



Century Farm Applications

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CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner

Erick Colbyok

Name(s) to appear on certificate

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Address

Hills Minnesota

Address of farm, if different from above

Beaver Creek Min

Section

N 1/2 10

Township

Martin

County

Rock

Number of acres in the farm at present

320

Date of original purchase by member of your family

About 1907-1903

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

N. 1/2 of Sec 10 - Martin Township Rock Co.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME

DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP

BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER

(owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1876</u> to <u>1907</u>	<u>Erick Colby</u>
next owner	from <u>1907</u> to <u>1938</u>	<u>Ellis W. Colby son</u>
next owner	from <u>1938</u> to	<u>Cliff + Mabel Colby Rierson</u> ^{Daughter}
next owner	from to <u>80A</u>	<u>Gerald + Darla Rierson</u> ^{son}
next owner	from <u>1969</u> to <u>80A</u>	<u>Lois + Kenneth Rierson</u> ^{Daughter}
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:

G. J. Rierson
(Witness sign here)

Gerald H. Rierson
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 29 - 1976

See reverse side for additional information.



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Homestead Certificate No. 4060

APPLICATION 9376

Whereas There has been deposited in the General Land Office of the United States a Certificate of the Register of the Land Office at Worthington, 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 Erick Kolby has been established and duly consummated, in conformity to law, for the North West quarter of Section Ten, in Township One Hundred and One of Range Forty six, in the District of lands subject to sale at Worthington, Minnesota, containing One Hundred and Sixty 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 Erick Kolby the tract of Land above described: To have and to hold the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said Erick Kolby and to his heirs and assigns forever

In testimony whereof, I, Ulysses Grant, 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 Third day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy six, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and first

BY THE PRESIDENT:

Ulysses Grant

By

O. O. Cone

Secretary.

S. H. Clark

Recorder of the General Land Office.

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas There has been deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the United States a CERTIFICATE OF THE REGISTER of the LAND OFFICE

at Monticello Minnesota, whereby it appears that, pursuant to the Acts of Congress approved March 3, 1873,

March 13, 1874, and June 14, 1878, "To encourage the Growth of Timber on the Western Prairies," the claim of Orick

Colby has been established and duly consummated, in conformity to law, for the

north east quarter of section ten in township one hundred and one north of range forty
six west of the Fifth Principal Meridian in Minnesota containing one hun-
dred and sixty 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 Orick Colby

the tract of Land above described: To have and to hold the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances

thereof, unto the said Orick Colby 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 Thirteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand

eight hundred and eighty four, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and twentieth

By the President:

Chester A. Arthur

By

M. McKeen, Secretary.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Homestead + Timber Claim
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 320 Acres
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? Wisconsin
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.
East part of House
10. When was the present home built? 1880
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn Oats + Livestock
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Rock Co Herald Tribune Min & Hills Crescent Hill Min

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 Mrs. Clara Halls *pk*

Name(s) to appear on certificate _____

Address Hills, Minn.

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 18 Township Martin County RockNumber of acres in the farm at present 160Date of original purchase by member of your family 1929

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

SE 1/4 Section 18 - Block 101 Range 46.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>C. E. Halls</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1875</u> to <u>1929</u>	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
<u>Arthur M. Halls</u>	from <u>1929</u> to <u>1957</u>	<u>SON of C. E. Halls</u>
next owner		
<u>Mrs. Clara Halls</u>	from <u>1957</u> to <u>1976</u>	<u>Wife of Arthur Halls</u>
next owner		
<u>Renza Anderson</u>	from <u>1957</u> to <u>1976</u>	<u>Daughter of Arthur Halls</u>
next owner		
<u>Erma Schubbe</u>	from <u>1957</u> to <u>1976</u>	<u>Daughter of Arthur and presently</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	<u>living on the farm</u>
next owner		

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Abstract of Title ☒
 Land Patent ☐
 Original Deed ☐
 County Land Record ☐

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

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

Gene Dunbar
 (Witness sign here)

Mrs. Erma Schubbe
 (Signature of present owner)

Date JUN 29 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? Norway -
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Wisconsin before he^{came} to Rock Co.
6. Was this a homestead? yes - he lived in a sod house at first.
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 - original house
10. When was the present home built? 1878 (?)
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn, soybeans -
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Hills Crescent

