup>2</sup> of SE<sup>4</sup> of Sec 21 - Twp 112. Rge 33

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Andreas Korsmo <sup>Und<sup>1/2</sup> int</sup> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 7-2-69 to 9-8-84	father
Soren & Maria Korsmo <sup>int</sup>	from 9-8-84 to 10-25-25	grandmother & father <sup>got whole interest 2-9-84 Soren died 1908 Maria sold int to Soren 1-12-1901</sup>
next owner Alfred Korsmo et al	from 10-25-25 to 3-28-31	brother and sisters
next owner Arthur Korsmo	from 3-28-31 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 <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

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

John Bick  
(Witness sign here)

Arthur M. Korsmo  
(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? Thomas Hill
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 Acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? don't know
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? 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? ~~yes~~ don't know
10. When was the present home built? 1931
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn, beans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Fairfax Standard

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



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Lawrence J. Anderson

Name(s) to appear on certificate Lawrence J. Anderson

Address Hector Minnesota

Address of farm, if different from above '' ''

E2 NW4

Section 34 Township 114-33 Palmyra County Renville

Number of acres in the farm at present 220

Date of original purchase by member of your family Dec 30, 1876

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

E2 NW4 34-114-33

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>John B. Anderson</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1876 to 1896	spouse & father
<u>Paulina Anderson</u> next owner	from 1896 to 1918	mother
<u>John Bernt Anderson</u> next owner	from 1918 to 1964	father
<u>Lawrence J. Anderson</u> next owner	from 1964 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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Court file in Registration
Land Patent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Proceedings <input type="checkbox"/>
Original Deed <input 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:

Dianne Genk (Witness sign here) Lawrence J. Anderson (Signature of present owner)

Date 6-21-76

See reverse side for additional information

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? United States
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? 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?  
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? 1966
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn + Beans + small grain <sup>canning crops</sup>
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Hector mirror + Fairfax Standard

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

## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

CENTURY FARMS  
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

Name of Centennial Farm owner

Clarence P. Breithreut

Name(s) to appear on certificate

Clarence & Grace Breithreut

Address

Rt. 2 Renville, Minn 56284

Address of farm, if different from above

Section

28

Township

Flora

County

Renville

Number of acres in the farm at present

Date of original purchase by member of your family

July 5, 1873

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

S. W. 4 of Sec 28 - 114 - 36

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Ferdinand Breithreut</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1873</u> to <u>1892</u>	<u>Husband</u>
<u>Anna L. Breithreut</u> next owner	from <u>1892</u> to <u>1900</u>	<u>Mother</u>
<u>Ferdinand H. Breithreut</u> next owner	from <u>1900</u> to <u>1948</u>	<u>Husband</u>
<u>Augusta Breithreut</u> next owner	from <u>1948</u> to <u>1948</u>	<u>Mother</u>
<u>Alfred Breithreut</u> next owner	from <u>1948</u> to <u>1971</u>	<u>Son</u>
<u>Augusta Breithreut</u> next owner	from <u>1971</u> to <u>1972</u>	<u>Mother</u>
<u>Clarence Breithreut</u> next owner	from <u>1972</u> to	

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Abstract of Title ( )

Land Patent ( )

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:

Harold Gaffney  
(Witness sign here)

Clarence Breithreut  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 24 June 76

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# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? U. S. Gov't
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 acres homestead 160 80 acres preemption
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Don't know
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Le Sueur Co. Elysian Township
6. Was this a homestead? Don't know for sure
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
no trades
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? 14' x 20' original house still stands below the road & used for tractor shed & grainary.
10. When was the present home built? 1903
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? small grain & corn some livestock
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:

56284 Remille Star Farmer Redwood Gazette Red. Fall's min  
56283

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

(8) The early meetings of the German Lutheran Church were held in this cabin of Mr. F. H. Breithaupt was active worker in church & Sunday school. He helped organize and was a trustee of St. Matthew Lutheran Church of Flora Township

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Henry Brummer  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Henry Brummer  
Address RR. #2 Box 113  
Renville, Minnesota 56284  
Address of farm, if different from above (Same)  
Section S.W. 1/4 of Sec. 30 Township Emmet - 115 County Renville  
Number of acres in the farm at present 150  
Date of original purchase by member of your family April, 1939  
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
S.W. 1/4 of Section 30 - Emmet Township - 115  
Renville County

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Barthold Brummer</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1868</u> to <u>1939</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Henry Brummer</u> next owner	from <u>1939</u> to <u>Present</u>	<u>Son</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. _____)
County Land Record <input type="checkbox"/>	

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

Ruth Randleman  
(Witness sign here)

Henry Brummer  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 7/10/76

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 150
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? Yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
None
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? Yes. (Part of the House)
10. When was the present home built? 1908
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn; Soybeans; wheat.
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Renville Star-Farmer

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Donald and Lola Dambrotten  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Donald and Lola Dambrotten  
Address Rt #3 Granite Falls Minnesota  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 28 Township Wang County Renville  
Number of acres in the farm at present 320  
Date of original purchase by member of your family 1871

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

N 1/2 of SW 1/4. Sec 28, Twp 116, Rge 38  
N 1/2 of SE 1/4. Sec 29, Twp 116, Rge 38

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Ole Erickson Dambrotten (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1876 to 9-26-33	husband
Anna Dambrotten next owner E+G	9-26-33 to 12-4-35	mother, brother & sister
Ole & Anton Dambrotten next owner	12-4-35 to 3-1-55	uncles
Donald & Lola Dambrotten next owner	3-1-55 to present	
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 (X)	

