



## Century Farm Applications

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## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Emil H. and Theresa A. BeckrichName(s) to appear on certificate Emil H. and Theresa A. BeckrichAddress R.R. 2 Box 51 Shakopee, MN 55379

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

Section 18 Township Eagle Creek - 115 County ScottNumber of acres in the farm at present 80Date of original purchase by member of your family October 7, 1864

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

1/2 of the SW 1/4 of Section 18, Township 115, Range 22.

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Dominick Beckrich (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1864 to 1901	Nicholas Beckrich, Son
Nicholas Beckrich next owner	from 1901 to 1908	Catherine Beckrich, Wife
Catherine Beckrich next owner	from 1908 to 1926	Mathias Beckrich, Son
Mathias Beckrich next owner	from 1926 to 1936	Due to the depression he was unable to pay the taxes, so the State of Minnesota held the title until the mortgage was paid in full.
State of Minnesota next owner	from 1936 to 1947	Emil H. Beckrich, Brother
Emil H. Beckrich next owner	from 1947 to present	There was always a Beckrich living on the farm.
next owner	from to	
next owner		

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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:

Kathleen A. Green  
(Witness sign here)

Emil H. Beckrich  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 22, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? John B. LeBeau
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 50
3. What was the cost of land per acre? about \$75. per acre
4. Where was the first owner born? Luxembourg
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Schockville, Belgium
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?  
Not while living in the United States.
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? 1886
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? grains
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Shakopee Valley News

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

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ST. PAUL, MN 55108

# CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

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CENTURY FARMS  
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

Name of Centennial Farm owner Darrell M. Bieder  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Same

Address Route 1, Box 34, Belle Plaine, Mn. 56011

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

Section 9 Township 113 Range 24 County Scott

Number of acres in the farm at present 80 acres

Date of original purchase by member of your family July 28, 1859

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

East Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section 9, Township 113, Range 24

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Frederick & Rudolph <del>Bieder</del> <sup>Bieder</sup>	59 from 7-28- to 5-19-1880	Brother
(owner in 1876 or B4) Frederick Bieders	80 from 5-19- to 9-1-33	Father
next owner J. Theo Bieder, etal	33 from 9-1- to 8-17-51	Brother
next owner F. J. Bieder & W. A. Bieder	51 from 8-17- to 11-27-56	Brother
next owner William A. Bieder	56 from 11-27- to 4-24-58	Father
next owner Milo Bieder. 873-6389	58 from 4-24- to 9-4-74	Father
next owner Darrell M. Bieder	from 9-4-74 to Present	
next owner		

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

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

Mrs. H. A. Bieder  
(Witness sign here)

Date July 12, 1976

Darrell M. Bieder  
(Signature of present owner)

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Ira C. Taylor & Eliza C.
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$8.75
4. Where was the first owner born? Basil, Switzerland
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Ohio
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?  
Masonry (Fred) and Soldier (Rudolph)
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? one - school house moved to the homestead - now used as a granary.
10. When was the present home built? 1915
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, Soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
BELLE PLAINE HERALD

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

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**CENTURY FARM APPLICATION**

Name of Centennial Farm owner Frank DeGross  
 Name(s) to appear on certificate Frank<sup>Mary</sup> DeGross  
 Address Elko, Minn  
 Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 27 Township New Market County Scott  
Elko-village  
 Number of acres in the farm at present 152

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

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

27- 113 - 21- 152.  
N E 1/4 Ex 2 Hwy & 6A P.R.

**PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP**

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Anton DeGross</u> <small>(owner in 1876 or B4)</small>	<u>from 1863 to 1899</u>	<u>grand father.</u>
<u>John DeGross</u> next owner	<u>from 1899 to 1901</u>	<u>uncle</u>
<u>Math DeGross</u> <small>with</small> next owner	<u>from 1901 to 1948</u>	<u>father</u>
<u>Fran &amp; DeGross + Mary</u> next owner	<u>from 1948 to present</u>	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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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:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 (Witness sign here)

Frank DeGross  
 (Signature of present owner)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Matt DeGross
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 152.
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$ 118.
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?  
No
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? Yes granary & smokehouse
10. When was the present home built? 1906
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? dairy farm
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Dakota County Tribune, Farmington, Minn

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

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Scott Co

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Names to appear on 1976 Certificate Frank DeGross

ADDRESS Elko, Minn.

FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION BY THE FAMILY 1943

PLEASE RETURN THIS BY AUGUST 17, so we may fill out the certificate for you to have ready on September 4. The sign the FARMER Magazine is giving you will be mailed after the State Fair.

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RETURN TO: Karen A. Humphrey  
Minnesota State Fair  
St. Paul, Mn. 55108

thank you for your immediate attention.

## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner FRANCIS T. & ELIZABETH M. DOYLE  
 Name(s) to appear on certificate (same as above)  
 Address ELKO MINN. 55020  
 Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 11 Township CEDAR LAKE County SCOTT

Number of acres in the farm at present 160

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1857

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

W 1/2 of SW 1/4 Sec. 11 113-22

(original 80 - expanded to 400 over the years - now 240 acres in children's ownership -)

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
CHARLES KENNEFICK (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1857 to 1888	Husband
CAROLINE KENNEFICK next owner	from 1888 to 1896	MOTHER
JAMES KENNEFICK next owner	from 1896 to 1929	BROTHER
BROTHERS surviving & SISTERS	from 1929 to 1941	GREAT-UNCLES & GREAT-AUNT
F.T. & E.M. DOYLE next owner	from 1941 to 1976	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner		

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Land Patent <input type="checkbox"/>	Proceedings <input type="checkbox"/>
Original Deed <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please explain "LAND FILINGS ON
County Land Record <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>Record IN U.S. LAND OFFICE"</u>
	<u>Listed IN "A History of Cedar Lake Twp."</u>

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

Stephen F. Doyle  
(Witness sign here)

Francis T. & Elizabeth M. Doyle  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 8/14/1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? John McGraw, assignee of U.S. of America
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 ACRES
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$1.70
4. Where was the first owner born? COUNTY CORK, IRELAND
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? ST. CHARLES, MISSOURI
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? ORIGINAL Log House IS STILL BEING LIVED IN. HAS HAD SOME RE-MODELING OVER THE YEARS BUT INSIDE WALLS ARE WHITEWASHED LOGS.
10. When was the present home built? IN 1860'S - FIRST Log house had ONLY
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? CORN - SMALL GRAIN - ALFALFA -
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
✓

DIRT FLOOR

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

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Additional information:

Charles Kennefick, original owner of the land, came to America from County Cork, Ireland, in company with a younger brother Thomas, sometime in the 1840's. They worked their way west as railroad laborers. In Columbus, Ohio, Charles married Caroline Imboden in 1848. By 1854, with one son James, they are living in Chicago, Illinois. Their daughter Jane (my grandmother) was born there in 1854, <sup>ALSO A SON JOHN.</sup> Thomas, the brother, made a trip to Minnesota Territory to pick out land for both brothers. (Land filings on record in U.S. Land Office for Cedar Lake Township show a recording for Charles Kennefick in Section 11 in 1857.) They went from Chicago to St. Charles, Missouri, still working as laborers and finally in 1861 both families came by river boat up to Minnesota and by oxen out to their land in Cedar lake Twp. thru the woods. A first small log cabin was put up, only a dirt floor, and here they lived for several years. Sometime in the 1860's they moved the location of the farmstead from one end of the 80 acres to the other. Four more sons and one daughter were born here. Of their 6 sons and 2 daughters, only one daughter married and that was my grandmother Jane. The land passed down after the parent's deaths to the single brothers and sister until only Edward and Mary, brother and sister, were left. In 1941, when both were in their 70's, my husband and I bought it. The original 80 acres had been added to over the years so that by the time we purchased it, the farm totalled 400 acres. It had only log buildings on it - barn, granery, chicken house, summer kitchen, and the dwelling house itself. The out-buildings were in poor shape and were torn down but not the house. We still live in it - added to and altered somewhat, but inside the logs are still the whitewashed walls. In 1972 my husband retired and 240 acres of the 400 acres passed to the ownership of our 5 children. 3 have built homes on their acres but my husband and I live still on the original.