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

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CENTURY FARMS
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Ethel Schwartz ok
 Name(s) to appear on certificate Mr + Mrs Fred Schwartz
 Address Beaver Creek Minn 56116
 Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 17 Township Beaver Creek County Rock
 Number of acres in the farm at present 240
 Date of original purchase by member of your family June 18 1874
 Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
Northwest quarter Section 17 Beaver Creek
Township

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Jacob Alink (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1874 to 1876	son
Derick Alink next owner	from 1876 to 1878	Father
Jacob Alink next owner	from 1878 to 1879	wife + sons
Dora John + Joe next owner	from 1879 to 1902	mother + brother
Dora John Alink next owner	from 1902 to 1952	husband
Frances Alink next owner	from 1952 to 1962	mother
Ethel R Schwartz next owner	from 1962 to 1976	

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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:

Fred Schwartz
 (Witness sign here)

Ethel Schwartz
 (Signature of present owner)

Date June 28 - 76

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? James Vermilyea
Vermilyea owned land only a few months
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$ 1.25
4. Where was the first owner born? Jacob Alink was born in Wisc
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Zelmore County Minn
6. Was this a homestead? _____
7. Did the first owner farm the land? no Vermilyea did not farm
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
Jacob Alink had no other occupations than farming
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? the first home was a sod house but the original frame house is still in use
10. When was the present home built? about 1875 or 1876
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn oats hay
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Star Herald Luverne Minn 56156

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

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CENTURY FARMS
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner

Vernon E. Kvale

Name(s) to appear on certificate

Vernon & Nora Kvale

Address

Beaver Creek, Minn.

Address of farm, if different from above

Section

4

Township

Martin

County

Rock

Number of acres in the farm at present

160

Date of original purchase by member of your family

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

S.E. 1/4 of Section 4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME

DATES (YEARS) OF
OWNERSHIPBLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO
NEXT OWNERGulbrand J. Kvale
(owner in 1876 or B4)

from 1876 to 1914

Father

Knud G. Kvale
next owner

from 1914 to 1917

Husband

Betzel M. Kvale
next owner

from 1917 to 1961

Mother

Gladys Kvale & Kvale Paul
next owner

from 1961 to 1961

Sister - (sold her half to Vernon)

Vernon Kvale
next owner

from 1961 to 1976

next owner

from to

next owner

from to

next owner

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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:

Mrs. A. L. Iverson
(Witness sign here)

Vernon Kvale
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 26, 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? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? _____
4. Where was the first owner born? Valdres, Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Cassian, 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? Yes
House, Barn, and Granery & Machine shed - Still being used
10. When was the present home built? In the early & mid Eighties
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, wheat, Oats, Soy Beans & Alfalfa
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
The Star Herald and Hills Crescent

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

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ST. PAUL, MN 55108

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner

Vernon E. Kvale

Name(s) to appear on certificate

Vernon & Nora Kvale

Address

Beaver Creek, Minn.

Address of farm, if different from above

Section

4

Township

Martin

County

Rock

Number of acres in the farm at present

160

Date of original purchase by member of your family

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

S.E. 1/4 of Section 4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME

DATES (YEARS) OF
OWNERSHIPBLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO
NEXT OWNERGulbrand J. Kvale

(owner in 1876 or B4)

from 1876 to 1914

Father

Knud G. Kvale

next owner

from 1914 to 1917

Husband

Betzel M. Kvale

next owner

from 1917 to 1961

Mother

Vernon Kvale & Kvale Paul

next owner

from 1961 to 1976

Sister - (sold her half to Vernon)

Vernon Kvale

next owner

from 1976 to 1976

next owner

from to

next owner

from to

next owner

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Abstract of Title (✓)

Land Patent ()

Original Deed (✓)

County Land

Record ()

Court file in Registration

Proceedings ()

Other (please explain)

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

Mrs. A. L. Iverson
(Witness sign here)

Vernon Kvale
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 26, 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Was Homestead certif.
1159
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 (Slidre Valdres)
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Ossian, 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? The Kitchen is
from original & rest was moved near garage & is used
as a tool shed.
10. When was the present home built? 1908
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn -
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Star Herald - Luverne (Have information)

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

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ST. PAUL, MN 55108

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner OSCAR P. OLSON 507-855-2236 *OK*Name(s) to appear on certificate Thomas OlsonAddress STEEN, MINN SW 1/4 Sec 22-101-45

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 22 Township 101 County 45 ROCKNumber of acres in the farm at present 160Date of original purchase by member of your family Homestead 1857 Duplicate Aug 21, 1877
PATENT Nov 5, 1878