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

Edith Lanning  
(Witness sign here)

Donald Dambrotten  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-28-76



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1. From whom was the farm purchased? W. S. Gant (homestead)
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? \_\_\_\_\_
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? no  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. When was the present home built? 1896
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn, sugarbeets, wheat & soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Granite Falls Tribune & Sacred Heart News

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

Name of Centennial Farm owner Arnold Eggert Jr  
 Name(s) to appear on certificate \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address Stewart, Minn. R. 2.  
 Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 12 Township Boon Lake County Renville

Number of acres in the farm at present 200

Date of original purchase by member of your family November 15, 1870

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

N<sup>2</sup> of SW<sup>4</sup> Sec 12-116-31

# PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Martin Lohrens</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>11/15/70</u> to <u>1/28/87</u>	<u>Brother-in-law of Koeppe</u>
<u>Ernest Koeppe</u> next owner	from <u>1-28-87</u> to <u>11-17-97</u>	<u>Step father of Julius and Gustaf</u>
<u>Julius Eggert</u> next owner	from <u>11-17-97</u> to <u>2-27-06</u>	<u>Brother of Gustaf</u>
<u>Gustaf Eggert</u> next owner	from <u>2-27-06</u> to <u>6-29-57</u>	<u>Father of Arnold</u>
<u>Arnold Eggert</u> next owner	from <u>6-29-57</u> to <u>present</u>	<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 (X)	Proceedings ( )
Original Deed (X)	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:

Della Eggert  
(Witness sign here)

Arnold Eggert  
(Signature of present owner)

Date July 10 - 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Martin Lohrens
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? Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? P
6. Was this a homestead? A Land Grant from U.S. Gov. for service in Civil War.
7. Did the first owner farm the land? P. ?
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
Have no record on this
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? 1921
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, Grain
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Hutchinson Leader, Hutchinson Minn.

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

Mrs Heneritta Koeppe was first married to Charles Eggert, father of Julius and Gustaf Eggert. He died in 1876, and she then married Koeppe. Mrs Koeppe was a sister of Martin Lohrens, who first owned this description of land.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Harold A. Haug  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Harold and Lorraine Haug  
Address Sacred Heart, Minnesota 56285  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 28 Township Sacred Heart County Renville  
Number of acres in the farm at present 680  
Date of original purchase by member of your family Homestead - 1876  
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
N $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  - Section 28 - Township 115N - Range 37W

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
John Haug (owner in 1876 or B4)	7-25-1876 to 4-1-1919	Father
Harold A. Haug, Sr.	4-1-1919 to 10-9-1962	Father
next owner Harold A. Haug, Jr.	10-9-1962 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 _____)
County Land Record ( )	

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

Virgil E. Glasse  
(Witness sign here)

Date June 28, 1976

See reverse side for additional information

Harold A. Haug  
(Signature of present owner)



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1. From whom was the farm purchased? U. S. Government
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 Acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Homestead
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? No
10. When was the present home built? 1970
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn and Soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
The Sacred Heart News, Sacred Heart, Minnesota 56285

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner June Kelly Henneberry  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Mr & Mrs Wayne Henneberry  
Address Rt 1 Box 101 Danube, Minn 56230  
Address of farm, if different from above North Redwood, Minn

Section 27 Township Henryville County Renoville  
Number of acres in the farm at present 160  
Date of original purchase by member of your family June 5, 1873  
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
NW 1/4 Sec 27 Twp 114 N of Range 35 W

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Patrick Barker</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1873 to 1898	<u>Father</u>
<u>John Barker</u> next owner	from 1898 to 1935	<u>Uncle</u>
<u>Wm J &amp; Mary Kelly</u> next owner	from 1935 to 1967	<u>Parents</u>
<u>June Kelly</u> next owner	from 1967 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 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:

George Frangee  
(Witness sign here)

June Kelly Henneberry  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-28-76

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? United States of America
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? Osgood, Canada to La Salle, Ill.
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? 1880
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? \_\_\_\_\_
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Olivia Times Journal, Olivia, Minn

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

continuous seed corn for "Trojan" - now "Pfizer Genetics" - since 1952. Before that rotation crops of corn, oats, wheat, barley, soy beans & upland hay & flax

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner MARY FOSTER GREGORY

Name(s) to appear on certificate MARY FOSTER GREGORY

Address Chapman Road, Keene, N.H. 03431.

Address of farm, if different from above Route 2  
Hector, MN 55342

Section 26 Township Hector County Renville

Number of acres in the farm at present 160

Date of original purchase by member of your family Homestead 1875

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
S. E. 1/4, Section 26, Hector Township, Renville County, MN.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Morris Bishop Foster (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1875 to 1921	Father
next owner	from to	
Thomas I. Foster	from 1921 to 1954	Son
next owner		
Thomas B. Foster	from 1954 to 1970	Son
next owner		
MARY FOSTER GREGORY	from 1970 to Present	Sister
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		

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

William F. Gaines  
(Witness sign here)

Mary Foster Gregory  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 15, 1976.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Homestead
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? Keeler, Michigan
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Wabasha, MN.
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?  
Yes. Mr. Foster was a school 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? 1895
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn and Soy Beans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Buffalo Lake News, Buffalo Lake, MN 55314.