Scott

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Names to appear on 1976 Certificate FRANCIS T. & ELIZABETH M.

ADDRESS ELKO MINN. Doyle  
55020

FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION BY THE FAMILY 1857

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St. Paul, Mn. 55108

thank you for your immediate attention.

## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Laurence C Ernst & Adella Ernst  
 Name(s) to appear on certificate Same as Above R R 1 Box 133  
 Address Belle Plaine 56011  
 Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 26 Township 113 County 25 Scott County  
 Number of acres in the farm at present 160  
 Date of original purchase by member of your family July 4 1859  
 Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
W. 1/2 of S.E. & E. 1/2 of S.W. - 26 - 113 - 25

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Frederick Drager (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1859 to 1893	Father of Sophia Ernst (Wife of Fritz)
Fritz Ernst next owner	from 1893 to 1898	Husband of Sophia
Sophia Ernst next owner	from 1898 to 1914	Mother of William
William Ernst next owner	from 1914 to 1949	Father of Laurence
Laurence C Ernst next owner W. Adella	from 1949 to present	
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 (11)	

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

(Witness sign here)

Laurence C Ernst  
 (Signature of present owner)

Date July 14 1976

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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? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? near Belle Plaine
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? 1900
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Grain corn soybeans Hay etc.
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Belle Plaine Herald, Belle Plaine, Minn. 56011

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

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ST. PAUL, MN 55108

Name of Centennial Farm owner Dennis A. Gerold  
 Name(s) to appear on certificate Dennis Gerold Family  
 Address Route 1 Box 63 Jordan, Mn.  
 Address of farm, if different from above 55352

Section 9 Township Helena County Scott

Number of acres in the farm at present 194

Date of original purchase by member of your family March 8, 1867

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

SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 and SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 Sect 9. Twn 113 Range 23

# PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>David Gerold</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1867 to 1909	<u>David E. Gerold</u>
<u>Alexander Gerold</u> next owner	from 1909 to 1923	<u>Alexander Gerold - Son</u>
<u>Egon Gerold</u> next owner	from 1923 to 1950	<u>Egon Gerold - Son</u>
<u>Dennis Gerold</u> next owner	from 1950 to 1976	<u>Dennis Gerold - Son</u>
next owner	from to	<u>(still operates farm with 5 sons and 3 daughters)</u>
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:

Egon Gerold  
 (Witness sign here)

Dennis Gerold  
 (Signature of present owner)

Date July 2, 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Miss. Valley Railroad Co.
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? 60. per acre
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Indiana
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, except for serving in the Civil War
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? The fourth and fifth generation (8 children) are living in it
10. When was the present home built? 1868
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn, alfalfa, soybeans, oats
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Jordan Independent and New Prague Times

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

Every generation has lived their whole life on the farm—either in the original house or in the second house we built in 1950 for the older generation close to the original house.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner DONALD R. BREEGGEMANN  
Name(s) to appear on certificate MR + MRS DONALD R. BREEGGEMANN  
Address RR2 Box 74 Shakopee Minn 55379  
Address of farm, if different from above Same

Section 26 Township Louisville County Scott

Number of acres in the farm at present 200

Date of original purchase by member of your family Sept 10, 1861

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

NW 1/2 of SE 1/4 S 1/2 of NE 1/4 SE 1/4 of SE 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Wm BRUGGEMAN (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1861 to 1869	Nathur
Herry BRUGGEMANN next owner	from 1869 to 1912	Nathur
Henry BRUGGEMANN next owner	from 1912 to 1958	Nathur
DONALD R. BREEGGEMANN next owner	from 1958 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	(X)
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:

Henry Breeggemann, Great Great  
(Witness sign here) Donald Breeggemann  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 14, 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Homestead Act 1861
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 120 acres
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? St Louis, 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?  
Do not know - died in 1863
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? 1909
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Dairy - corn & alfalfa
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Shokopee Valley News & Farmer

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

Have photo 2lot of original Patent signed by Abe Lincoln  
First township meeting held at this farm

Had Family Reunion Sept 28 at farm  
1975

750 attended

## 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)

E 1/2 N.W. 1/4: N 1/2 N.E. 1/4 + N 1/2 of N.E. 1/4 N.E. 1/4  
Section 13

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME

DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP

BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER

John Hentges  
 (owner in 1876 of B4)

from 1854 to 1905

Father

Jacob Hentges  
 next owner

from 1905 to 1941

Son

Florian Hentges  
 next owner

from 1941 to 1976

Son

John J. Hentges  
 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 ( )

Homestead in 1854

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

(Witness sign here)

Florian Hentges  
 (Signature of present owner)

Date

7-3-76

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Minnesota Territory, 1854
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? Rhine Province of 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?  
no
10. When was the present home built? 1927
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? milk + hogs general farming
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Jordan Independent Jordan, Minn.

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

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## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

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ST. PAUL, MN 55108  
OK

Name of Centennial Farm owner Marvin E Klehr  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Marvin & Mary Klehr  
Address R2 Box 168 Shakopee, Minn 55379

Address of farm, if different from above Same

Section 13-14-24 Township Sand Creek County Scott

Number of acres in the farm at present 238.49

Date of original purchase by member of your family Jan 1 1859

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

14-114-23-58.29 13-114-23-140.2

24-114-23-40

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
(owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1859 to 1902	Father
next owner	from 1902 to 1941	Father
next owner	from 1941 to 1974	Father
next owner	from 1974 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:

Josephine E. Klehr  
(Witness sign here)

Marvin E. Klehr  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6/27/76

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? ~~U S~~ U S Government
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 144. <sup>85</sup>
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Nothing
4. Where was the first owner born? Luxenburg
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Luxenburg
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? 1901
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Hogs & Dairy & Corn
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Jordan Independent

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Allen C. Lambrecht  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Allen & Joan Lambrecht  
Address RR 1 Box 187 Belle Plaine, Minn  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 18 Township Helena County Scott

Number of acres in the farm at present 160

Date of original purchase by member of your family 2-7-'72

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
N. 1/2 of S.W. 1/4 and S. 1/2 of N.W. 1/4 and N.E. 1/4 of N.W. 1/4 of  
Section 18 Township 113 Range 23 Scott Co. Minn.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>U.S.</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>-</u> to <u>1861</u>	
<u>Joseph Lambrecht</u> next owner	from <u>1861</u> to <u>1880</u>	<u>Father to Son</u>
<u>Joseph Lambrecht, Jr.</u> next owner	from <u>1880</u> to <u>1932</u>	<u>Father to Son</u>
<u>John Lambrecht</u> next owner	from <u>1932</u> to <u>1972</u>	<u>Father to Son</u>
<u>Allen Lambrecht</u> next owner	from <u>1972</u> to <u>?</u>	
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 Proceedings <input type="checkbox"/>
Land Patent <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please explain _____)
Original Deed <input type="checkbox"/>	
County Land Record <input type="checkbox"/>	

