



Century Farm Applications

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CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Return to: Minnesota State Fair, → CENTURY FARMS
ST. PAUL, MN 55108Name of Centennial Farm owner Carl M + Verna BandelinName(s) to appear on certificate Carl M + Verna BandelinAddress Arlington Minnesota

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 7 Township Arlington County SibleyNumber of acres in the farm at present 70Date of original purchase by member of your family May 13, 1874

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

S 1/2 of SW 1/4 Sec 7 Twp. 113 Range 27

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Martin Bandelin</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1874</u> to <u>1923</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>George H Bandelin</u> next owner	from <u>1923</u> to <u>1939</u>	<u>Son</u>
<u>Carl M Bandelin</u> next owner	from <u>1939</u> to <u>1976</u>	<u>Grandson</u>
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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Abstract of Title ☒
 Land Patent ☐
 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:

Dolores H. Bandelin
 (Witness sign here)

Carl M Bandelin
 (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? Christian Klinkert
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 78.30
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$13.25 or \$1300.00
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? railroad worker
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

10. When was the present home built? 1939
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Beans & Corn
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Arlington Enterprise Arlington Minn

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner

Gerald E. Beneke

Name(s) to appear on certificate

Gerald E. + Eunice A. Beneke

Address

5732 Holiday Road, Minnetonka, Minn. 55343

Address of farm, if different from above

R R 1 Hamburg, Minn. 55339

Section

5

Township

Washington Lake

County

Sibley

Number of acres in the farm at present

120 A.

Date of original purchase by member of your family

1857

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

West 1/2 of Northwest 1/4 Section 5, Washington Lake Township, Sibley County, Minnesota

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>J. H. Beneke</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1857</u> to <u>1895</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>J. H. Beneke</u> next owner	from <u>1857</u> to <u>1895</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>J. H. Ed Beneke</u> next owner	from <u>1895</u> to <u>1934</u>	<u>Son</u>
<u>Beneke Estate</u> next owner	from <u>1934</u> to <u>1948</u>	<u>Beneke Family Estate</u>
<u>Alfred H. Beneke</u> next owner	from <u>1948</u> to <u>1976</u>	<u>Grandson</u>
<u>Gerald E. Beneke</u> next owner	from <u>1976</u> to	<u>Great Grandson</u>
next owner	from to	

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 Land Patent ☒
 Original Deed ☒
 County Land Record ☐

Court file in Registration

Proceedings ☐

Other (please explain)

Contract
In Deed, April 4, 1976

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

Alfred Beneke

(Witness sign here)

Gerald E. Beneke

(Signature of present owner)

Date

June 19, 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Homestead
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Homestead
4. Where was the first owner born? Hanover, Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Hanover, 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? 1892 remodeling 1922
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Grain
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
The Norwood Times, Norwood, Minn. 55368

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

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CENTURY FARMS
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

Sibley

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

Names to appear on 1976 Certificate Raymond and Hazel Berndt

ADDRESS Arlington, Mn.

FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION BY THE FAMILY 1857

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 Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Bethke
 Name(s) to appear on certificate Timberview Farm
 Address Henderson, MN 56044
 Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 15 Township Kelso County Sibley
 Number of acres in the farm at present 187

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

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
5 1/2 of NW 1/4; NW 1/4 of S 10 A of W 1/2 of NE 1/4 Kelso Twp -
NW 1/4; W 1/2 of NE 1/4 of NW 1/4; 537 A of NE 1/4 15 112 27 177 acres
 PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Paul Bethke sr</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1872</u> to <u>1887</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Paul Bethke Jr</u> next owner	from <u>1887</u> to <u>1935</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Louis Bethke</u> next owner	from <u>1935</u> to <u>1969</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Marvin Bethke</u> next owner	from <u>1969</u> to <u>Present</u>	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	

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

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

Mrs. Marvin Bethke
 (Witness sign here)

Marvin Bethke
 (Signature of present owner)

Date July 6, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Julius & Mary Wetzig
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 135
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$1500.00 for 135 acres
4. Where was the first owner born? _____
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? _____
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?

9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? NO

10. When was the present home built? 1948
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn - Wheat & Beans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Arlington Enterprise Arlington MN, 55307

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 Clifford Brazil
Name(s) to appear on certificate Clifford Brazil
Address Green Isle, Minn
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 30 Township Washington Lake County Sibley
Number of acres in the farm at present 80
Date of original purchase by member of your family 1870
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
W 1/2 of NW 1/4 of Sec. 30 Twp 14 Rge 26

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Patrick Brazil (owner in 1876 or later)	from 1870 to 1912	father
Patrick Brazil next owner	from 1912 to 1940	father
J. Clifford Brazil next owner	from 1940 to	son
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

A. N. Nevins (Witness sign here) Clifford Brazil (Signature of present owner)

Date June 28th
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1. From whom was the farm purchased? James Clancy (1860-1870)
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 183
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? no
7. Did the first owner farm the land?
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? no
10. When was the present home built? 1896
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn, oats, soy bean
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Arlington Enterprise

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner LE Roy C Breitkreutz
Name(s) to appear on certificate _____

Address Arlington, Minn.

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 35 Township 113 - Arlington County Sibley

Number of acres in the farm at present 158

Date of original purchase by member of your family Nov. 10, 1859

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

SW NW 1/4 of Section 35

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

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

General Land Bank	from	to	
(owner in 1876 or B4)			
Wilhelm Breitkreutz	from 1859 to 1885		Husband
next owner			
Juliana Breitkreutz	from 1885 to 1891		Mother
next owner			
Herman Breitkreutz	from 1891 to 1931		Father
next owner			
LE Roy Breitkreutz	from 1931 to 1976		Son
next owner			
	from	to	
next owner			
	from	to	
next owner			

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

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

MRS LEROY Breitkreutz
(Witness sign here)

LE Roy Breitkreutz
(Signature of present owner)

Date July 1 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? General Land Bank
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? It was Homesteaded - Don't know
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?
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? Corn, oats, wheat, soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Arlington Enterprise

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

The original deed was signed by Pres. James Buchanan
The 2nd owner was born on this place
The 3rd " " also born on this place
also his two children were born in the first house which
was remodelled at that time.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Le Roy J. H. Brist Jr
Name(s) to appear on certificate Same as above
Address Adlington, Minn. 55307
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 18 Township 112 County 27