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

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Thomas Olson</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>may 1</u> to <u>1909</u>	<u>Grandfather</u>
<u>Oluf Olson</u> next owner	from <u>may 1</u> <u>1956</u> to <u>Feb 10</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Oscar P Olson</u> next owner	from <u>Feb 10</u> to <u>1956</u>	<u>Son</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 ()
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:

Sere B. Thome
(Witness sign here)

Oscar P Olson
(Signature of present owner)

Date _____

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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? 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?
Not that I know of
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? 1907
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, cat livestock
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Star Herald

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

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ST. PAUL, MN 55108



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

ok

Name of Centennial Farm owner SHELDON SANDAGER

Name(s) to appear on certificate SHELDON AND ELNORA SANDAGER

Address HILLS, MN

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 19 Township MARTIN County ROCK

Number of acres in the farm at present 160

Date of original purchase by member of your family HOMESTEADED - FEB. 15, 1873

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

South east quarter of section 19
S.E. 1/4 sec 19 range 101 N range 46 W

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER (CLARA SKOVGAARD)
SIMON SKOVGAARD (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1873 to 1918	GRANDFATHER TO MRS. N. SANDAGER
MR. & MRS. NELS SANDAGER next owner	from 1918 to 1955	MOTHER & FATHER OF SHELDON
SHELDON SANDAGER next owner	from 1955 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 ()	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:

Clara Sandager
 (Witness sign here)

Sheldon Sandager
 (Signature of present owner)

Date JUNE 28, 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? HOMESTEADED FROM U.S. GOV'T.
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? NOTHING / LAND OFFICE FEE - \$2
4. Where was the first owner born? HEILS, DENMARK
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? CEDAR FALLS, IA
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 GRAVEL TRAIN IN WORTHINGTON, MN TO MAKE EXTRA CASH AS
THE FIRST TWO CROPS WERE DAMAGED BY GRASSHOPPERS.
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? PART OF THE HOUSE IS STILL
REMAINING, TO WHICH OTHER ROOMS HAVE BEEN ADDED
10. When was the present home built? SOD HOUSE FIRST, THEN BUILT HOME IN
1877. ADDITIONS WERE AND REMODELING DONE THROUGH THE YEARS.
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? CORN, BEANS, ALFALFA, SM. GRAINS,
CATTLE,
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
HILLS CRESCENT, HILLS, MN 56138 & LUVERNE STAR HERALD,
LUVERNE, MN

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

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CENTURY FARMS
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Lucille H. Smith
 Name(s) to appear on certificate Mr. & Mrs. Henry G. Smith
 Address Hills, Minn 56138
 Address of farm, if different from above Same

Section 11 Township Martin County Rock
 Number of acres in the farm at present 160
 Date of original purchase by member of your family 1878
 Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
S.E. 1/4 Section 11, Township 101N of Range 46,
West of 5th P.M.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Fred Nuffer (owner in 1876 or B4)	Rec'd Patent from 1878 to 12/18/1911	Father
Martha Boose next owner	12/18 5/29 from 1911 to 1912	Sister
Alfred N. Nuffer next owner	5/29/ 8/17 from 1912 to 1962	Wife and daughters
Elizabeth Nuffer next owner	and from 1962 to 1970	Daughter
William Kongsli next owner	from 1970 to 1970	Sister
Lucille H. Smith next owner	from 1970 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:

Archie L. Olden
 (Witness sign here)

Lucille H. Smith
 (Signature of present owner)

Date June 29, 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? U. S. Gov't.
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Homestead
4. Where was the first owner born? Wurthenberg Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Beaver Falls, N.Y.
Cedar Falls, 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?
Yes. Carpenter
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? Barn and tool
shed
10. When was the present home built? 1890
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn, oats, hay, beans
pork, beef
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Hills Crescent, Hills, Minn. 56138
Star-Herald, Laurens, Minn. 56156

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

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CENTURY FARMS
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Paul Thompson
Name(s) to appear on certificate Paul Thompson
Address Hills, Minnesota
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 19 Township Martin County Rock

Number of acres in the farm at present 160

Date of original purchase by member of your family _____

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

NW 1/4 of Section 19 Range 46 West of the 5th PM

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
gov't	from _____ to 1873	(homestead)
(owner in 1876 or B4)		
Gilbert Thompson	from 1873 to 1921	father
next owner		
Arthur Thompson	from 1921 to 1966	Son of Gilbert Thompson
next owner		
Paul Thompson	from 1966 to 1976	grandson of Gilbert Thompson
next owner		
	from _____ to _____	
next owner		
	from _____ to _____	
next owner		
	from _____ to _____	
next owner		