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

Mrs. Allen Lambrecht (Witness sign here) Allen Lambrecht (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? U.S.
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? unknown
4. Where was the first owner born? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Was this a homestead? \_\_\_\_\_
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? 1952
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Dairy + Hogs
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
\_\_\_\_\_

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

We have the certificate of deed signed by Abraham Lincoln

# CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Mathew J. Loftus  
 Name(s) to appear on certificate Mathew J. and Helen Loftus  
 Address R 1 Box 911 Shakopee, Minnesota 55379  
 Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 20, 21 Township Glendale County Scott

Number of acres in the farm at present 117

Date of original purchase by member of your family March 3, 1855

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

20 115 21 20 28 115 21 36.25  
SERLY of road in SE 1/4 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 EX. 1.25A  
EX 1A EX 1A

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP 21 115 21 60

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Thomas Loftus</u> (owner in 1876 on B4)	from <u>1855</u> to _____	<u>Father</u> <u>SW 1/4 EX. NE 1/4</u>
<u>Thomas J. Loftus</u> next owner	from _____ to _____	<u>Father</u>
<u>Thomas J. Loftus</u> next owner	from _____ to _____	<u>Husband</u>
<u>Thomas J. Loftus</u> next owner	from _____ to <u>1895</u>	<u>Mathew</u>
<u>Thomas J. Loftus</u> next owner	from <u>1895</u> to <u>1923</u>	<u>Husband</u>
<u>Marjorie M. Loftus</u> next owner	from <u>1923</u> to <u>1952</u>	<u>Mathew</u>
<u>Mathew Loftus</u> next owner	from <u>1952</u> to <u>1976</u>	

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Abstract of Title (X)	Court file in Registration
Land Patent ( )	Proceedings ( )
Original Deed ( )	Other (please explain <u>I have</u>
County Land Record ( )	<u>Certificates of purchase from U.S.</u>
	<u>- signed by Pres. James Buchanan</u>

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

Mrs. Mathew (Helen) Loftus (Witness sign here)  
Mathew J. Loftus (Signature of present owner)

Date August 14, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

*I have*  
*Purchase agreement*  
*signed by*  
*Pres. James Buchanan*

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? U. S. Government
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 360 acres
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? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Was this a homestead? \_\_\_\_\_
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? yes, one log building (small)
10. When was the present home built? 1950
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, oats + soybeans  
cattle + hogs
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
The Shakopee Valley News - Shakopee, Minnesota  
55379

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

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

Scott

PLEASE COMPLETE THESE BRIEF QUESTIONS AND SEND BACK TO ME IMMEDIATELY!

Names to appear on 1976 Certificate Mathew J. and Helen Loftus

ADDRESS R1 Box 911

Shakopee, Minnesota 55379

FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION BY THE FAMILY 1855

PLEASE RETURN THIS BY AUGUST 17, so we may fill out the certificate for you to have ready on September 4. The sign the FARMER Magazine is giving you will be mailed after the State Fair.

PLEASE MAIL THE ENCLOSED APPLICATION BLANK SEPERATELY or bring it with you to the Fair. The information on this sheet is most important for fairtime.

RETURN TO: Karen A. Humphrey  
Minnesota State Fair  
St. Paul, Mn. 55108

thank you for your immediate attention.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Elmer J. Marschall and Harold F. Marschall

Name(s) to appear on certificate Elmer J. Marschall and Harold F. Marschall

Address R.R. 2, Box 860 Shakopee, Minnesota

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

Section 18 Township 115 Range 22 County Scott

Number of acres in the farm at present 65 acres

Date of original purchase by member of your family August 19, 1862

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

SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 18, Township 115, Range 22; NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 19,  
Township 115, Range 22, except the South 495 feet thereof.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Henry Marschall	from 8-19-1862 to 10-21-1893	Father
(owner in 1876 or B4)	10-21-1893 9-15-1942	
Anthony Marschall	from to	Father
next owner Mathias C. Marschall and wife Apollonia	9-15-1942 4-30-1953	
	from to	Father
next owner Elmer J. & Harold F. Marschall	4-30-53 Present	
	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

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

Paul W. Wernersbuecher  
(Witness sign here)

Elmer J. Marschall  
(Signature of present owner)

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Thomas Coulthard and wife Elizabeth
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 120 Acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$10.00 per acre
4. Where was the first owner born? (of the Marschalls) New Prague
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Shakopee City
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? Granary
10. When was the present home built? 1908
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Dairy, Corn, Beans, Oats, Alfalfa, Peas
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Shakopee Valley News.

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

## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner

*Edward J Maruska*

Name(s) to appear on certificate

*Edward J Mary Ann Maruska*

Address

*R2 Box 121 New Prague Minn 56091*

Address of farm, if different from above

Section

*26*

Township

*Helena*

County

*Scott*

Number of acres in the farm at present

*80*

Date of original purchase by member of your family

*Aug 13, 1861*

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

*South west quarter of the North West Quarter (S.W. 1/4 of N.W. 1/4) and the North West Quarter of the South West Quarter (N.W. 1/4 of S.W. 1/4) of Section twenty six (26) Township One Hundred thirteen (113) Range twenty three (23) Scott County Minn.*

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER

NAME

DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP

<i>Martin Maruska</i> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1861 to 1876	<i>Great Grand father</i>
<i>Joseph Maruska</i> next owner	from 1876 to 1913	<i>Grand father</i>
<i>Thomas Maruska</i> next owner	from 1913 to 1946	<i>father</i>
<i>Edward Maruska</i> next owner	from 1946 to 1976	<i>Son</i>
next owner	and still have it 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:

*Mrs Ben A. Barta*

(Witness sign here)

*Edward J Maruska*

(Signature of present owner)

Date

*7-9-76*

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Charles P. Brown
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$10.00
4. Where was the first owner born? Czechoslovakia
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?  
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? 1911
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn + alfalfa
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
New Prague Times

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

Leo J. Michael

Name(s) to appear on certificate

Leo J. Michael

Address

§ Jordan, Minn.

Address of farm, if different from above

Section

Sec. 10

Township

Helena

County

Scott

Number of acres in the farm at present

400

Date of original purchase by member of your family

May 20, 1858

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

Di. half of the S.E. quarter of Sec. 3, The S.W. quarter of the S.W. quarter of Sec. 2 and lot #1 of Sec. 10 in Township 113

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME

DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP

BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER

Henrich Dedrich  
(owner in 1876 or B4)

from to

FatherJohn Michael  
next owner

from to

SonLeo Michael  
next owner

from to

son

next owner

from to

next owner

from to

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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:

Loretta Michael  
(Witness sign here)Leo Michael  
(Signature of present owner)

Date

8/15/76

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? U. S. Government
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 15.6 + 6 hundredths
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Possibly \$3.00 of an acre  
don't know
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?  
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 90 years old
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn + Soy beans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Jordan Independent

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

This farm has been sold but the owner still holds the deed.