Number of acres in the farm at present 146

Date of original purchase by member of your family Sep. 14, 1861

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
N 1/2 of NW 1/4 Sec. 18, Twp. 112, Rge. 27.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Henry Brist</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1861 to 1873	<u>father of Henry & Carl Brist</u>
<u>Henry & Carl Brist</u> next owner	from 1873 to 1886	<u>brothers of Henry Brist</u>
<u>Henry Brist</u> next owner	from 1873 to 1923	<u>father of Ernest H. Brist</u>
<u>Ernest H. Brist</u> next owner	from 1923 to 1953	<u>father of Le Roy J. H. Brist</u>
<u>Le Roy J. H. Brist</u> next owner	from 1953 to present	" " "
<u>Le Roy J. H. Brist</u> next owner	from 1960 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:

Mrs Elizabeth Brist
(Witness sign here)

Le Roy J. H. Brist
(Signature of present owner)

Date July 6, 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Carl Knopf
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$ 2.50 per acre
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? don't know
6. Was this a homestead? don't know
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
don't know
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? no
10. When was the present home built? 1896
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn, beans, small grain
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
The Gaylord Hub, Gaylord, Mn 55334

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

CENTURY FARMS
ST. PAUL, MN 55108Name of Centennial Farm owner Herman M. + Lillian R. DeBoerName(s) to appear on certificate Herman + Lillian DeBoerAddress La Fayette, Minn. 56054Address of farm, if different from above SameSection 32 Township Cornish County SibleyNumber of acres in the farm at present ~~240~~ 232Date of original purchase by member of your family 1873

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

Original Farm:
Sibley Co. CORNISH Twp. S 1/2 of SE 1/4 and 2 A of SW 1/4 as per BK "N"
32 112 30 82 ; the following Added later : Nicollet Co. La Fayette Twp -
SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 - NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 - NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 5 111 30 112 Acres
 PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Swen Samuelson</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	<u>Fall of</u> from <u>1873</u> to	<u>FATHER</u>
<u>Peter Olaf Swenson</u> next owner	from <u>1913</u> to <u>1934</u>	<u>HUSBAND + FATHER of Lillian</u>
<u>Rosa Swenson (CHILDREN)</u> next owner	from <u>1934</u> to <u>1952</u>	<u>Mother of Lillian</u>
<u>Herman M. + Lillian DeBoer</u> next owner	from <u>1952</u> to <u>Present</u>	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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Abstract of Title ()	Court file in Registration
Land Patent ()	Proceedings ()
Original Deed ()	Other (please explain <u>Swen Samuelson</u>
County Land Record ()	<u>farmed from 1873 to 1884 before recording</u>
	<u>his homestead at the Sibley County court house</u>

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

Albert Lindgren
 (Witness sign here)

Lillian
Herman DeBoer
 (Signature of present owner)

Date 6-29-76

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Original Homestead from Government
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80
3. What was the cost of land per acre? No Cost
4. Where was the first owner born? In Province of Smaland in Sweden
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? -from immigrant to Homesteader
6. Was this a homestead? Yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
Yes - He was an Excellent Shoemaker
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? yes - the dugout is still part of the present basement.
10. When was the present home built? Continually Added on after original above ground dwelling was built in 1884
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, Wheat, Soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:

Lafayette Ledger - Lafayette, Minn

56054

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

History of

Swen Samuelson

(1)

As a representative of the first generation of Swedish Americans in the United States, I want to name my uncle, Swen Samuelson, a pioneer and homesteader in the Clear Lake, Sibley County, Minnesota Community. He was one of the last homesteaders coming there in 1873 while the first settlers came there shortly after the Civil War.....But to begin at the beginning.

Swen Samuelson was born in the parish of Wislanda province of Smaland, July 12, 1825. His father's name was Samuel and as the custom was the son took his father's first name as his surname and added son to it. There were two other children in the family, an older brother Ola and a sister.

Times were hard in those days and everybody was poor and money was scarce-- as an illustration his brother hired out to a neighbor after he was confirmed. He was to serve for three years and his wages were five crowns a year and a pair of leather breeches. This was about 1833. Times, however, grew better and wages increased. His brother was able to save enough to buy a place of his own, marry, and raise a family. He never left Sweden.

As young Swen grew up he learned the shoemaker's trade, but farming had more attraction for him so he married and settled down as a farmer. The lady of his choice was Elin Anderson. She was born November 22, 1833, on a place called Kalkatorp in the parish of Wislanda. Her parents were Anders Persson and Ingrid Johansdottr. She was of a family of three girls and three boys. When she was a young girl her parents sold their place at Kalkaterp and bought one called Skipshult where she grew up. This was a bigger place and they were able to keep the children at home while they grew up. As wages were low, anything that could be raised in the line of food and clothing always had a ready cash market. Here Elin grew up. There were no schools in those days but she learned to read as others did and was confirmed as all children were, but she never learned to write as that was considered unnecessary and a waste of time for a girl to learn. But she had to learn all the household duties in the house - and they were many in those days.

She also had to help with the work not only in the barn and garden but in the fields as well. In those days, in Sweden, about a hundred years ago, a girl actually had to learn and know more than a boy of the same age.

About 1857, she and Swen Samuelson were married. As she was one of the younger children, her brothers and sisters had all married and left home except her youngest brother, Jon. Her parents were getting old and wished to retire. Her husband and brother therefore went into partnership and rented the place for a number of years.

When they dissolved partnership, Jon took over the home farm, got married. The parents, having formerly retired. That is, they sold the farm to Jon but they were to live on the place and have their support there. This was called "rendantag reservation". After their death the place became the sole property of the buyer.

Swen Samuelson bought a place of his own not very far from the home place. The place was called Glemminge and here they lived until they sold out and left for America.

Her youngest sister, Stina (Christina) had married in 1857 and moved to an adjoining parish - Tefvelsar - Her husband's name was Salomon Johanson (Johnson). In 1868 the Salomon Johnson family sold out, and left Sweden for United States. They settled on a farm in New Sweden, Nicollet County, Minnesota, and engaged in farming. Salomon, by the way, was a carpenter by trade and did a lot of carpenter work in his neighborhood. The Salomon Johnsons were my parents.