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner ARVIN & EDITH LANNING

Name(s) to appear on certificate ARVIN & EDITH LANNING

Address RFD 2 Box 50  
SACRED HEART, MINNESOTA, 56285

Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 26 Township WANG County RENVILLE

Number of acres in the farm at present 320

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1876 or B4

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

S 1/2 of NW 1/4 of Section 26 RANGE 38 TWP. 116  
S 1/2 of NE 1/4 of Section 27 RANGE 38 TWP. 116

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>OLE G. ERYKHOLM</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1876</u> to <u>1893</u>	<u>FATHER IN-LAW</u>
<u>P. N. CHELIN</u> next owner	from <u>1893</u> to <u>1943</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
<u>EDWIN CHELIN, et al</u> next owner	from <u>1943</u> to <u>1947</u>	<u>BROTHERS, SISTERS, BROTHERS IN-LAW SISTERS IN-LAW</u>
<u>ARVIN &amp; EDITH LANNING</u> next owner	from <u>1947</u> to	
	from to	
next owner	from to	
	from to	
next owner	from to	
	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:

Donald Dambroten  
(Witness sign here)

Arvin Lanning Edith Lanning  
(Signature of present owner)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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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:  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner ROBERT and HELEN LEROHL  
Name(s) to appear on certificate ROBERT and HELEN LEROHL  
Address SACRED HEART, MN. 56285  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 21 and 28 Township WANG County RENVILLE

Number of acres in the farm at present 198

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1867

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
S 1/2 of SE 1/4 and NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 Sec. 21 WANG TWP Range 38 and  
N 1/2 of NE 1/4 of Sec 28 WANG TWP. Range 38 Renville Co. MN.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>C.O. NARVESTAD</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1867 to 1915	FATHER
<u>C.O. NARVESTAD ESTATE</u> next owner	from 1915 to 1916	BROTHERS and SISTERS-IN-LAW
<u>A.C. LEROHL</u> next owner	from 1916 to 1927	FATHER-IN-LAW
<u>A.C. LEROHL ESTATE</u> next owner	from 1927 to 1947	BROTHERS and SISTERS
<u>ALEX and EMMA LEROHL</u> next owner	from 1947 to 1969	FATHER and MOTHER
<u>ROBERT and HELEN LEROHL</u> next owner	from 1969 to present time	
next owner	from to	

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Abstract of Title (✓)	Court file in Registration
Land Patent ( )	Proceedings ( )
Original Deed ( )	Other (please explain <u>RENVILLE County</u>
County Land Record ( )	<u>AUDITORS TAX RECORDS - ALSO A BOOK</u>
	<u>"VAIDRES SAMBAND - 1899-1974" by CARL and AMY NARVESTAD</u>

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

Alex Lerohl  
(Witness sign here)

Robert Lerohl  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-25-76



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1. From whom was the farm purchased? HASTINGS and DAKOTA RAILROAD
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80
3. What was the cost of land per acre? HOMESTEADED
4. Where was the first owner born? NORWAY
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? FILLMORE COUNTY - AFTER  
SERVING IN U.S. ARMY DURING CIVIL WAR
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 IMPRESSION  
OF THE SOD DUGOUT IS STILL VISIBLE
10. When was the present home built? 1956
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? CORN and SOYBEANS
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
SACRED HEART NEWS, SACRED HEART, MN. 56285

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

C.O. NARVESTAD CAME TO WANG TOWNSHIP, RENVILLE CO. IN 1867 AFTER SERVING IN THE U.S. ARMY DURING THE CIVIL WAR. HE WAS WITH A GROUP OF FIVE FAMILIES WHO WERE THE FIRST WHITE SETTLERS IN WANG TOWNSHIP - HE HOMESTEADED THIS FARM WHICH HAS BEEN OWNED AND OPERATED BY HIS DESCENDANTS SINCE THEN.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Edward T & Rita Mahoney *bk*

Name(s) to appear on certificate same

Address Morton, MN

Address of farm, if different from above same

Section 32 Township Norfolk County Renville

Number of acres in the farm at present 200

Date of original purchase by member of your family January 20, 1874

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
W2 of SW4 Sec. 32 Twp 114 Rge. 34

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Edward Mahoney (owner in 1876 or B4)	1-20-1874 from to 8-31-1909	father
James Joseph Mahoney	8-31-1909 from to 7-6-1948	husband & father
next owner 40 acres life est. Mary Mahoney SW 1/4 SW 1/4	7-6-1948 from to 6-9-69	mother
next owner 40 acres John Mahoney NW 1/4 SW 1/4	7-6-48 from to 6-9-69	Wife
next owner Edward T & Rita Mahoney	6-9-69 from to	brother son
next owner	from to	same
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:

[Signature]  
(Witness sign here)

Edward Mahoney  
Rita Mahoney  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-30-76

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? United States
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80
3. What was the cost of land per acre? NONE Homesteaded
4. Where was the first owner born? COUNTY CORK IRELAND
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? 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? ~~yes~~ no
10. When was the present home built? 1900 Remolded in 1930 AND 1976
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? CORN, beans wheat  
livestock
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Olivia Times Journal

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Joseph W. Nellermoe & Gladys P. Nellermoe  
Name(s) to appear on certificate same  
Address Granite Falls, MN  
Address of farm, if different from above no