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

## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

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

Name of Centennial Farm owner ELDON A. MOENKE AND WIFE FRANCES

Name(s) to appear on certificate ELDON A MOENKE AND FRANCES MOENKE

Address 308 E. Raven, Belle Plaine, Minn. 56011

Address of farm, if different from above RR 2, Belle Plaine, Minn. 56011

Section 27 Township 113 County Scott

Number of acres in the farm at present 50

Date of original purchase by member of your family May 12, 1866

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
The SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 27, Twp. 113, Range 25 & the So. 325.00 feet of the  
NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 27, Twp. 113, Range 25, Scott Co., Minnesota.

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Charles Ernst (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1866 to 1880	Father
Fritz Ernst next owner	from 1880 to 1882	Son
Henry Moenke next owner	from 1882 to 1929	Brother-in-law (wife's maiden name Augusta Ernst, sister of Fritz)
Emma Reintz next owner	from 1929 to 1975	Daughter
Adolph, Marlyn & Arvin Reintz next owner	from 1975 to 1975	Husband and sons
Marlyn Reintz next owner	from 1975 to 1975	Father and brother SON
Eldon A. Moenke & S Frances next owner	from 1975 to present	Cousin

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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:

Matheal Schneider Dpty. Register of Deeds  
(Witness sign here)

Eldon A. Moenke  
(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? Henry Cramer
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$11.80
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? on a farm in Blakely Twp.
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? Grain, corn & soy
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Grain, corn & soy beans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Belle Plaine Herald, Belle Plaine, Minn. 56011

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Sydney E. Mohn

Name(s) to appear on certificate Mr and Mrs. Sydney Mohn

Address Rt. 1, Box 58 Lakeville, MN

Address of farm, if different from above 461-2648

Section 36 Township New Market County Scott

Number of acres in the farm at present 145

Date of original purchase by member of your family Homesteaded - 1860's

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

36 113 21 79 H 1/2 SE 1/4 EX, 1A 1N  
SE 1/4 SE 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Homesteaded	1860 1879	Patented From State of MN
Lars Olson (Mohn)	from 1879 to 1901	Grand Father
(owner in 1876 or B4)		
Lauris Mohn	from 1901 to 1951	Father
next owner		
Sydney Mohn	from 1951 to Present	
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		

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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:

Bruce Mohn  
(Witness sign here)

Sydney Mohn  
(Signature of present owner)  
E. Victoria Mohn

Date 7-7-76

See reverse side for additional information.

*See attached letter written in '69*

#### 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:  

<u>Lakeville Times</u>	<u>Dakota Co. Tribune</u>
<u>Lakeville</u>	<u>Farmington</u>
- Related information: (please feel free to use additional sheets of paper)

Dear Friends,

I think you'll enjoy reading this article written by reporter Jan Graf and printed in our local Dakota County Tribune paper. The Caption reads "100-Year-Old House Has Housed 3 Generations". Below a nice picture of our house is written - "A message written in Norwegian and a nickel dated 1868 were found in the over 100-year-old house owned by the Sydney Mohns of Lakeville"....and then

"Years of looking through their 100-year-old house brought the Sydney Mohns of Lakeville to the conclusion of finding a message from Mohn's grandfather which was hidden in the house when it was built.

"The message was something which was spoken about for many years, and as the Mohns remodeled their house, they looked for hints. Just this spring, when they were changing their windows to combinations, they found the hidden message. A little disappointing matter in finding the message was that while working on the old portions of the window to be replaced with a combination, a bit of fallen plaster to which the message was attached was overlooked for several days. But they did come across it and in addition found a U. S. nickel dated 1868.

"The message itself was a newspaper clipping in Norwegian. Mrs. Mohn has tried to interpret it and finds it contains a type of description of what a home should be. She has not been able to interpret all the words yet.

"The 100-year-old house was built in 1868 by Lars Mohn, grandfather of Sydney Mohn. Mohns recall talk of the days when Lars Mohn came to Minnesota from Norway. He had traveled through the United States from the east in covered wagons and probably took quite a long time in reaching Minnesota. Mrs. Mohn said that he went along the river to Hastings and from there turned west and homesteaded on the farm where the house is now located.

"Lars Mohn originally homesteaded 80 acres, which Sydney Mohn has now expanded to 145 acres. The homestead was made for 80 acres in the 1800's because of the law that a certain number of acres had to be tilled each year. The land was heavily wooded and took a longer time to clear than a prairie land farm would have.

"Before the present house was built, the Lars Mohn lived in another house, which no longer stands. Mr. & Mrs. Sydney Mohn have a rock located to the south of the present house which designates where the first house stood, the rock was also a part of that house.

"Inside the 100-year-old house, Mrs. Mohn has refinished much of her furniture and some of it dates back to being owned by Syd's grandparents, Lars Mohns. Included in this is an old wooden truck with metal hinges which was used by the Lars Mohns to bring their belongings to America from Norway. An old chest of drawers which belonged to Syd's grandmother has been refinished and stands in good shape. Another precious piece of furniture is a small table which was a wedding present to Sydney's parents. There are many other interesting pieces of furniture; however, these did not date from Mohn's grandparents time, all of which Mrs. Mohn has refinished.

"When the house was originally built, large logs were placed as the base of the house,

## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

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

Name of Centennial Farm owner William and Karen Mueller  
The Muellers  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Bill, Karen, Jeff, Judy and Janet  
Address Rt 2, Prior Lake, Minnesota 55372

Address of farm, if different from above N/A

Section 22 Township Spring Lake County Scott

Number of acres in the farm at present 130

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1871

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

SE 1/4 Ex 30A Sec 22 Twshp 114 Rg 22

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
William Miller (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1870 to 1877	Father
August Henry Miller next owner	from 1877 to 1880	Brother
Gottlieb Muller next owner	from 1880 to 1884	Brother
Henry A. Mueller next owner	from 1884 to 1903	Father
August & Mina Mueller next owner	from 1903 to 1935	Uncle and Aunt
Francis G. Mueller next owner	from 1935 to 1959	Father
William F. Mueller next owner	from 1959 to Present	

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

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

Karen Ann Mueller  
(Witness sign here)

W Mueller  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 30, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.



CENTENNIAL FARMS  
WM. MUELLER FAMILY  
RR 2 BOX 255  
PRIOR LAKE, MN 55372

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? U.S. to the Muellers
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? Germany
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?  
None
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? 1926
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Sheep, corn & Registered Morgan Horses
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Prior Lake American, Prior Lake, Minnesota 55372

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

My grandmother, who is 93 years young, still lives next to the homestead. She is very active and exemplifies the true Pioneer-Christian person.

In 1975, we selected, for our farm name, "Cenetrnial Farms." The Mueller's thus recognizing all those who worked so hard before us and any that should decide on staying on the homestead in the future.

Related Information {continued}

My father, Francis Mueller, is still active in the farm work. He, this year, started to enjoy some of the benefits upon reaching age 65. He cuts hay, shears our flock of 165 head of sheep and mends some fences. He always loved horses and our registered Morgans offer him, I'm sure, real enjoyment.

The "Homestead" certificate was presented to my Great, Great Grandfather, William, from President U.S. Grant via the Homestead office located in New Ulm, Minnesota. The original document hangs in my home-office. Of the original 160 A homestead, I own 130 A and my Uncle Rudolph owns the remaining 30 A, plus my grandfather purchased an adjoining 80A; Uncle Rudolph presently owns 110 A.

Over the past 100 years, we have never experienced a crop failure. The hail in 1941 left us with a 50% grain crop but the corn and hay got us through. We realize why this is! 1. All blessings flow from God, our Father-Creator. 2. Hard work and love for your neighbor guarantees an excellent return on investment. 3. Our location seems to be ideal for rains in due season!