In the early spring of 1873 Swen Samuelsons sold out their belongings in Sweden and headed for America. Just what induced them to take this step I never learned. They were both getting past middle age. They had a place of their own and were getting well rooted in their native soil. Many of their friends and neighbors had left and were leaving so they decided to follow suit. Swen Samuelson and been able to save enough not only for the passage of his own family but he also helped the Jonas Anderson family over and still he had a little left to begin life with in the new world. Jonas Anderson's wife, Christina, was a niece of Mrs. Samuelson, being a daughter of her older sister, Katharina.

At the time of leaving Sweden, the Samuelson children stacked up as follows:

Solomon, born 1859, August 1862 (?), Peter Olof 1864, Eva Christina 1867, and Anna Sophia 1872. The Jonas Anderson's also had a boy Peter August a year old.

Their destination was the Solomon Johnson farm in New Sweden, Nicollet County. The journey seems to have been uneventful and they landed in St. Peter on June 12th, 1873, in time to celebrate their daughter Anna Sophia's first birthday.

They found the Solomon Johnson family living in a dugout' on their farm. Here they were doubly welcome and stayed while they looked around and got their bearings. They had no sooner arrived before Jonas Anderson was taken ill and lay sick part of the summer. After he got well, he worked around a few years until the family settled down on a farm of their own near Gibbon.

No sooner had they landed in New Sweden before Swen Samuelson began to look around for a place of their own. If there was land to be had for nothing "homesteads" he was not going to pay out good money for any land. In scouting around he found eighty acres in the Clear Lake Community right across the Nicollet County line in Sibley County. The land was rather low but the soil was of the best quality. Across the line in Nicollet County, adjoining the 80, was railroad land that was in the market and could be bought with a small down payment.

He therefore filed on the 80 and planned on added to it the railroad land as circumstances permitted. This he did and in a few years he had a farm of 200 acres, part in Sibley and part in Nicollet Counties. The house in Sibley and the stables were in Nicollet.

For a temporary dwelling for the family until he would be able to put up a substantial permanent house, he built a little "dug-out". This was a building halfway in the ground of the simplest construction just large enough for a bed or two, the cook-stove, and the table; as there were seven in the family, some of them had to sleep on the floor. The beds were never made up until supper was over and the table put away. He built the dugout a few rods from the Nicollet County line and not much further from the west line of his 80. After a few years he was able to buy a couple of acres on the west side on which to plant a wind break.

He was able to get the house ready that summer and in the fall moved his family

there and they were settled. In the meantime, he had bought a good yoke of oxen and started breaking up the land, like all his neighbors as well as most every farmer in Minnesota - Wheat was the money making crop, and about the only thing that brought in cash. Had not Andrew Webster a few years before (1867) raised 600 bushels of wheat and sold it for \$2.50 a bushel. What others could do he, Swen Samuelson, could also do. Wheat may not always be \$2.50 a bushel, but they had the soil there and the yield would always be fair if not good; just give them time..

However, "the best laid plans of mice and men" the fly in the ointment - this time happened to be the grasshopper - also known as the Rocky Mountain locust and also began to be known by the farmers with various other names that do not look good in print. Much has been written about the grasshopper plague that swept over the community 1873 to 1878 and those interested can find all kind of reading material about it. It is simply mentioned here as it occurred the years the Samuelsons started farming. They felt it, of course, but not as much as many of their older neighbors did who had more land under cultivation and more expenses.

Besides their oxen they were able to get a few cows and the herd began to increase. On the land he bought in Nicollet County he put up a stable for the cattle. Like many thousand over the county, it was built of long slough had for walls and roof, with posts and rails to hold it together and give it shape. This like the dugout, of course, was only to be temporary until better ones could be built. It was not many years however before he put up a substantial granary; board walls and shingle roof, and this served as sleeping quarters for the boys in summer time.

The dugout faced and opened toward the east. Here he built a small entry and here the stove was kept in summer. On the west, a door opened into the cellar where vegetable, dairy products, and other foods were kept.

The first summer, 1874, their boy, August, was taken ill and died. He had caught a bad cold while herding cattle for a neighbor and he did not recover from this. He is buried on the ground where School House #56 now stands. (It was before this school district was organized) and the site was one of the places considered for the church of the newly organized Swedish Lutheran Congregation of Clear Lake.

The church was, however, built a mile to the northwest where the cemetery also was located. Afterward, when they planned to move his body to the cemetery, the grave could not be located. Hence he was never disturbed.

As there was not much to do at home the first years, the boy, Solomon, spent quite a little time at our place. He worked partly for the neighbors and partly attended school. He also attended confirmation school in Scandia Grove and was confirmed there by Rev. John Pehrson in the spring of 1875. Solomon, as well as his brother, Peter Olof, and his sisters, took the father's first name as surname and so became Solomon Swenson. He was a very apt scholar and made good use of what little schooling he had. He became a very good penman and speller with a good command of the English. He had hardly reached 21 years before he was called to fill various town and school district offices. Among others he held the office of clerk in the township and clerk in the school district a number of years until he finally resigned both in order to devote this time to his farming interests.

The family of Swen Samuelson was increased by a girl, Ingrid Maria, born February 28, 1875, and a boy August, born July 17, 1878. They were both born in the dugout.

Time passed on; more of the farm was broken up and put under cultivation. The stock increased as stock will. Machinery was bought as needed. The grasshoppers left in 1878 and better times were coming. He disposed of the slow going oxen and like his neighbors bought horses, but unfortunately one of the horses he got was a run-a-way horse.

In the harvest of 1882 he was driving the reaper that he had bought in a few years before. This was a machine that cut the grain but left it unbound in bundles on the field, to be bound later by hand. The self binders were just coming into the country in those days, but he did not feel like disposing of his reaper for little or nothing. Besides his children were growing up and at home so they could easily take care of the harvest with this reaper. So he drove the reaper and the children tied and shocked the grain. The reaper was built in such a way that if the grain was long, the sickle bar could be raised leaving more stubble on the field and shorter bundles of grain,

to handle. On the other hand if the grain was short the sickle could be lowered leaving a shorter stubble. A wheel carried the end of the sickle and was known as the grain wheel and at this wheel the outside end of the sickle was raised or lowered.