Section 6 Township Hawk Creek County Renville

Number of acres in the farm at present 163

Date of original purchase by member of your family January 15, 1875

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

NW<sup>1</sup> of NE<sup>1</sup> and NE<sup>1</sup> of NW<sup>1</sup> of Section 6, Twp 115, Rge 38

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Elias M. Lindquist (owner in 1876 or B4)	11-10-1875-5-1-1924 from to	Grand Father
C. Samuel Lindquist next owner	5-1-1924-11-5-1924 from to	Uncle
Elmer K. Nellermoe next owner	11-5-1924-11-7-1941 from to $\frac{1}{4}$ int	Brother
Esther V. Nellermoe next owner	11-7--1924-11-7-1941 from to	Sister
Gladys V. Nellermoe next owner	11-7-1924-11-7-1941 from to $\frac{1}{4}$ int	Sister
Joseph W. Nellermoe next owner	11-7-1924-11-7-1941 from to	Brother
Joseph W. Nellermoe next owner	11-7-1924-11-7-1941 from $\frac{1}{4}$ int to $\frac{3}{4}$ int	Husband and wife as joint tenants
next owner Joseph W. Nellermoe and Gladys P. Nellermoe 4-28-1950 to present		

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Abstract of Title (x) Court file in Registration  
Land Patent (x) Proceedings ( )  
Original Deed (x) 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:

Ludvig Fredrickson  
(Witness sign here)

x Joseph W. Nellermoe  
Gladys P. Nellermoe  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 15, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.



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1. From whom was the farm purchased? United States of America
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? Sweden
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? in area
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? Dug-out -- newest addition to home  
was built in 1877
10. When was the present home built? 1975-1877
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, soybeans, wheat
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
~~Sacred Heart News~~ and Granite Falls Tribune, Granite Falls, Minn.

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

The History of Renville County written 1816

Elias M. Lindquist, a pioneer, was born in Dalsland, Sweden, Jan. 3, 1841, there grew to manhood and married Sara Jonasdaughter who was born September 7, 1842. He came to the United States in 1869, and lived for a short time in Wisconsin, then locating in Minnesota and working on farms near St. Peter. In 1870 he was joined by his wife and his daughter, Laura. That year he secured the rights of Christopher Anderson Setra to a homestead of eighty acres in section six(6) Hawk Creek township. He perfected the title to this property and there farmed for many years. Like the other pioneers they lived first in a dugout and later in a more pretentious dwelling. They underwent all the privations of pioneer life and in time were enabled to see all their children well established in life.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindquist have had eight children: Laura, Josephine, John, Evelina (deceased), Mary, Anna(deceased). Ida and Samuel.

*Josephine Lindquist Hellermoe was the mother of Elmer, Joseph, Esther and Gladys H. Hellermoe.*

## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner

RALPH H. NESBURG

Name(s) to appear on certificate

RALPH H. NESBURG

Address

R#1 Box 32 FAIRFAX MINN 55332

Address of farm, if different from above

Section

35

Township

CAMP

County

RENVILLE

Number of acres in the farm at present

142 (ORIGINAL) + 80 ACRES

Date of original purchase by member of your family

Homesteaded 1868  
Purchased 3-15-1875

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

W 1/2 of the NW 1/4 and the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 Lot 1 Section 35 in  
TWP 112, Range 33 142 acres.

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME

DATES (YEARS) OF  
OWNERSHIPBLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO  
NEXT OWNER

<u>OLE O. NESBURG</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	<u>3/15 2/23</u> from <u>1875</u> to <u>1894</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
<u>GUNDER O NESBURG</u> next owner	<u>2/23 Oct</u> from <u>1894</u> to <u>1954</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
<u>RALPH H NESBURG</u> next owner	<u>Oct</u> from <u>1954</u> to <u>Present</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 ( )  
 Land Patent (X)  
 Original Deed (X)  
 County Land Record ( )

Court file in Registration Proceedings ( )  
 Other (please explain Recorded in General  
Land Office of the United States Vol. 1, p. 49)

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

Lila M. Nesburg  
 (Witness sign here)

Ralph H Nesburg  
 (Signature of present owner)

Date

7-10-76

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 142
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? Goodhue Co. Mn.
6. Was this a homestead? yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes. Family Members always occupied farm.
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
OLE O. NESBURG was Civil War veteran, Union Army
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? 1905
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? CORN, BEANS, Livestock
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
FAIRFAX, STANDARD, FAIRFAX MN 55332

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

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



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner John L. Nestande

Name(s) to appear on certificate John L. and Marlene A. Nestande

Address RR#2 Box 126 Fairfax, Minnesota

Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 26 Township Bandon County Renville

Number of acres in the farm at present 210

Date of original purchase by member of your family June 30, 1876

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

The west half of the northwest quarter of township 113, range 33

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
John P. Nestande (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 6-30-76 to 4-7-26	Elvin Nestande-son
Elvin Nestande next owner	from 4-7-26 to 4-18-63	John Nestande-son
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 (X)	Court file in Registration
Land Patent ( )	Proceedings ( )
Original Deed (X)	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 A. Nestande  
(Witness sign here)

John L. Nestande  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-23-76

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Original 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? Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Transient laborer
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? about 1890
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn and soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Fairfax Standard

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

Homestead Cert. No. 960 Application No. 4970  
Issued at Redwood Falls land office.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner John E Nordby  
Name(s) to appear on certificate John E Nordby  
Address RENUILLE, MINN 56284  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 14 Township SACRED HEART County RENUILLE