At present, my family is enjoying a quality of life unequaled any place on Earth. The children are "B" average students and very helpful at home - with proper coaching; they are also very active in Church functions. {Our church was founded in 1871.}

My wife enjoys the farm! She is an excellent mother and homemaker; works for our school district in Prior Lake, teaches Sunday School and her spare time enjoyment is "Arts and Crafts."

How can we ever make +100 years in an area without recognizing the help of our local town merchants {who at times extended credit}, the Banker, our never-tiring family physician and our Land Grant Colleges!



CENTENNIAL FARMS  
WM. MUELLER FAMILY  
RR 2 BOX 255  
PRIOR LAKE, MN 55372

Submitted: W. F. Mueller  
June 30, 1976

## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Robert W. NachbarName(s) to appear on certificate Robert W. NachbarAddress Jordan, Minnesota 55352

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

Same as aboveSection 5 & 6 Township Helena County ScottNumber of acres in the farm at present 180Date of original purchase by member of your family Sept. 22, 1864

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

Abstract of Title to the West half of the South West Quarter (w. 1/2 of s.w. 1/4)  
of Section Five (5) and the East half of the south east quarter (E. 1/2 of s.e. 1/4)  
of Section Six (6) All in Township (113) Range (23) Scott County, Minnesota  
 PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
United States of America	Sept 22, 1864	
(owner in 1876 or B4)	9-22-1864 to 3-27-1876	
William Nachbar	from to	Great Grand Father
next owner	3-27-1876 to 8-8-1907	
Mathias Nachbar	from to	Grand Father
next owner	8-8-1907 to 6-6-1919	
Wilhelmina Nachbar	from to	Grand Mother
next owner	6-6-1919 to 7-27-1964	
Edward F. Nachbar	from to	Father
next owner	7-27-1964 to	
Robert W. Nachbar	from to	Present Owner
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		

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Abstract of Title (X)

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:

Henry J. Lamm  
 (Witness sign here)

Date July 7, 1976

Robert W. Nachbar  
 (Signature of present owner)

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Home ~~XXXX~~ in 1864 from U.S. Government
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? One dollar
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Cologne, 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? No
10. When was the present home built? 1900
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn and Soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Jordan Independent      Jordan, Minnesota      55352

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 & DAVID NAGEL

Name(s) to appear on certificate JOHN & DAVID NAGEL

John M. Nagel  
Route 1, Box 142  
Belle Plaine, Minn. 56011

Address RT. 1, Box 142, Belle Plaine, MN

Address of farm, if different from above SAME

Section 23 Township Blakeley Twp County SCOTT

Number of acres in the farm at present 140

Date of original purchase by member of your family MAY 25, 1868 <sup>MARCH 1</sup> 1872

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
NORTH 3 QUARTERS of the SW 1/2 of the SE 1/4 SECTION 23 and  
NORTH 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of SECTION 23. All in Twp 113, R9 25, SCOTT  
County Minn

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
CHRISTIAN HAASE aka	from 1868 to 1877	FATHER
CHRISTIAN HAASE (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1877 to 1919	FATHER-IN-LAW
JOSEPH HAASE next owner	from 1919 to 1950	FATHER
LOUIS NAGEL next owner	from 1950 to 1972	FATHER
WILLIAM NAGEL next owner	from 1972 to Present	
JOHN & DAVID NAGEL 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 Proceedings <input type="checkbox"/>
Land Patent <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please explain _____)
Original Deed <input type="checkbox"/>	
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)

[Signature]  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 7/6/76

See reverse side for additional information.

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? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Was this a homestead? \_\_\_\_\_
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? \_\_\_\_\_
10. When was the present home built? 1888
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 Benjamin M. Novotny and wife Margaret M.

Name(s) to appear on certificate Benjamin M. Novotny and wife Margaret M.

Address R.R. # 2 Box 564, New Prague, Minnesota, 56071

Address of farm, if different from above same as above

Section 26 Township 113 Range 23 County Scott

Number of acres in the farm at present 150

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1862

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

North 30 Acres of NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 35, Township 113, Range 23.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Anna Tupi	from 1875 to 1880	Mother
(owner in 1876 or B4) David L. How	Tax Certificate from 1880 to 1887	See Additional information
next owner Martin Novotny	from 1887 to 1939	Father
next owner Martin M. Novotny	from 1939 to 1941	Father
next owner Novotny and wife Margaret M: as joint tenants	from 1941 to present	Son
next owner	from to	
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 (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:

Paul W. Wernerscheider  
(Witness sign here)

Benjamin Novotny  
(Signature of present owner)  
Margaret Novotny

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Richard Fitzgerald and wife Catherine
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 40 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$3.00 per acre
4. Where was the first owner born? Czechoslovakia
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?  
no
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? none
10. When was the present home built? 1900
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? dairy farm  
corn, beans, wheat, oats
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
New Prague Times

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

- RE: NORTH 30 acres of NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 35, Township 113, Range 23. There was a break in this chain of title (North 30 acres of NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 35, Township 113, Range 23) by the tax sale (Auditor's Certificate) but then was returned to the family five years later. Thus, the original piece which should be designated as a Century Farm is 70 acres rather than the 40 acres shown in the legal on the front.

## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner

E. Elmer O'Hern

Name(s) to appear on certificate

Eugene Elmer O'Hern

Address

J. Philothea F. O'Hern  
Prior Lake, Minn. 55372 R12

Address of farm, if different from above

Section

3

Township

Cedar Lake

County

Scott

Number of acres in the farm at present

80 acres

Date of original purchase by member of your family

Aug 9<sup>th</sup> 1859

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

Sec No. 15 E 1/2 of SE 1/4 Sec 4 Lat 3 - Town or Block 113  
Range 22

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP.

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Michael O'Hern</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1860</u> to <u>1877</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>family of Michael O'Hern</u> next owner	from <u>1877</u> to <u>1884</u>	<u>Sons and daughters</u>
<u>Johanna Devier</u> next owner	from <u>1884</u> to <u>1885</u>	<u>Don</u>
<u>Eugene E. O'Hern</u> next owner	from <u>1885</u> to <u>1930</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Eugene E. O'Hern</u> next owner	from <u>1930</u> to <u>1949</u>	<u>Uncle</u>
<u>Eugene Elmer O'Hern</u> next owner	from <u>1949</u> to <u>1976</u>	
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:

Lucille Schmidt  
 (Witness sign here)

Eugene Elmer O'Hern  
 (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? United States
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? United States 80 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$2.50 per acre
4. Where was the first owner born? Ireland
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? New York
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? 1956
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, Oats and Hay
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
New Prague Times and Jordan Independent

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

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

Remarks:

Since 1885 The Farm is in the name  
of Eugene O'Hern

<u>1st</u> Eugene E. O'Hern	1885-1930
<u>2nd</u> Eugene F. O'Hern	1930-1949
<u>3rd</u> Eugene Elmer O'Hern	1949-1976
	<u>91 years</u>

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner WILLIAM SCHILZ AND WIFE MARIE  
Name(s) to appear on certificate SAME AS ABOVE  
Address 201 South St., Belle Plaine, Minn. 56011  
Address of farm, if different from above RR 1, Box 150, Belle Plaine, Minn. 56011

Section 7 Township 113, range 24 County SCOTT

Number of acres in the farm at present 47.86 acres

Date of original purchase by member of your family Oct. 3, 1867

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
W $\frac{1}{2}$  of N $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW  $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 7, Twp. 113, Range 24, Scott County, Minnesota.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
John Schilz	Oct. 3, 1867 to 9/4/02	husband
(owner in 1876 or B4) Mary Schilz (widow)	9/4/02 to 11/21/04	mother
next owner Chris Schilz	11/21/04 to 2/10/41	father
next owner William Schilz	from 2/10/41 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:

Michael Schneider  
(Witness sign here)

Wm Schilz  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 10, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? JOHN S. DE WOLF
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 47.86 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$29.00 per acre, approximately
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? 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 - probably~~  
Never had buildings
10. When was the present home built? 1946
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn, oats, soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Belle Plaine Herald, Belle Plaine, Minnesota.