One day in the middle of the harvest in 1882, in the middle of the afternoon, they decided to change the cut of the reaper. It would only take a few minutes and give the horses a rest. The son, Solomon, was going to tighten the wheel while Swen held the sickle at the proper height. In order to get a better hold, he straddled the outside point, and in so doing placed his right foot in front of the sickle. For some reason or other, the team started to (caused by the run-a-way horse). The machine was in gear and it cut off his right foot and threw him on the ground. After Solomon had done what he could to stop the flow of blood, he took his father (who was a small man) and carried him home. The other boy, Peter Olof caught the horses. They bedded him down in the wagon and rushed him to the hospital in New Ulm- thirteen miles to the south. At the hospital in order to get a clean wound to work with, the doctor cut off another inch or two of the leg; then they bedded the limb down in ice. This, however, did not work out well and the leg instead of healing began to turn black. The doctors most likely gave up hope, and he himself expected to die and his only wish was to be taken home so he could die there. They brought him home but he did not die. The family heard of a doctor in Brownton (a town to the north) and called him in. He found it necessary to again cut off the leg; this time above the knee, which he did. Samuelson took a turn for the better right away but it took time to heal up. He had the best care a loving wife and family could give him and by fall he was up and around as well and healthy as ever. He walked with a crutch and a cane and helped with what little he could.

As stated in the beginning, he was a shoemaker by trade and had been repairing the shoes for his neighbors at his odd moments. Now he began to take a deeper interest in his trade and he had more time to devote to it. Thus he felt that his time was not altogether wasted. He never got an artificial leg but he made himself a wooden leg which he used while chorsing around the place. He spent quite a little

on the wood pile and in the summer he worked in the garden.

His accident delayed the building of the house until the summer of 1884. During that time the years had been good and the prices fair. The house he then built still stands altho it has been altered and added to. They tore down the dugout and built the kitchen there, 14x16; to the west they built 16x24 and this became the living room. There was also a bedroom and pantry with sleeping rooms on the second floor. Over the kitchen he had his workshop. My father who was a carpenter helped them a couple of days in building the house.

It was the same time that Charles Lundgrens were married and we had gone out to the wedding. It was my father, my brother, Petr, and myself. The wedding was on a Saturday and we spent the Sunday and a couple days at Jones Andersons. My father helped our hired man (who happened to be my cousin Carl Magnus) do some breaking on the land we had at Gibbon. Leaving the horses there, we went to Swen Samuelsons where father helped them with the house while we played with our cousins, Mary and August, who were our age and not old enough to do much.

They had torn down the dugout and were living in the granary while they built. They cooked and ate and the women slept downstairs while the rest of us slept upstairs in the oat bin. It was like camping out and just as much fun. On Sunday Solomon took us home. He was then about 25 years old and had started courting his intended. He had just bought a pair of Sunday shoes and as everything in those days had to be neat and snug, he had bought them as small as possible. The result was that when we were half way home, he had to take them off and drove the rest of the way in his stocking feet...Verily human nature is the same generation to generation.

The next year Solomon bought 200 acres of land 3 miles to the north and started out to build up a place of his own. Swen Samuelson turned over the land he had in Nicollet County - about 120 acres to Peter Olof and kept only his homestead, and Peter Olof took over the management of the whole place. He put up a barn to take care of his cattle that brought a steady income.

The girl Eva was working in Minneapolis and was soon to be followed by the second

girl, Anna Sophia, usually called F. A.

Sven Samuelson himself came of a small family. He had only a sister and a brother and neither one of them ever left Sweden, but one of his sister's sons came over in about 1885 and after spending a few years around Clear Lake located in Renville County. Sven's brother, Ola's boy Peter Magnus, came over in 1885 and worked around Clear Lake a number of years, started farming in the Red River Valley in 1898 and after he retired moved to Minneapolis. These two nephews of the Samuelsons are the only near relatives of his to come to Minn. as far as the writer knows.

On the other hand, his wife had a number of relatives who came over and settled in the immediate neighborhood. Of her near relative, my mother and her family were here before Samuelsons came over. Her niece, Christine, Mrs. Jonas Anderson, and her family came with them as stated and Mrs. Charles Lundgren, Sophia, has also been named. Another niece, Kersten, came over later and shortly afterward married Charles Nelson (Blasjo); a few miles to the southeast two nephews, Carl Magnus and John A. Abo came over and spent their last years in the Clear Lake community. The last of her near relatives, a niece, Mrs. Henry Klodt (Anna) came over in 1893 and moved to a farm at Staples, Minnesota. Of her three brothers in Sweden, only one, Peter, left any children - two nieces - and they never left Sweden.

In 1888 Solomon Swenson married Agnes Anderson, a neighbor girl and established themselves on his farm which he built up to one of the best in the community. It was my privilege to spend two years with the family while I taught the public school in district #56, (the years 1893-95 and 94-95). I boarded there and during the vacations I helped them with the farm work. They treated me like one of the family and I enjoyed those years very much.

In 1896 the daughter Eva married a man by the name of Carl Alfred (Fred) Johnson. After spending a few years in Minneapolis, they bought a farm at Milaca, Minnesota, where they spent the rest of their lives.

About the same time, the youngest boy, August, entered Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter,

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Minnesota, from which he graduated in 1903. Later on he attended the Augustana Seminary at Rock Island, Illinois, and was ordained a Lutheran pastor in 1906, a call he has since followed. Unlike his brothers, he took Samuelson as a surname. In 1906 he married Eugenia Erickson from Dunnell, Minnesota.

In 1898 Swen Samuelson's youngest daughter, Ingrid Maria (called Mary) married Gustaf Johnson. They went to farming on his farm at Dawson, Minnesota, which they built up to one of the best in the community; and where they spent the rest of their lives. He is a nephew of Jonas Anderson. She died in 1936 and he in 1952. They are buried in Providence Valley.

In 1900, Anna Sophia, the other girl of Swen Samuelson, married Daniel Swenson who had come from Sweden a few years before. They bought a farm at Milaca, Minnesota, where they went to farming. He died in 1928.

Peter O. Swenson married in 1901 Rosa Klodt of Staples, Minnesota. Her mother, Anna Klodt, was his first cousin. They farmed the home farm where he died in April, 1934.

After his marriage the families continued to live together. Rosa took over the management of the house. His mother assisted in what she could do. Swen Samuelson himself was getting along in years and not able to do very much.