Number of acres in the farm at present 200

Date of original purchase by member of your family Dec 10, 1875

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

W<sup>2</sup> of SE 4 14 115-37

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Johannes <sup>H</sup> Nordby (owner in 1876 or B <sub>4</sub> )	from 1875 to 1922	Father
Edward J. Nordby next owner	from 12/27/1924 to 1946	Wife
EMMA Nordby - family next owner	from 5/13/1959 to 1964	SON
John Nordby next owner	from 7/15/1972 to present	
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 ( )  
County Land Record (X)

Court file in Registration Proceedings (X)  
Other (please explain \_\_\_\_\_)

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

(Witness sign here)

John Nordby  
(Signature of present owner)

Date

7/7/76

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? U.S. gov't
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80. the other was
3. What was the cost of land per acre? bought in 1870 & 1880
4. Where was the first owner born? Nongwinger, Norway 1834
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Iowa
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?  
Tailor, (he was supposed to have been a tailor for the  
king of Norway before coming to U.S.)
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? 1885
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? CORN, Soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Renville STAR FARMER

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

Johanes H. Nordby emigrated to America to Winnebago Co. Iowa in 1867. He moved to Renville in 1870 and settled on a homestead according to an obituary in the Renville Star Farmer, dated July 13, 1922. He broke up the prairie sod and planted a grove & built a sod house.



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Leslie Norskog  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Leslie Norskog  
Address Bird Is Land, Minn 55310  
Address of farm, if different from above Same

Section 18 Township Palmyra County Renville  
Number of acres in the farm at present 120  
Date of original purchase by member of your family 1873  
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
S 3/4 SW4 18 114 33 120.42

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>United States</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from ? to 1873	
<u>Ole O. Norskog</u> next owner	from 1873 to 1912	Father
<u>Conrad B. Norskog</u> next owner	from 1912 to 1952	Father
<u>Leslie Norskog</u> next owner	from 1952 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Proceedings ( )
Original Deed ( )	Other (please explain)
County Land Record ( )	<u>Assessment Roll for the town of</u>
	<u>Palmyra, Renville Co 1873</u>

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

Orvin Kienholz  
(Witness sign here)

Leslie Norskog  
(Signature of present owner)

Date JUN 28 1976

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? United States
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? Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? 3 yrs in Fillmore Co. Mo.
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?  
2 garages
10. When was the present home built? 1948
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, soybeans, wheat
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Bird Island Union, Bird Island, Mn 55310

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner White Star Farms (Robert, George, Dean Olson)  
Name(s) to appear on certificate same  
Address Route 1, Hector, MN 55342  
Address of farm, if different from above —

Section 10, 11, 14 Township Palmyra County Renville

Number of acres in the farm at present 280

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1876

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

W 1/2 of N 1/2 of and S 1/2 of SE 1/4 Section 10,  
S 1/2 of SW 1/4 Section 11, N 1/2 of NW 1/4 Section 14,

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Eligst Elb Ericson</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1876</u> to <u>1929</u>	<u>Parents of Edith Olson</u>
<u>Albert + Edith Olson</u> next owner	from <u>1929</u> to <u>1974</u>	<u>Parents</u>
<u>Robert, George, Dean Olson</u> next owner	from <u>1974</u> to <u>—</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 <u>                    </u> )
County Land Record <input type="checkbox"/>	

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

Lawrence Olson  
(Witness sign here)

Robert E Olson  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 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? None
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? ~~Polina~~ Iowa
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? Sod house is gone but original frame house is still in use.
10. When was the present home built? 1881
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, Soybeans, Wheat
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Hector Mirror, Hector Minnesota 55342

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



## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

CENTURY FARMS  
ST. PAUL, MN 55108Name of Centennial Farm owner George A. RiceName(s) to appear on certificate George A. RiceAddress Sacred Heart, Minnesota 56285

Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 22 Township Sacred Heart County RenvilleNumber of acres in the farm at present 360Date of original purchase by member of your family September 1938

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

South  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the Southeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 22, Sacred Heart Twp., 115 of range 37 N $\frac{1}{2}$  ofNE $\frac{1}{4}$  and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 27, & W $\frac{1}{2}$  of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 23, & the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  & the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 23

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
	1876 from	1938 to	
August W. Rice (owner in 1876 or B4)	1938	Present	Grandfather
George A. Rice	from	to	This farm remained an estate and owned by the heirs untill I bought it in 1938
next owner	from	to	August Rice passed away in 1906
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 (✓)	Court file in Registration
Land Patent (✓)	Proceedings ( )
Original Deed ( )	Other (please explain. _____)
County Land	
Property Record (X)	
assessment record (X)	

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

J. O. Oman  
(Witness sign here)

George Rice  
(Signature of present owner)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? United States of America
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Homesteaded
4. Where was the first owner born? Toten, Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? St. Peter, Minnesota
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 on the Railroad in St. Peter and New Ulm, Minnesota during the winter months
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? Yes, the barn is still standing  
and in use. The original home was built in the 1880's and is part of the present house
10. When was the present home built? Home was remodeled and added to in 1951
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, Soybeans, Wheat, Sugar Beets
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Renville Star Farmer, Renville, Minnesota 56284

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

Additional information related to this farm.