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Virgil Schoenecker

Name(s) to appear on certificate Virgil Schoenecker

Address R.R. 2, Box 76, New Prague, Minnesota, 56071

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

Section 25 Township 113 Range 24 County Scott

Number of acres in the farm at present 134

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1861

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

East Half of Northeast Quarter (E 1/2 of NE 1/4) except One (1) acre in Section 25,  
Township 113, Range 24, Scott County, Minnesota.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Nicholas Schenecker (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1861 to 1895	Great grandfater
Hubert Schoenecker	from 1895 to 1900	Grandfather
next owner Joseph F. & Joseph	1920-1951	
Henry N. Schoenecker	from 1920 to 1961	Sons Each Undivided 1/2
next owner		
Celia Schoenecker	from 1951 to 1973	Undivided 1/2 - Wife of Joseph
next owner		
Virgil Schoenecker	from 1973 to present	Undivided 1/2 - Nephew to Henry
next owner		
Virgil Schoenecker	from 1973 to present	Undivided 1/2 - Son of Celia and Joseph
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 (x )	

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

Matheal Schaefer, Deputy Reg. Clerk  
(Witness sign here)

Virgil Schoenecker  
(Signature of present owner)

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? On Patent from 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? 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?  
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? 1875
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Dairy farm
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
New Prague Times, New Prague, Minnesota

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

## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

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

Name of Centennial Farm owner Siemons  
 Name(s) to appear on certificate William B. Siemons  
 Address R.F.D. 1, Belle Plaine, Mn. 56011

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

Section 10 Township 113 County SCOTT

Number of acres in the farm at present 40 Acr of original 80

Date of original purchase by member of your family July, A.D. 1867

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

N.E. quarter of The South East quarter of Sec. 10, in  
Twp. 113, of Range 24, situated in the town of Belle Plaine  
and the county of SCOTT

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Charles W. Siemons</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	<u>from 1867 to 1922</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Miss Dora Siemons</u> next owner	<u>from 1922 to 1955</u>	<u>Sister</u>
<u>William B. Siemons</u> next owner	<u>from 1955 to Present</u>	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

The above evidence of continuous family ownership of this farm since 1876 is taken from one or more of the following records. DO NOT SEND IN RECORDS, just indicate by check marks those which apply.

Abstract of Title <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Court file in Registration
Land Patent <input type="checkbox"/>	Proceedings <input type="checkbox"/>
Original Deed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (please explain <u>Tax &amp; Deeds</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:

Mr. James D. G.  
(Witness sign here)

Wm B Siemon  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 7-12-26

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Government
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80.
3. What was the cost of land per acre? 4.75 per Acre
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? 3 yrs. in Civil War  
inhabited in 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 Original house is  
still being used and are conserved
10. When was the present home built? 1867
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Grain + Livestock
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Belle Plaine Herald, Belle Plaine, Mo. 56011

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner William J. Steinmetz *OK*

Name(s) to appear on certificate Same as Below

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address of farm, if different from above R. R. 1, Box 90  
Elko, Minnesota

Section 22 Township 113 Range 21 County Scott

Number of acres in the farm at present 160 ac.

Date of original purchase by member of your family April 1, 1862

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
NW 1/4 Sec. 22, Twp. 113, Range 21

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Jacob Steinmetz (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 4-1-62 to 12-19-14	Father
Jacob J. Steinmetz	from 12-19-14 to 10-28-41	Brother-in-law & sister
next owner W/Catherine Rudolph Langer	from 10-28-41 to 11-8-50	Aunt
next owner Steinmetz William & Silverius	from 11-8-50 to 2-6-63	Brother
next owner William Steinmetz	from 2-6-63 to Present	
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 (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:

Paul W. Wimmer  
(Witness sign here)

William Steinmetz  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-10-76

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? 160 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? No Price (Received original Patent)
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? yes
10. When was the present home built? 1891
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn, oats, soybeans, dairying
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Dakota County Tribune, New Prague Times

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner

Wm. S. Svobodny *ok*

Name(s) to appear on certificate

Wm. S. Svobodny

Address

Rt. 1 Box 17

New Prague, Mn. 56071

Address of farm, if different from above

Section

33

Township

Helena

County

Scott

Number of acres in the farm at present

132

Date of original purchase by member of your family

10/23/1859

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

E 1/2 of SW 1/4 of Sec 33, Twp 113 N. Range 23W

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME

DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP

BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER

Thomas Svoboda  
(owner in 1876 or B4)

from <sup>1859</sup>10/23 to <sup>1868</sup>4/6/59

Father

Farmer

John Svoboda  
next owner

from 1868 to 1911

Father

Farmer

John T. Svoboda  
next owner

from 1911 to 1963

Uncle

Farmer

Wm. S. Svobodny  
next owner

from 1963 to Present time

Farming

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:

Elsa Kojer  
(Witness sign here)

Wm. S. Svobodny  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 18, 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? not U.S. to Mathias Fisher
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$75.00
4. Where was the first owner born? Czechoslovakia
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? ~~yes~~ no
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
Fisher must of ben a land jockey for 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? 1947
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Soy beans, peas, Sweet corn.
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
New Prague Times  
New Prague, Minn.

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 GORDON THOMPSON

Name(s) to appear on certificate GORDON AND SHARON THOMPSON

Address RR 2, Box 283, Lakeville, Minn. 55044

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

Section 14 Township 113 (New Market) County Scott

Number of acres in the farm at present 99.08

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1966

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
S 1/2 of the NW 1/4 Ex. 200' x 200' and the E 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of  
the NW 1/4. Section 14, Township 113, Range 21, Scott County, Minn.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Tosten Torstenson	from 1870 to 1881	Father (Torstenson is foreign spelling of THOMPSON)
(owner in 1876 or B/L) Lewis & Andrew Torstenson	from 1881 to 1893	Sons of Tosten (Torstenson is foreign spelling of Thompson)
next owner Louis Torstenson (Thompson)	from 1893 to 1893	brother of Andrew
next owner Annie Torstenson	from 1893 to 1936	sister-in-law (Torstenson is foreign spelling of Thompson)
next owner Merville Thompson & Marie	from 1936 to 1966	son of Annie
next owner Gordon Thompson	from 1966 to present	son of Merville
next owner	from to	
next owner		

The above evidence of continuous family ownership of this farm since 1876 is taken from one or more of the following records. DO NOT SEND IN RECORDS, just indicate by check marks those which apply.