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

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

Mrs. Bertha Thompson
(Witness sign here)

Paul Thompson
(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 it
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Homestead Act
4. Where was the first owner born? Valdres, Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? from 1870 to 1873 in Winneshiek County, 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? Yes
10. When was the present home built? before 1880
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn and beef cattle
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Hills Crescent Hills, Minn

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

Gilbert Thompson came to Martin Township, Rock County in 1873 homesteaded this farm but went on record in Register of Deeds office ^{dated} Dec. 20, 1881 No 1. Patent Recorded Jan 26, 1883 in Book No 1 of Patents
We have written to the Archives in Washington D.C. to get exact date of homestead application but no reply yet
The U.S. of America
To Gilbert Thompson

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Mrs. Dianne (Nelson) Vander Walde (Ray) okName(s) to appear on certificate Dianne (Nelson) Vander WaldeAddress Ray Vander Walde
Hills, Minn.

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section SW. Sec. 9 Township Martin County RockNumber of acres in the farm at present 153Date of original purchase by member of your family December, 1975

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

Southwest Quarter of Section Nine in ^{Martin} Township 101 North, of Range 46 West, of the 5th P.M.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Lars O. Bakken (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1873 to 1919	Step-son
George D. Nelson next owner	from 1919 to 1921	(deed) Mrs. Rena Nelson (wife)
Rena Nelson next owner	from 1921 to 1944	Son
Oluf N. Nelson next owner	from 1944 to 1975	Daughter
Mr. & Mrs. Ray Vander Walde next owner	from 1975 to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner		

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Abstract of Title (v)

Land Patent (v)

Original Deed (v)

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:

Oluf N. Nelson
(Witness sign here)

Mr. & Mrs. Ray Vander Walde
(Signature of present owner)
Date June 28 - 1976

(nee Dianne Nelson)

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Oluf Nelson
 2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 60 acres but R.R. track has 7A.
 3. What was the cost of land per acre? to live on farm for a period of time
 4. Where was the first owner born? Norway
 5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Canton, I.D.
 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 the living quarters.
 10. When was the present home built? 1876, 1892, 1908 (house additions)
 11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, small grain & hay
 12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Hills Crescent, and Rock County Star
Hills, Minn. Luverne, Minn.
- Related information: (please feel free to use additional sheets of paper)

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CENTURY FARMS
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

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CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner

Name(s) to appear on certificate

Address

Address of farm, if different from above

Section

Township

County

Number of acres in the farm at present

Date of original purchase by member of your family

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

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME

DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP

BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER

Homesteaded by Hrudt Hayme Helgen (owner in 1876 or B4)	1871 from father to son	Henry Hayme
Henry Hayme next owner	from son to brother	Dan Buckley
Dan Buckley next owner	from son in law to son in law of Hrudt Hayme	Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Swanson
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 ()
Original Deed (✓)
County Land Record (✓)

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

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

(Witness sign here)

(Signature of present owner)

Date June 30, 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Uncle
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Homesteaded at first & purchased it for \$2.50 in 1949
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway (address)
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? Yes - house, barn & grainery, corn crib & hog house -
10. When was the present home built? 1890
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn, oats - beans, alfalfa
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
They are informed

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

age 17 - Came on a sailboat - Trip of 6 weeks in 1871
Lived in a sod house
Married in 1881. Lived in a crude frame and then built the house we are living in at present, in year 1890

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CENTURY FARMS
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

There were nine children
in my Grandfather's family -
4 are still ^{living} and in their eighties.
My Grandfather's goal was to
have an eighty of land for
each child and he accomplished
this - Our section and two
other 80 acres are still in
the family, being operated
by the family -

My husband Arthur Swanson
and I own 4 eighties and the
other six are owned and
operated by another Grandson,
Howard Hoyme and Son.
Our son, David Swanson is
now operating our half
section so that makes the
4th generation of continuous
operation of ten eighties.

I hope this is not too
late - We were gone and did
not receive this ⁱⁿ time to have
sent before.

Opal Swanson.

By the way this is a family
of longevity - None of the children

passed away until they
were well in their eighties -
except one, and she was the
baby in the family in her
later seventies.

A note of interest - on land
prices -

- 1884 Grandfather purchased a
quarter of land for \$1280
- 1895 - quarter for \$4,000
of land
- 1902 - a quarter of land \$7,314
for