After homesteading the S $\frac{1}{2}$  of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 22 in 1876 my Grandfather purchased 200 acres more near by making a total of 280 acres. The price ranged from \$6.00 to \$14.00 per acre as there was a great deal of water on this land that cut down on the number of acres that could be farmed. The township roads did not follow section lines but would wind around the sloughs. My father who grew up on this farm often told about how you could go by boat from the Minnesota River through this area to north west of Sacred Heart without getting out of the boat which was great sport especially when muskrats were plentiful.

Then in 1906 or 07 a ditch was dug through here that followed the sloughs and drained into a ravine that went to the river some four miles distant. This ditch was dug with horse power and a winch that pulled a V plow somewhat like our present day snowplow. This ditch gradually filled up and in 1955 Oliver Francis myself and heirs of Clausen farms redug the upper part of this ditch and received some benefit but could not tile all our wetlands into it. I worked with my neighbors for the construction of a deeper ditch until 1974 when we all entered into an agreement to get a surveyor and a dragline operator and redig the entire ditch and have drained this land comprising a water shed of over 600 acres and have gotten rid of the cattails and black birds for good. I have installed some 10,000 feet of tile which has put every acre of my farm under cultivation.

I purchased this farm in September of 1938 and have added another eighty acres. My three children have grown up here and attended the Renville Public School.

I retired from farming in 1965 and my son, Kenneth, is running the farm now.

George Rice



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July 6, 1978

DuWayne Swanson  
Minn. Historical Society  
690 Cedar  
St. Paul, MN 55102

Dear Mr. Swanson:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter from a Century Farm applicant from 1976.

She wishes to change the date and legal discription on her application. If this is of future importance, the information is enclosed.

Sincerely,

JoAnn Frank  
Publicity Department



Rexville, Minn.

June 26, 1978

Dear Sir,

Enclosed are 11 Century farms in our area that will qualify. Our area is celebrating their Centennial this year and a committee has been working to find all of <sup>them</sup> with a Rexville address or <sup>Rexville</sup> telephone number. There were a few who were not interested and some were surprised when they looked back to find out the ownership wasn't continuous as they believed it to be.

We have had 9 previous Century farms and are having a tour of these 20 farms on July 23<sup>rd</sup> to start off the week-long Centennial celebration that Rexville is having.

★ Two years ago we got interested in this by filling out the Century farm application for my husband's father's <sup>George G. Rice</sup> farm. It was listed there as 1876, but we spent more time researching & found out at the National Archives, that we have a copy of the Homestead Receiver's Receipt & application # 4883 at St. Peter dated June 14, 1869 and the legal description being Section 22 Township 115<sup>37</sup> (Sawd Heart) Rexville County 5<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of SE <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>. Is it possible to change the date to the correct one? Also we have Title Certificate

# 700. He had found out about the Century Farm late & just looked up some records at the County Court house at that time. He would like to have it changed if at all possible.

Thank you for sponsoring this program. I hope our publicity also about these farms inspires farm owners to keep this up for years.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kenneth Rice

R & 2 Box 70

Remitt, Minn. 56284

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner D.P. and Marianna Schumacher  
Name(s) to appear on certificate D.P. & Marianna Schumacher  
Address R2 B92 Renville Mn 56289  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 33 & 34 Township 114 Range 36 County Renville Co.

Number of acres in the farm at present 360 A

Date of original purchase by member of your family Homestead 1876

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

S.E. 1/4 & N.E. 1/4 N.E. 1/4 & S.E. 1/4 Sec 33 Twp 114 Range 36  
S.W. 1/4 & N.W. 1/4 N.W. 1/4 & S.W. 1/4 Sec 34 Twp 114 Range 36

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Mary Schumacher</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1876</u> to <u>1919</u>	<u>Wife</u>
<u>C. Edward Schumacher</u> next owner	from <u>1919</u> to <u>1945</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>D.P. &amp; Marianna Schumacher</u> next owner	from <u>1945</u> to <u>present time</u>	
	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
	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 (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:

Register of Deeds Harold M. Steier D.P. Schumacher  
(Witness sign here) by dz (Signature of present owner)

Date 6-24-76

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Homestead - Land Patent
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? ~~72A~~ 160 A
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Unknown -
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Le Sueur Minn.  
Le Sueur -
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? Yes - home is
10. When was the present home built? Part built 1872
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn Soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Renwick Star Farmer

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



Henry Simms.

Came to Le Sueur. in 1858. Enlisted in Co H. 3rd Minn. Vol. Inf. Served. 4 years. Mustered out as a Corporal. At a land office he took a homestead in Flora. Town ship. Benville Co. onto which he moved in Sept 1866. Mrs. Simms lived in a log house. and then built a frame house one of the first in the community which is still in use to day.

Mrs. Simms was 1st town ship Treas. also school Treas. and Evangelical Church Treas. Added. 40 acres to original Mrs Simms was the former Gesche. Dehnmacher, married Mrs Simms Sept 1866. Lived on the farm and farmed the land 27 years.

C. Edward Dehnmacher located on the Simms homestead Sept. 1903. His wife Anna Deglow. of Columbus Co. Wis. Mrs Dehnmacher added. 40 acres to the farm. making a total of 240 acres. Mrs Dehnmacher erected a basement barn. using the dimension timbers of the old gold mine across the River in Redwood Co. Mrs. Dehnmacher was on the building committee of the present Middle Creek United Methodist Church. Mrs Dehnmacher bought the farm 1919.

• Dewayne P. Schumacher Son of C. Edward Schumacher.  
Moved on the farm Oct 1942. His wife the former Marcia  
Bontenbury. Married 1934. Rented farm before.