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

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

Matheal Schneiders  
(Witness sign here)

Gordon Thompson  
(Signature of present owner)

Date July 7, 1976

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? MERVILLE THOMPSON
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Land rec'd by Patent from United States
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway
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?  
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? 1905
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Dairy farming
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
DAKOTA COUNTY TRIBUNE, FARMINGTON, MINNESOTA 55024

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Leo and wife Helen; Marie, single; Anna, widow

Name(s) to appear on certificate Same

Address R. R. 1 - Shakopee

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

Section 26 Township 115 ~~County~~ Range 22 Scott

Number of acres in the farm at present 494 acres (120 ac. oldest parcel owned by family)

Date of original purchase by member of your family 9-15-64 ?

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
W 1/2 NW 1/4 and SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 26-115-22.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Michael Vierling	from 9-15-1864	to 11-9-1867	Brother
(owner in 1876 or B4) Jacob Vierling	from 3-15-1881	to 3-15-1881	Father
next owner Ignatz & Frank Vierling	from 3-1-51881	to 6-21-1933	Father (Ignatz) & Uncle
next owner Bernard & William Vierling	from 6-21-33	to 4-27-1956	Father (Bernard) & Uncle
next owner Marie, single; Leo & wife Helen; and Anna, widow.	from 4-27-56	to Present	(Presently - Daughter, Son, Daughter-in-law, and wife)
next owner	from	to	
next owner	from	to	

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

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

Paul W. Wernersbacher  
(Witness sign here)

Leo Vierling  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-15-76

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? William Pottschmidt and wife Henrietta
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 120
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$11.25
4. Where was the first owner born? Grosswallstad, Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? same
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? Oldest Building on present farm is from 1885
10. When was the present home built? 1964
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, Beans, Dairying
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Shakopee Valley News, Prior Lake American

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

## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner

Gerald B. Von Bank

Name(s) to appear on certificate

Gerald B. Von Bank & Joseph J. Von Bank

Address

R.R. 1 Box 48 Jordan, Mo. 65352

Address of farm, if different from above

Section

2

Township

Helena

County

Scott

Number of acres in the farm at present

77 1/2

Date of original purchase by member of your family

1856 - U.S. Govt  
Domestic

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

2 113 23 77.58N 1/2 NE 1/4

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME

DATES (YEARS) OF  
OWNERSHIPBLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO  
NEXT OWNER

<u>John &amp; Mary Von Bank</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1856 to 1865	Father & Mother
<u>Nicholas Von Bank</u> next owner	from 1865 to 1904	Father
<u>John N. Von Bank</u> next owner	from 1904 to 1920	Father
<u>Joseph J. Von Bank</u> next owner	from 1920 to 19 <sup>50</sup> 49	Father
<u>Gerald B. Von Bank</u> next owner	from 1950 to present	
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)

Registered at Deeds Office  
Shakopee, Minn.

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

(Witness sign here)

Date

Joseph J. Von Bank

(Signature of present owner)

Gerald B. Von Bank

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? U.S. Govt - 1856
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 Acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$1.25 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? No
10. When was the present home built? 1960
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Feed grains - cattle & Hogs
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Jordan Independent, Jordan, MN.

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

adjacent to the 77 1/2 in Saved Creek Twp. Sec. 35 114 25 80 W 3/4 of N 3/4 of  
also own additional 80 acres  
W 1/2 SE 1/4 & S 1/2 of  
S 1/2 SE 1/4

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ST. PAUL, MN 55108

If any questions - call 492-6110

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Mr. Francis C. Weldon

Name(s) to appear on certificate same

Address R2 Box 68 Belle Plaine, Minnesota, 56011

Address of farm, if different from above same

Section 16 Township Blakeley County Scott

Number of acres in the farm at present 202

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1871

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

E1 SE1 ex1 AC&W3/4 of SE1 & SW1 NE1 & Tract in SE1 NE1

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
William M. Weldon (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1871 to 1910	Father
Christopher T. Weldon next owner	from 1910 to 1949	Father
Francis C. Weldon next owner	from 1949 to still	owner
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 ( )	Family original papers

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

Mrs. Francis Weldon  
(Witness sign here)

Francis Weldon  
(Signature of present owner)

Date July 8, 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Frank Denoyer
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? Mr. W. M. Weldon, born in Ireland
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Ireland
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?  
Mr. W.M. Weldon did some work on railroad
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? 1926
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn soybeans oats  
at one time
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Belle Plaine Herald Belle Plaine, Minn. 56011

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 Ralph and Myrna; Paul and Marilyn Wermerskirchen

Name(s) to appear on certificate (same)

Address R. R. 1, Jordan, Mn. 55352

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

Section 1 Township 113 Range 24 County Scott

Number of acres in the farm at present 160.3

Date of original purchase by member of your family April 19, 1862

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

SE 1/4 and triangular tract in SW corner of NE 1/4 of Section 1,

Township 113, Range 24

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Franz J. Wermerskirchen (owner in 1876 or B4)	1862 from 4-19- to 9-27-1883	Father
Casimir Wermerskirchen next owner	1883 from 9-27- to 11-14-1919	Father
Guido Wermerskirchen next owner	1919 from 11-14- to 6-15-1962	Father
Ralph & Paul Wermerskirchen next owner	1962 from 6-15- 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:

Paul W. Wermerskirchen  
(Witness sign here)

Ralph Wermerskirchen  
(Signature of present owner)

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Nicholas Wallerich and wife Mary
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160.3
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$12.00 per acre
4. Where was the first owner born? Kleinwernich, Dist of Grusskirchen,  
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? Original home is now part of a barn.
10. When was the present home built? 1900
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn - Beans - Peas
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Jordan Independent, Belle Plaine Herald

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

This is owned by two families - will there be two awards or designations?

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Wilmer J. and Evelyn A. Woesthoff  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Wilmer J. and Evelyn A. Woesthoff  
Address Route 2 - Box 115  
Belle Plaine, Minnesota 56011  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 28 Range 13 Township Blakeley County Scott  
Number of acres in the farm at present (224.6 Acres) *we bought another 80 A. in 1958 - North of Homestead we have the original deed*  
Date of original purchase by member of your family on September 10, 1861 (1861) but they applied for Patent in year of 1855 to file claim but we cannot find those papers.  
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
E 1/2 SW 1/4 et W 10 ac. of 28 113 25  
SE 1/4 SW 1/4; SW 1/4 SE 1/4 + Lot 3

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
(Frank) Henry + Margaretta Woesthoff	from 1855 to 1894	grandparents
(owner in 1876 or B4)		
John C. + Reka Woesthoff	from 1894 to 1936	parents
next owner	from to <del>1936</del>	
next owner		
Wilmer J. + Evelyn Woesthoff	from 1936 to Present time	<i>We are the children - we retired in 1975 and our son John has been in family name since 1855 and soon he will be the owner of this Woesthoff Homestead. He (John) has two small sons and God-willing they will be the owners (some-day) of Woesthoff Homestead.</i>
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

next owner up to this date it has been owned by grandpa ~~Henry~~ <sup>John C.</sup> Woesthoff, his son John C. + the present owner, Wilmer J. Woesthoff in the over hundred + twenty-one years.