In December, 1910, his wife Elin died rather suddenly without a moment's notice while chorsing around the place. He himself lived until February, 1913, when he passed away after a short sickness. He had never been sick save his accident. They are both buried in the Swedish Lutheran Cemetery at Clear Lake. Peace to their memory.

Swen Samuelson was a small man. In his prime he was about 5 feet 7 inches tall and would have weighed about 140 pounds. After he lost his leg and grew older he may not have tipped the scale at 100 pounds. His good wife, on the other hand, was a heavy woman. In her prime she must have weighed over 200 pounds. Yet those who remembered them from older days claim that when they were married he was as tall as she.

According to the style of his generation he shaved his mustache and part of his lower lip leaving a fringe of beard from ear to ear. "galway style". He had a good crop of hair and that stood by him through life. He never got bald.

As a boy his schooling was scant. Yethe learned both to read and write. He never did much writing. In all his life he wrote few letters. As most people he came in contact with could talk Swedish, he learned very little English and never learned to read it. He read his Bible, psalm book, and otherreligious books and was a constant reader of Gamla och Nya Hemlanst, a Swedish newspaper. He had been brought up in the Lutheran church and to this church he and his family belonged.

While his oldest son, Solomon, served the town ad school district as clerk, his second son, Peter Olof served the church as trustee and treasurer.

As the Republican party was in its glory both state and nation when he came to this country, he therefore joined that party and became a loyal republican.

Like her husband, his wife never learned the English. She had even less use for the English than he. All the neighbors that they associated with were Swedes. All the services at the church were in Swedish. In this case it was Sweden transplanted to Minnesota.

It was the same case as thousands of families from different countries in Europe settling in colonies here and there. They found that they had much in common. Language, religion, customes, etc. - and in their intercourse comparing their country with their native country, they learned of the great advantage of this country. They therefore became true and loyal Americans...All praise and honor to the Swedish-Americans of the first generation.

A few words about the first grain harvesting machines and the reaper that caused Swen Samuelson's accident may not be out of order.

To begin with - grain was cut by hand. It was cut with the cradle which was nothing but a strong scythe with an attachment fastened on that held all the grain in one direction. While cutting with it, it was swung in such a way that with a twist, the grain that was cut was dropped on the ground. This was supposed to be half a bundle. Another swing and twist - and this was dropped on top of the first completing the bundle. An ordinary man could perhaps not cradle or cut more than a couple of acres a day. Rumor has it that a Norweigian in New Sweden used to

cradle five acres a day, but that was very rare.

When the praires in the west began to be broken up and put into wheat and other small grain, the need of machinery to harvest was greatly felt. The first of these was the reaper. This was in fact nothing but a common hay mower with a platform bolted to the sickle for the grain to fall on until there was enough to form a bundle and then it had to be raked off. To begin with, this had to be done by a person who followed along with a hand rake. The grain was raked from the platform to make room for the next bundle.

It was not long before an improvement was made. Four arms or wings were built in such a way that they went round and as they went round, they caught the top of the grain and laid it so the grain lay all in one direction forming a better bundle. One of the arms or wings was geared different from the rest in such a way that it swept the bundle to the ground to make room for the next bundle. This did away with the extra man. Where the grain was of an even stand, a pretty uniform size of bundles was had.

For a man who had much grain, to cut would figure on five men to bind after each reaper so the field was divided off as equally as possible into what was called five stations so a man had to bind one fifth of the distance around the field while the reaper went around once. If he made it he came where the other man had started and he was ready to start in when the reaper came on a new round. If he did not make it he had to hurry or have help from the others.

This reaper did not last many years, however, before another machine came on the market. This was called a marsh harvester from the name of the man who invented it. Here two men did the work that five did on the reaper. This machine was built in such a way that it elevated the grain to a table. The two men standing on a platform convenient to the table took the grain as it came alternating binding the bundles and dropping them on the ground as they were bound to be picked up and shocked later. For bands for the bundles, they took of the bundle just as they did binding after a reaper.

The marsh harvester as well as the reaper cut a swath about five feet. It took three horses to pull it as it did the reaper. A good days cut of grain was 10 acres.

After a few years the harvester had to give way for the grain binder. The first binders bound the bundles with wire but this was soon changed to twine and were made to cut from $5\frac{1}{2}$ feet to 8 feet. The wider ones needed four horses to pull. The twine binder lasted for some 40-50 years but of late has given way for other harvesting machinery.

As the Swen Samuelson family were late in disposing of their reaper, they changed to the twine binder thus skipping the harvester with wire bundles. My parents on the other hand had both the harvester and the wire binder and as a boy I can well remember them both.

The grain binder with its intricate binding mechanism intrigued Peter Olof who then was a lad of about 15-16 years and had an inventive mind and would perhaps have gone far as an inventor if he had had the opportunity. He therefore decided to make a small model of a binder of his own just to show what he could do. Just as he was in the midst of it, with his plans, the steam threshing machine came into the country. The steam engine seemed to have interested him more than the binder so he dropped the binder idea and began to concentrate on a small steam engine in preparation to bigger achievements. In his spare moments, he pegged away with what material he had on hand and finally finished that part of the engine that when he blew in it, it worked. That is he used his own breath for steam. This he showed to me once and was very proud of it. He undoubtedly dropped the matter then as his farm work claimed all his attention. How far he would have gone as an inventor and mechanic is hard to tell. His was the age of inventions.....

