



Century Farm Applications

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CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner John H. and Helen T. Bensen

(Cater)

Name(s) to appear on certificate SameAddress Rt #1 - Co. Rd. 66 - St. Cloud, Minn

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 26 & 27 Township Haven County SherburneNumber of acres in the farm at present 340Date of original purchase by member of your family Sept. 26, 1866

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

W 1/2 of N.E. 1/4 NW 1/4 of N 1/2 of SW 1/4 of Section 26SE 1/4 of R.R. - Section 27 -

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Levi Woodbury Cater</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1866</u> to <u>1919</u>	<u>Father & Father-in-Law</u>
<u>Kate and F. Cater</u> next owner	from _____ to _____	
<u>Frank M. & Abbie L. (Cater) Miller</u> next owner	from <u>1919</u> to <u>1958</u>	<u>Aunt and Uncle</u>
<u>John H. and Helen T. Bensen</u> next owner	from <u>1958</u> to <u>Present</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:

Kenneth O. Beck
(Witness sign here)

John H. Bensen
(Signature of present owner)

Date July 9, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

Helen J. Bensen

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Frank and Abbie Miller
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? Barrington, New Hampshire
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? At adjoining Father's Joshua O. Cater 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.
Original Horse Barn, Granary and Chick Coop-
10. When was the present home built? 1898
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Row Crops, Small Grains & Christmas Trees
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
St. Cloud Daily Times and Sherburne County News

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

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CENTURY FARMS
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

Minneapolis
Tribune

SUNDAY

OCTOBER 10, 1965



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CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner

Bernard Nelson

Name(s) to appear on certificate

Address

Becker

Address of farm, if different from above

Section

7

Township

Becker

County

Sherburne

Number of acres in the farm at present

320

Date of original purchase by member of your family

November 30, 1872

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

SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 7, Township 34
Range 28,

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME

DATES (YEARS) OF
OWNERSHIPBLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO
NEXT OWNERNels Larsonfrom 1872 to 1898Father

(owner in 1876 or B4)

Anna Nelsonfrom 1898 to 1943Mother

next owner

Bernard Nelsonfrom 1943 to 1976

next owner

from to

next owner

from to

next owner

from to

next owner

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next owner

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Abstract of Title ☒Land Patent ☐Original Deed ☒

County Land

Record ☒

Court file in Registration

Proceedings ☐

Other (please explain)

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

Bonnie M. Mann

(Witness sign here)

Bernard Nelson

(Signature of present owner)

Date

July 5, 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? 1st Division of St. Paul & Pacific Railway
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 39⁹³ acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$159⁹²/₁₀₀ for 39⁹³ acres
4. Where was the first owner born? Denmark
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Minneapolis for 2 months
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? No
10. When was the present home built? 1903
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? hay, corn, milk, eggs
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Sherburne County Star News

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

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CENTURY FARMS
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

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Becker, Minn.
July 27, 1916

Minnesota State Fair
St. Paul, Minn. 55108

Dear Sissie and Lennie:

I sent in an application blank on July 9th in answer to the farms of Minnesota that have been in continuous operation and ownership for over 100 years. I feel I should offer some additional information.

My grandfather ^{Nels and Mari Larson} and grandmother came to United States from Denmark in August of 1872, immigrating, as best I can conclude, because of the intolerable conditions in Denmark. A few wealthy people owned the farms and poor people had no chance for advancement. My grandfather was 39 years old then and no doubt felt that if he was going to make any changes it had to be then. They came to Minneapolis first, but did not like working in a lumber mill, so in November of 1872 they purchased 40 acres (actually 39 ^{1/2} acres) from a railroad company and moved to

... this farm the same year as far as I can find out.

What they did for a home the first winter I don't know, but I have little reason to believe there were any buildings on the land when they bought it, and they did not know anyone here either. There were people in Becker Township at that time, but very few in the vicinity of our farm.

They built a house quite soon, I expect it was the next summer, and added to it some years later. The original house was made of logs upright, but is not standing today. The part that was added is still on my farm.

My mother, ^{Annie Larson} was born on this place on September 21, 1875. Her grandmother, then over 70 years of age, came over from Denmark when she received word that my grandparents were expecting a baby. My mother was the only child they had.

My grandparents purchased an additional 40 acres in about 1885 which is still a part of the farm. This land is about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the original land that they bought.