Dewayne Schumacher bought the farm from his father  
in 1945. W. P. Schumacher and his wife raised and dressed  
turkeys for sale over 25 years. Mrs. Schumacher added an  
adjoining farm of 120 A. to the original farm making  
a total of 360 A. at the present time. a modern steel  
machine shed and grain bins have been added to the  
buildings. Also a small modern house in which his  
mother lived until her death in 1948.

Dewayne has served as pres. Renville Co. Farm Bureau.  
member of Redwood Falls elevator board. AAA Committee  
4H leader. Dept of 4H poultry at Renville Co. Fair.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Joseph R. Simmons  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Joseph R. Simmons  
Address MORTON, MINNESOTA  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 5 Township 112 R. 34 County Beauville  
Number of acres in the farm at present 600 acres  
Date of original purchase by member of your family Nov. 27, 1865  
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
N 1/2 of NE 1/4 & SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 Sec. 5, T. 112, R. 34

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>RAUNDALL M. Simmons</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1865 to 1900	FATHER
<u>Robert E. Simmons</u> next owner	from 1900 to 1946	FATHER
<u>Joseph R. Simmons</u> next owner	from 1946 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 <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:

[Signature]  
(Witness sign here)

Date June 6, 1976

[Signature]  
(Signature of present owner)

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Louis LaCroix
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? 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? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
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, Okla Times Journal

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

There are many confusing entries on the Abstract. AND, There are other lands with different dates of ownership and chains of title. IT appears. There was continuous residence and incidents of ownership as indicated on the front page.



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner

Raymond W. Skalbeck

Name(s) to appear on certificate

Raymond W. Skalbeck  
Ruby Skalbeck

Address

Sacred Heart, Minn. 56285

Address of farm, if different from above

Section 23 and 24 Township Hawk Creek County Pennington

Number of acres in the farm at present

200 acres

Date of original purchase by member of your family

1871

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

NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 and S 1/2 of NE 1/4 Section 23

W 1/2 of NW 1/4 Section 24 Twp. 115 Rge 38

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER

<u>Olaf H. Skalbekken</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1871 to 1903	<u>Husband</u>
<u>Anna Skalbekken</u> next owner	from 1903 to 1918	<u>Mother</u>
<u>Anna Skalbekken Estate</u> next owner	from 1918 to 1919	
<u>Joseph O. Skalbeck</u> next owner	from to	
<u>Benjamin O. Skalbeck</u> next owner	from 1919 to 1946	
<u>Benjamin O. Skalbeck</u> next owner	from 1946 to 1947	<u>brother</u>
<u>Benjamin O. Skalbeck Estate</u> next owner	from 1947 to 1948	<u>uncle</u>
<u>Raymond W. Skalbeck</u> 1948		

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Abstract of Title (✓)  
Land Patent ( )  
Original Deed ( )  
County Land Record ( )

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

Pennington County History (1916)

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

Jay H. Lighter  
(Witness sign here)

Raymond Skalbeck  
(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? \_\_\_\_\_
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:  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Gordon and Helen Skogberg  
Name(s) to appear on certificate same

Address Sacred Heart, MN

Address of farm, if different from above same

Section 10 Township Hawk Creek County Renville

Number of acres in the farm at present 240

Date of original purchase by member of your family 11-10-1875

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

NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> and NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Sec 10, Twp 115, Rge 38

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
H. Hendrick Skogberg (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1876 to 1899	husband and father
Martha Skogberg & child next owner	from 1899 to 1903	mother, brothers and sisters
John Skogberg next owner	from 1903 to 1925	brother
Edward Skogberg next owner	from 1925 to 1934	brother
John Skogberg next owner	from 1934 to 1969	husband and father
Gordon & Helen Skogberg next owner	from 1958 to CONTRACT FOR DEED	son
Mathilda Skogberg & kids next owner	from 1969 to 1972	mother, brothers and sisters
Mildred Sunvold et al brothers and sisters	1972-1973	NEXT OWNER: Gordon and Helen Skogberg 1973-

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

x Don D. Stater  
(Witness sign here)

x Gordon Skogberg  
(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? United States
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? Sweden
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? don't know
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? 1915
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn and soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Sacred Heart News

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



## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

MN State Fair

CENTURY FARMS  
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

Name of Centennial Farm owner Grant George Smith *OK*  
 Name(s) to appear on certificate Grant & Bessie Smith  
 Address No. Redwood, Minn 56275  
 Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 12 Township 113 Flora County Renville

Number of acres in the farm at present 480

Date of original purchase by member of your family April 1, 1872

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

W<sup>2</sup> of NW<sup>4</sup> Sec 12 - 113 - 36

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Caroline Jefferson</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	<u>April, 1872</u> from to <u>11-26 1870</u>	<u>Mother</u>
<u>Juliane Smith</u> next owner	<u>11-26, 1870</u> from to <u>3-30-1890</u>	<u>Mother</u>
<u>Frank Smith + etal</u> next owner	<u>3-30-96</u> from to <u>5-23-1906</u>	<u>Brothers &amp; Sisters</u>
<u>Frank Smith</u> next owner	<u>5-23-06</u> from to <u>10-7-47</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Lizzie C. Smith</u> next owner	<u>10-7-47</u> from to <u>7-6-51</u>	<u>Mother</u>
<u>Grant Geo Smith etal</u> next owner	<u>7-6-51</u> from to <u>8-25-51</u>	<u>Brothers &amp; Sisters</u>
<u>Grant Geo. Smith</u> next owner	<u>8-25-51</u> from to <u>Present</u>	