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 ( ) signed by Abraham Proceedings ( )  
Original Deed (X) Lincoln Sept. 10, 1861 Other (please explain \_\_\_\_\_)  
County Land Record ( )

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

Lawrence P. Martin J.  
(Witness sign here)

Wilmer J. Woesthoff  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 4, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

On the Deed signed by Abraham Lincoln Henry Woesthoff name is spelled Westhoff. So it maybe recorded that way but the Woesthoff name was never changed to the English spelling. They always wrote it Westhoff.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? In 1855 from the Government  
154.6 Acres in original parcel
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? (160 Acres) - The government took off 4.4 Acres for meandered clarks  
Like when John & Reba Woesthoff they took off 10 Acres & built a house on it in 1934 for retirement.
3. What was the cost of land per acre? In 1855 - land cost \$7.25 per Acre.  
one dollar & twenty-five cents per Acre was cost in 1855
4. Where was the first owner born? The grand parents Henry & Margaritha Woesthoff  
were born in Germany.
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
6. Was this a homestead? yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes Land had to be cleared as all  
first they planted was potatoes & they grew so large that the homesteaders decided to stay
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 The main  
buildings, still standing or in use? part of this house was built in 1876  
when John C. Woesthoff was 9 years old and his father the Henry Woesthoff (aka Frank  
Henry) died when John C. Woesthoff was 12 years old. The father died from asthma &  
its complications. Righty - one year ago John & Reba Woesthoff built on a large room - The  
house was remodelled twice and it was remodelled & modernized in 1954. So the main  
old and addition is 80 years + more older. we are very comfortable in it,
10. When was the present home built? part of this old large home is 70 years
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn and hogs
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Belle Plaine Herald, Belle Plaine, Minnesota 56011

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

## HISTORY OF THE WOESTEHOFF HOMESTEAD

There is an interesting story about a family farm in Blakeley Township-113, Scott County in Section 28, Range 25, owned by Wilmer J. Woestehoff which has been in the Woestehoff family name for 121 years. It was homesteaded by Franz Henry Woestehoff and his good wife, Margaretta Sophie Klicker in the year of 1855. When they started to homestead, they applied for a patent on the land in 1856, they paid the first Territorial tax which was \$3.00;70 cents county tax and 35 cents school tax.

The couple came from Europe in 1845, they met in Pittsburgh, Pa., where they were married and had 3 children born there. They came to Minnesota by boat and finished their trip by oxen and covered wagon. They had to borrow \$100 to buy the team of oxen and the man they borrowed the money from, kept out \$20. for interest in advance. It was 10% interest for two years in advance. That interest deal still created a problem to buy oxen as they only got the \$80. The surviving child, Minnie (Mrs. Charles Ulrich) was about 9 months old when they arrived in Blakeley Township. It was spring and the land was a dense forest and the first thing they did was chop down logs to erect a small log house, which was about 30 rods from the present building site. The reason for the pioneers to build there, was because of a creek with good fresh running water. The space where the trees were chopped down to build a house was planted in potatoes and they grew so large and good that they decided to homestead this land.

The pioneer woestehoff couple had 9 children, several died as small children and those surviving were Minnie, (Mrs. Chas. Ulrich), Margaurite (Mrs. Wm. Grellong), Henry Woestehoff, Caroline Marie (Mrs. Louis Brandt), John and Christ. The father died when the youngest child was 6 years old, leaving the mother with young children to care for and operate the farm. She often related the story of how the Indians would come and borrow utensils to put in honey or maple syrup which they got from the trees nearby. There was a language barrier so she would motion or make signs for them to leave their guns or knives, which the Indians did and the next spring when it got warm, they would return the utensils. One time the Indians extracted honey from a tree which was less than 10 rods from the house. They often would come to the house and ask for food. It was also during this time, when deer were very plentiful and Mrs. Woestehoff would shoot a deer from the window, especially when the meat larder was low. The farm produce was very cheap and therefore hard to meet the Homestead obligation they would look for ginseng in the woods and sell that. Ginseng was used for medicinal purposes.

After the marriage of her son John C., to Reka Muehlenhardt in 1894, they took over the operation of the farm. The mother passed away in the year of 1900. Mr. and Mrs. John C. Woestehoff had 8 children, namely; Minnie, (Mrs. August Krumrey), Clara, (Mrs. Wesley Simcox), Paul, Martha, (Mrs. Lorenz Tiegs, deceased June 1972), Wilmer and Carl, (deceased May 1975). One daughter died in infancy and Frieda reached the age of three. Besides rearing their own children, they opened their home to 3 motherless children namely, Anna Grellong, a niece and Gene and George Workings, children of Andy Workings. Mr. and Mrs. Woestehoff enjoyed 40 years of farming, making improvements such as ditching and tiling, erecting new buildings use of more modern machinery. They enjoyed different trips in the U.S. and also in Europe to visit places where their ancestors were born. After the marriage of their son Wilmer to Evelyn Koepf in 1934 they retired in their newly built home. In their retirement, they enjoyed many years of close fellowship with their children, grandchildren, neighbors and friends. Mr. Woestehoff passed away in 1951 and Mrs. Woestehoff in 1962.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer J. Woestehoff were both born in Blakeley Township and are the parents of 4 children and nine grandchildren. The children are all married, namely, Dollis Lynn (Mrs. Roger Harris), Phyllis Ann (Mrs. Lawrence P. Martin Jr.), John married to Dorothy Karlstad and Marlys Jean (Mrs. Mark Brandell

They too like their parents, grandparents and great grandparents are interested and active in their church, school and government. The younger generation have the opportunity to worship in a beautiful church edifice, whereas the first Woestehoff family worshipped in makeshift edifice which was served by a visiting missionary periodically. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
~~XXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Mr. and Mrs. Woestehoff retired this past year and their ~~son John and wife Dorothy~~ son John and wife Dorothy have taken over the operation of the farm. The Woestehoffs have enjoyed farming and noted the progress of time from grandfathers day where they used oxen to fathers day of farming when horses were used and their present day of farming by using tractors and diesels. As the years have gone by from one generation to the next generation, there have been many changes taken place from the wooded acreage to land clearing and soil conservation practices, saving the soil that God has entrusted with them. Also from time to time new buildings added and others improved to comply with changes in farming methods. They too like their forefathers have enjoyed the God given privilege of living and tilling the family living under democratic government, having school privileges and religious freedom. Some of these privileges that our forefathers from Europe did not have. Their opinion was also biased on the fact after travelling ~~all over~~ all parts of the United States and ~~to~~ <sup>four times</sup> to Europe, <sup>Scandinavia countries</sup> including behind the iron curtain that our forefathers made a very fine decision to come to America and settle in Blakeley Township, Scott County in the State of Minnesota, where the family farm , the God given soil, is a fine place to rear your family in a home of togetherness, a fine community to live with good neighbors, friends and relatives. The deed to the Woestehoff farm is signed by Abraham Lincoln and currently hanging on the living room wall.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer J. Woesthoff still live on the  
Woesthoff homestead which had been owned by  
his parents, the Mr. + Mrs. John C. Woesthoff and  
they took over from his parents, ~~at that time~~  
the pioneer couple Mr. + Mrs. Franz Henry Woesthoff.  
Three generations have lived on this Homestead for  
one hundred and twenty-one (121) years.

Please excuse carbon copy  
of farm history - I have an  
Antique typewriter & can't get a  
ribbon to fit - so I ~~use~~<sup>make</sup> Carbon  
Copies and you can read the  
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original copy is readable.

~~There~~<sup>There</sup> was a similar program  
in 1958 Minn. State Fair, Statehood  
Centennial Exhibition and at that time  
we were so involved in Farming,  
4-H work, Community affairs that  
we didn't take time to make application.  
If there is any other information  
you may need please let us  
know.

Yours very truly,

Mr. & Mrs. Wilmer J.  
Worstehoff

By Mrs. W. J. W.