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Alphonse W. Donnay and Mary Donnay
Name(s) to appear on certificate _____
Address Green Isle, Minn. 55338
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 30 Township Washington Lake County Sibley

Number of acres in the farm at present 160

Date of original purchase by member of your family May 17, 1967

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

The southeast Quarter, (SE $\frac{1}{4}$), of Section Number Thirty, (30), in
Township Number One hundred fourteen (114), North of Range Number Twenty-six
(26) west of the 5th Principal Meridian

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Thomas O'Neill (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1869 to 1897	x Son Father
John O'Neill next owner	from 1897 to 1967	Son
Al Donnay & Mary next owner	from 1967 to Present	Grand Daughter
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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Abstract of Title <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Court file in Registration
Land Patent <input type="checkbox"/>	Proceedings <input type="checkbox"/>
Original Deed <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please explain) _____
County Land Record <input type="checkbox"/>	_____

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

Donald J. Herd
(Witness sign here)

Mary Donnay
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-14-1976

See reverse side for additional information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? United States - Abraham Lincoln Sept 1, 1869
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$1500 for 160 acres
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?
None
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? 1918
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, hay, beans & ~~wheat~~ oats
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Arlington Enterprise, Arlington, Minn. 55307

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Michael D. Flaherty
Name(s) to appear on certificate Michael D. Flaherty
Address Belle Plaine, Minn
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 19 Township 114 County Sibley
Number of acres in the farm at present 139.97

Date of original purchase by member of your family Nov. 30, 1860

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

Plat Entry Book of Original Plat Entries show that the
SW 1/4 of Sec. 19 Twp. 114 Range 25 was entered by John
Flaherty on Nov. 30, 1860

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
United States (owner in 1876 or B4)	from _____ to <u>1860</u>	<u>John Flaherty</u>
<u>John Flaherty Sr.</u> next owner	from <u>1860</u> to <u>1892</u>	<u>John Flaherty Jr.</u>
<u>John Flaherty Jr.</u> next owner	from <u>1892</u> to <u>1948</u>	<u>Michael D. Flaherty</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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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:

Helen Efford
(Witness sign here)

Michael D. Flaherty
(Signature of present owner)

Date July 9, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? United States
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 139.97
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? No
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
No
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? Yes
10. When was the present home built? 1865
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn Wheat
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Belle Plaine Herald

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner William Francis Flannery Sr.
Name(s) to appear on certificate William F. Flannery Sr.
Address Hamburg, Minnesota
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 12 Township Washington Lake County Sibley
Number of acres in the farm at present 120
Date of original purchase by member of your family Dec. 12, 1857
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
S 1/2 of NW 1/4 and NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 Sec. 12 Twp. 114
Range 26

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
(owner in 1876 or B4)	from ^{Dec. 12} 1857 to ^{Oct. 2} 1894	<u>Cornelius Flannery</u>
next owner	from ^{Oct. 2} 1894 to ^{Nov. 16} 1894	<u>Bridget Flannery</u>
next owner	from ^{Nov. 16} 1894 to ^{Dec. 3} 1937	<u>Frank W. Flannery</u>
next owner	from ^{Dec. 3} 1937 to Present	<u>William F. Flannery Sr.</u>
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

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

Emma M. Dole
(Witness sign here)

William Francis Flannery Sr.
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 23 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? United States to Cornelius Flannery
General Land Office Dec. 12, 1857
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$1.00
4. Where was the first owner born? County, Tipperary, Ireland
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? St. Paul
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? 1912
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn-Oats-alfalfa-dairy
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Norwood Times, Norwood, Minn. Arlington Enterprise
Arlington, Minn.

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Edward & Viola Grack
Name(s) to appear on certificate Edward & Viola Grack
Address ArLington, MinnesOTA - 5-5307
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section Sec. 6 - Sec. 1 Township ArLington County Sibley

Number of acres in the farm at present 155.03 Acres

Date of original purchase by member of your family GUSTAV KOMNICK

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
name later changed to COMNICK

CONVEYS The 2-1/2 of N.W.-1/4 and N.W.-1/4 - S.W.-1/4 Sec. 6 - Twp. 113
Rge. 27 and S.E.-1/4 N.E.-1/4 Sec. 1 - Twp. 113 - Rge. 28

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Thomas Ruthford</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1858 to 1869	none
<u>Gustav COMNICK</u> next owner	from 1869 to 1873	Great Grand father
<u>Charles COMNICK</u> next owner	from 1873 to 1920	Grand father
<u>Albert C. Comnick</u> next owner	from 1920 to 1944	Father
<u>Edward & Viola Grack</u> next owner	from 1944 to present	Viola's maiden name is Comnick
	from to	daughter of Albert Comnick
	from to	
	from to	

The above evidence of continous 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 (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:

Viola E. Grack
(Witness sign here)

Edward K Grack
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 28 - 1976

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? United States by President James Buchanan to Thomas Rutherford Oct. 18-1858
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 154.05 Acres in 1869
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Rutherford does not say Gustave Connick pd. \$1000. as for aelg't
4. Where was the first owner born? doesn't say
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? 2 doesn't say ended
6. Was this a homestead? yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? don't know
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
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9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? The house built in 1898 not in use but still standing as was but moved to a new location
The Granary - still used
10. When was the present home built? 1951
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? This year Sweet corn
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Arlington Enterprise - Arlington - Minnesota

55307

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Daniel Grosam *dk*Name(s) to appear on certificate Daniel GrosamAddress Route 1 Gibbon, Minn. 55335

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 30 Township Severance County SibleyNumber of acres in the farm at present (280 approx.)Date of original purchase by member of your family Dec 30, 1876 + Sept 15, 1874

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

Dec 30, 1876 80A Lot 10 + 15 in NW 1/4 + SW 1/4 of SW 1/4Sept 15, 1874 82A Lots 11 + 12

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
George Grosam	from ⁷⁴ 76 to 86	George gave his 82 A to his father (Johann)
Johann Grosam (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 86 to 86	John owned all 162 A, he gave all the land to his daughter-in-law
next owner Catherina Grosam	from 86 to 99	Catherina gave land to her son John
next owner John G Grosam	from 99 to 52	John G gave land to his son Daniel
next owner Daniel A Grosam	from 52 to present	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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Abstract of Title ()
 Land Patent (X) ←
 Original Deed ()
 County Land Record ()

Court file in Registration Proceedings ()

Other (please explain)

Register of Deeds Sibley County
Gaylord, Minn

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

Steven Drown
 (Witness sign here)

Daniel A. Grosam
 (Signature of present owner)

Date 7/23/76

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? ~~homestead~~ United States Patent
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 + 82
3. What was the cost of land per acre? do not know
4. Where was the first owner born? Austria
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Vienna
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? _____
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, Soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Gibbon Gazette + The Journal. New Ulm, Minn

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

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

United States Patent to
Johann Grozon. Dec. 30, 1876,

80 Acres. Lot 10 & 15
in N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ & S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$
of S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$

United States Patent to

George Grozon. - 82 Acres.
Lots 11 & 12.