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Abstract of Title <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Court file in Registration
Land Patent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Proceedings <input type="checkbox"/>
Original Deed <input 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:

Edward Hewitt  
(Witness sign here)

Grant Smith  
(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? United States
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? 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?  
No
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? Part of an old house
10. When was the present home built? 1975
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Livestock & 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)

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Gerald and Loretta Thune  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Gerald and Loretta Thune  
Rt 2 Box 130  
Address Sacred Heart, MN 56285  
Address of farm, if different from above same

Section 5, 6, 7, 8 <sup>Parts of</sup> Township So. Sacred Heart County Renville

Number of acres in the farm at present 212

Date of original purchase by member of your family July 28, 1872

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

SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of section 5 SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of section 6 US Lot 1 of Section 7  
NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of section 8

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Thor Helgesen (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <sup>7-28</sup> 1872 to <sup>9-29</sup> 1909	father-in-law
Anton E. Johnson next owner	from 1909 to <sup>1-3</sup> 1944	father
Emma Thune, et al next owner	from 1944 to <sup>8-12</sup> 1957	mother etaal; aunts, uncles cousins
Gerald E Thune next owner	from 1957 to present	
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 (X) 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:

Ken Dammund (Witness sign here) Gerald E Thune (Signature of present owner)

Date 6-24-76

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? United States Government
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 172 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? 10 shillings per acre, soldiers scrip
4. Where was the first owner born? Brandsgarden, Opdal, Nummedal Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Fillmore County
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?  
Master Axeman, built or helped build most of the log cabins in this area.
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? yes. Two rooms of present home are the original log cabin.
10. When was the present home built? 1866
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn, soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Sacred Heart News, Sacred Heart, MN 56285

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



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Robert, Harry & Arthur TompTE

Name(s) to appear on certificate \_\_\_\_\_

Address Sacred Heart, Minn 56285

Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 18 Township Sacred Heart County Renville

Number of acres in the farm at present 300

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1874

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

S. W 1/4 - 115-37, 1/2 of NW 1/4 + SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 Sec 19-115-37  
+ SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 EX Cam

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>ANDERS H. TompTE</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1874</u> to <u>1903</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Grethe TompTE</u> next owner	from <u>1903</u> to <u>1944</u>	<u>Mother</u>
<u>Robert, Harry &amp; Arthur</u> next owner	from <u>1944</u> to <u>1976</u>	<u>Sons</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 ( )	Proceedings (X)
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)

HARRY & ARTHUR TompTE  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 1-29-76

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? Homestead
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Was this a homestead? part
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
7/10
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? Abel, house
10. When was the present home built? 1956
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Beans & Corn
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Sacred Heart News

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

More can be added

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Alice H. Velde *SP*  
Name(s) to appear on certificate " " "  
Address Sacred Heart, Minn.  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 14 Township Wang County Renville  
Number of acres in the farm at present 120  
Date of original purchase by member of your family 1871

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

SW4 of SE4 14 116 38  
NW4 of SE4 14 116 38 NE4 of NW4 23 116 38

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
	from to	
(owner in 1876 or B4) <u>Knut K. Holien</u>	from <u>1871</u> to <u>1927</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner <u>Gertrude Viken</u>	from <u>1927</u> to <u>1937</u>	<u>daughter</u>
next owner <u>Alice Velde</u>	from <u>1937</u> to <u>1976</u>	<u>granddaughter</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:

David Ellefson Alice H. Velde  
(Witness sign here) (Signature of present owner)

Date June 28, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Hastings + Dakota Railway Co.
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80<sup>ac</sup> Homestead 40<sup>ac</sup> bought.
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$7.00
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Goodhue County (Dys)
6. Was this a homestead? yes - Homestead Certificate No. 4124
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 - some repairs  
and additions have been made in recent years.
10. When was the present home built? part of home built in 1873 addition in 1884
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? grain and corn soybeans.
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Sacred Heart News - Sacred Heart, mn.

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



My Grandfather Knut K. Holien came to America from Norway in 1867 when he was 24 years old. He first settled in Goodhue County where he worked as a hired hand for a few years until he and several others with their families decided to go farther west where they could acquire land. The move was made in a covered wagon loaded with their few possessions, drawn by a team of oxen, there were no roads only trails to follow, they had a few chickens and a cow tied behind the wagon.

The oxen were slow travelers and had a heavy load to pull so it was often necessary for my grandfather to walk beside them to prod them along. My mother was about 5½ years old and remembered walking alongside of the wagon much of the way. As they traveled over the prairies they came to Renville County and liked the western part so much that the men put down stakes, each for 80 acres and my grandfather <sup>parents</sup> chose to settle in section 14 in Wang township. Their first home was a dug out with a hay and straw roof. As their means increased after a few years they built a large one room house with an upstairs and a small shanty entrance. Some years later more rooms were added. This became their home where they continued to live the rest of their lives. After their deaths my mother became the owner and now as an heir I am the present owner of this farm.

Let's doff our hats to these brave pioneers, who while having so very little with which to work still managed to mold a solid family life and eventually

enough for themselves to live comfortably and  
leave a portion of this world's goods to their  
heirs. They were creditable citizens. Truly they  
could compare the bitter with the better.

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