My parents were married in 1894. My father, Christian Nelson, purchased 80 acres in ~~about 1900~~ ~~in 1900~~ and an additional ⁴⁰ ~~70~~ acres ~~before 1914~~ ⁱⁿ 1914, and 120 acres in 1916 making a total of 320 acres which is the total of the farm at the present time.

My grandfather died in 1898 and my grandmother died in 1910.

My parents had 3 children: Ina, born in 1910, Helen, born in 1913, and I was born in 1916. My two sisters both live on farms in the vicinity of the home farm.

My father died in 1931 and I have been on the farm ever since. I was in high school at the time of his death, but finished high school and farmed ever since. My mother deeded the ~~original~~ 80 acres

to me in 1943, and I bought the rest of the farm from my sisters in 1948.

My mother died in 1952, and as I am single, have employed household help ever since beginning in 1949 when my mother suffered a stroke.

I also have teen agers helping me on the farm. At present I have a boy 15 years old who stays here and goes to Becker high school.

I have a dairy and poultry farm. I have 22 cows at present, and 400 pullets. I sell almost all the eggs at my place to local people. I also raised 300 broilers of which we dressed over 200, and sold what we didn't need for ourselves.

I am sorry to be late in giving you this additional information, but hope it will be of some interest to you.

Yours truly,
Bernard Nelson

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

621743-2129

Name of Centennial Farm owner Charles W. Stickney and Rhea M. StickneyName(s) to appear on certificate Charles W. and Rhea M. StickneyAddress Clear Lake Minnesota Route #1, 55319Address of farm, if different from above Clear Lake, Minnesota, Route #2, 55319Sections 10 & 11 Township Clear Lake County SherburneNumber of acres in the farm at present 356.77 acresDate of original purchase by member of your family between 1848 and 1856

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

Most of the land is included in sections 10 and 11 ofTwp. 34 N. R. 30 W

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>John H. Stevenson</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	<u>1848-1856 to 1887</u>	<u>step-father</u>
<u>Charles A. Stickney</u> next owner	<u>from 1887 to 1938</u>	<u>father</u>
<u>Charles W. Stickney</u> next owner	<u>from 1938 to 1976 (present time)</u>	<u>son</u>
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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Abstract of Title ☒ recorded in Court file in Registration
 Land Patent ☐ county seat Proceedings ☐
 Original Deed ☐ in Elk River other (please explain)
 County Land Record ☐

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

Joseph T. Dammal
(Witness sign here)

Charles W. Stickney
(Signature of present owner)

Date Monday, July 5, 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? United States Government
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? Unknown
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$6.00
4. Where was the first owner born? Pennsylvania
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Illinois
6. Was this a homestead? No
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Partially
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
Justice of the Peace, First County Commissioner (see below)
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? No
10. When was the present home built? -
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn and small grain
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Elk River Star News and St. Cloud Daily Times

Related information: (please feel free to use additional sheets of paper) John H. Stevenson was my father's stepfather and my step-grandfather. He squatted on this land and took possession in 1848. He also operated a "stopping place" where the stage coach changed horses and was an overnight stop for the Red River Cart traffic. We have preserved the stage-coach trail and Red River Cart trail which plainly shows in the old prairie sod.

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CENTURY FARMS
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner John N. WeisName(s) to appear on certificate John N. and Terese A. WeisAddress St. Cloud, R.oute one, Minn
56301

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 19 Township Palmer County SherburneNumber of acres in the farm at present ~~7420~~ 560Date of original purchase by member of your family Aug 16, 1973

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

S $\frac{1}{2}$ of S $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 24, Haven Township, S $\frac{1}{2}$ of S $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of S $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of S $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 19, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, East $\frac{1}{2}$ of S $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ and W $\frac{1}{2}$ of S $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

Section 30 Palmer Township, Sherburne County
BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
James Brady	July 1, 1857 to 1872	Father
Thomas Brady	from 1872 to 1873	Nephew
(owner in 1878 or B4)	1873 from to 1889	Aunt
Mary (Brady) Carlin	1889 from to 1938	Uncle
Robert Carlin	1938 from to 1973	Parents
Joe & Francis Weis	1973 from to	
John N. & Terese A. Weis	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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 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:

Kenneth A Meemken
 (Witness sign here)

John N. Weis
 (Signature of present owner)

Date July 2, 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Joe H. Weiss & Francis E. Weiss
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 240 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? 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?
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? 1948
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, alfalfa, soy, Hog Cattle, Poultry
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
St. Cloud Daily Times

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

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