Sept 15, 1874

George Grozon to John Grozon
June 9 - 1886

John Grozon to Catherine Grozon
July 10 - 1886

Catherine Grozon to John D. Grozon
~~Choloma~~
April 3, 1899

John D. Grozon to Daniel A Grozon
Last Claim.
Dec. 9, 1952

GEORGE SEEMANN
Register of Deeds
Sibley County,
Gaylord, Minnesota

MONTHLY FEES

For

Month of 19

TO: COUNTY of SIBLEY, GAYLORD, MINNESOTA

Chattel Filings: Doc. No. to

Telephone Searches and Chattel Abstracts

Torrens Filings: Doc. No. to

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Real Estate Rec: Doc. No. to

Fed. Tax Liens: Doc. No. to

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MISCELLANEOUS:

Certified Copies of Chattel Mortgages,

Real Estate Mortgages, etc.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? United States - to Henry Gottfried Briest
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Nothing
4. Where was the first owner born? Don't Know
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Don't Know
6. Was this a homestead? Yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Far as I know - 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? 1960
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn-oats & alfalfa
Beef cattle & Hogs
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Gaylord Hub.

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

JN

July 8, '76

To Whom it May Concern:

Hope I'm not too late - just saw the article in the paper today in regard to 'farms in family for 100 yrs.'

Haupt Farm - Sibley County
Arlington, Minn.

Joseph Haupt purchased SE $\frac{1}{4}$
of Sec. 8, Twp.
113 N., Range 27 W
in Arlington Township
Sibley County, Minn.
1873.

Nicholas P. Haupt - purchased above
1920

Frank N. Haupt - purchased above
1975

The Hapts had their origin
in the valley + hill country of
Rhine land, in a little pocket
province south + west of Coblenz.

Submitted by Bernice S. (Haupt)
Nix, Daughter of Nicholas P.
Haupt.

Sincerely,

Bernice S. Nix
(Mrs. Joseph J. Nix)
1202 E. 16th St.
Denver, Minn.

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CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Rufina Henke et al
Name(s) to appear on certificate Rufina Henke et al
Address Gaylord, Minnesota
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 24 Township 113-29 (Ironist) County Sibley
Number of acres in the farm at present 160
Date of original purchase by member of your family June 15, 1876
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
The Southeast Quarter of Section 24, Township 113,
Range 29

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
William Henke (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1876 to 1906	Father of Edward Henke
Edward Henke next owner	from 1906 to 1939	" " Alvin Henke
Alvin Henke next owner	from 1939 to 1956	Husband and Father of
Rufina Henke et al next owner	from 1956 to Present	Rufina Henke Lois E. Henke Roger Henke
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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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:

Larry Zarnott
(Witness sign here)

Mrs Rufina Henke et al
(Signature of present owner)

Date July 9 - 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Frederick & Augusta Reimer
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$19.00
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? 1916
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, beans, oats,
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Gaylord Hub. Gaylord, Mn.

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

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

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)

THE EAST HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (E1/2 OF NE1/4) OF SECTION
NUMBER THIRTY FOUR (34) TOWNSHIP NO. 112, NORTH OF RANGE
NO. (31)

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME

DATES (YEARS) OF
OWNERSHIPBLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO
NEXT OWNER

John D. Jacobson (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1874 to 1905	ALBERT JACOBSON & CHARLES JACOBSON SONS
CHARLES next owner	from 1905 to 1910	ALBERT JACOBSON (CARRIE WIFE)
WALLEN JACOBSON next owner	from 1910 to 1950	WALLEN JACOBSON (MARTHA)
next owner	also from 1950 to 1976	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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Original Deed ☐
County Land Record ☒

Court file in Registration
Proceedings ()

Other (please explain HOMESTEAD)

RECEIVERS OFFICE REDWOOD FALLS MINN.
APPLICATION NO. 4297, HOMESTEAD CERTIFICATE NO. 441.

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

Geo M. Anderson
(Witness sign here)

Wallen Jacobson
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 30, 1976

See reverse side for additional information

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? U.S. LAND GRANT ACT OF 1862
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 ACRES
3. What was the cost of land per acre? HOMESTEAD
4. Where was the first owner born? SWEDEN
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? CARVER COUNTY
6. Was this a homestead? YES
7. Did the first owner farm the land? YES
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
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? 1934
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? CORN, SOYBEANS & GRAM
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
GIBBON GAZETTE OR NEWULM JOURNAL

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

Grandparents, John & Mary Jacobson lived in sod house as they home-steaded in 1868, lumber was hauled from St. Peter, Mary passed away then John & married Christina, who observed the Indian Execution in Mankato
We also have a Land Grant Certificate signed by Wm. S. Grant.

Sibley

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

Names to appear on 1976 Certificate

ADDRESS

FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION BY THE FAMILY

as first year of present owner is 1957

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 Alvin KaiserName(s) to appear on certificate Alvin KaiserAddress Henderson MinnAddress of farm, if different from above HendersonSection 5Township JessenlandCounty LisleyNumber of acres in the farm at present 180Date of original purchase by member of your family 185

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

North 1/2 of Northwest 1/4 and lots No. 5 and 6 in
section no 5 Township No. 113 North of Range No 26
in Lisley county minn taken from abstract of Title
 PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME

DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP

BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER

<u>United State</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1859</u> to	<u>Alvin Kaiser</u>
next owner	from to	
<u>Henry Kaiser</u>	from <u>1859</u> to <u>1869</u>	
next owner		
<u>Dorathes Kaiser</u>	from <u>1869</u> to <u>1902</u>	<u>wife of Henry Kaiser</u>
next owner		
<u>William Kaiser</u>	from <u>1902</u> to <u>1957</u>	<u>son of Henry & Dorathes Kaiser</u>
next owner		
<u>Alvin Kaiser</u>	from <u>1957</u> to	<u>present owner son of</u>
next owner	from to	<u>William Kaiser</u>
next owner		

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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:

Leslie Kaiser
 (Witness sign here)

Alvin Kaiser
 (Signature of present owner)

Date August 16 76

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? United State
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 183.45
3. What was the cost of land per acre? No Cost
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Henderson Minn
6. Was this a homestead? Yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? A small part
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
Blacksmith
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? Corn & Soy Beans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Arlington Interprise Arlington Minn

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

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

Year
1859 taken from abstract by my father William said that his father Henry came to this farm in 1855

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner GERALD AND JEANNE KREGER

Name(s) to appear on certificate SAME AS ABOVE

Address HENDERSON 56044

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 33 Township WASHINGTON LAKE County SIBLEY

Number of acres in the farm at present 180

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1866

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

N 1/2 OF SW 1/4 SEC 33 TOWNSHIP 114 N RANGE 26 W
W 1/2 OF SE 1/4 OF SW 1/4 SEC 33 " " " " "

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>BERNARD KREGER</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	<u>from 1866 to 1900</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
<u>BERNARD KREGER</u> next owner	<u>from 1900 to 1943</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
<u>WILFRED KREGER</u> next owner	<u>from 1943 to 1972</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
<u>GERALD KREGER</u> next owner	<u>from 1972 to</u>	
	<u>from to</u>	
next owner	<u>from to</u>	
next owner	<u>from to</u>	
next owner	<u>from to</u>	

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Abstract of Title <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:

Daniel Brown
(Witness sign here)

Gerald Kreger
(Signature of present owner)

Date July 6, 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? RAILROAD
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 - 20
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? NO - PURCHASED FROM RAILROAD
7. Did the first owner farm the land? YES
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
SAWED LUMBER.
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? 1918
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? DAIRY
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
ARLINGTON ENTERPRISE AND HENDERSON INP.

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

Somewhere along the line the spelling of the name was changed from KROGER to KREGER. Bernard Kreger owned from 1900 to 1943 was engaged in sawing of lumber and a large thrashing of grain. My father Wilfred Kreger carried on this operation of thrashing grain until about 1945.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Melvin L. Kube

Name(s) to appear on certificate Melvin L. Kube

Address RR Henderson, Minnesota 56044

Address of farm, if different from above SAME

Section 25 Township Arlington County Sibley

Number of acres in the farm at present 200

Date of original purchase by member of your family April 1, 1861

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

W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ & E 18.82 A of S 120 A of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, etc.

Arlington Twp. 25 113 27 200

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Sophia Kuba (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1861</u> to <u>1862</u>	Frederick Kuba Frederick Kuba
Frederick Kuba	from <u>1862</u> to <u>1918</u>	William Kube
next owner William Kube Sr.	from <u>1918</u> to <u>1965</u>	Melvin L. Kube
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

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

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

Orville A. Kube
(Witness sign here)

Melvin L. Kube
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 23, 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Joseph Hix, Private, Capt. Bryan's Company
New York Militia, War 1812
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$ 3.50 a acre
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany
5. Where did ^{she} ~~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 ^{she} ~~hes~~ engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
no housewife
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? 1879
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn and beans and small grain
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Arlington Enterprise

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

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)

Section 10 - E¹/₂ SE¹/₄ - SW¹/₄ SE¹/₄ Section 11 - W¹/₂ SE¹/₄ NW¹/₄
Section 15 - NE¹/₂ NE¹/₄ NE¹/₄ NW¹/₄ 112 - 29 120
120 acres 80 acres 15 120

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Gustaf Larson (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1874 to 1924	Father
Charles E. Larson next owner	from 1924 to 1961	Father
Roland C. Larson next owner	from 1961 to 1973	son Brother (deceased 1971)
Ruth M. Larson et al next owner	from 1973 to now	Sister
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

Court file in Registration Proceedings (✓)

Other (please explain) We have all papers but also checked Register & Deeds to be sure - all is correct.

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

Kenneth Larson
(Witness sign here)

(Mrs) Ruth M. Larson et al
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-30-1976

See reverse side for additional information.

The Minnesota Valley R.R. Co.
became St Paul & Sioux City
R.R. Co. - land was owned
by the railroads - and business
was handled at Redwood Falls office.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? U.S. Land Office - Redwood Falls, Minn
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? - Don't know - Acquired - in lieu of wages
4. Where was the first owner born? Sweden
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Sweden & worked Gen Route
6. Was this a homestead? yes - Cert. # 268 application 3833
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes - arrived in 1869 - "Squatter"
at first - but no problem
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
Part time Railroading in Southern Minnesota
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? The house and the Shop and Granary are still being used.
10. When was the present home built? a second story added, when needed - but original owner first built basement home in 1869
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Diversified Farming - Dairy herd cows replaced with hog & beef raising crops - corn, wheat, beans - oats
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation: Winthrop News - Winthrop, 55396, Minn.

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

We do not have a recent picture to show the original home - which remains occupied by the "Center". In 1911 - Charles L. Larson built his home across the road - and since then two homes have remained a part of the Larson estate.

Miss. State Fair
Century Farms
St. Paul, Miss.

Winthrop, Miss.
6-29-76

Dear Sirs:

It has been called to our attention that you have extended the deadline for reporting the "old" farms. We hesitated, as the questions of names & owners puzzled us - for the certificate you offer. We would prefer that our oldest brother - who remains part owner and continues to take responsibility with our sister - should be given the award. (This sister has the largest share - but there are a total of 6 of us - legal heirs - since Roland's death.) Do you want their names?

I believe this farm deserves to be on your listing as Grandpa Gustaf and Father Charles & our outstanding contributors to the growth of this community.

Sincerely,
(Mrs) Ruth M. Larson
Winthrop, 55396

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner E. H. Linske and Amanda Linske

Name(s) to appear on certificate _____

Address Henderson

Address of farm, if different from above Henderson

Section 8 Township Henderson Twp County Chippewa

Number of acres in the farm at present 80

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1862

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

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>E. H. Linske</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1862</u> to _____	<u>Ludwig Linske & Henriette Hattler</u>
<u>Michael Hattler</u> next owner	from <u>1874</u> to <u>1874</u>	<u>Grandfather of E. H. Linske</u>
<u>Ludwig Linske</u> next owner	from <u>1874</u> to <u>1925</u>	<u>Father of E. H. Linske</u>
<u>E. H. Linske</u> next owner	from <u>1925</u> to <u>89</u>	<u>Karl Linske</u>
<u>Karl Linske</u> next owner	from <u>1950</u> to <u>Present</u>	<u>Date Son of E. H. Linske</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	

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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:

(Witness sign here)

E. H. Linske
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 15 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? _____
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 Acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? _____
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? _____
6. Was this a homestead? Certificate No 921 Application No 1638
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Part Time See add. Page Recorded Vol 2 Page 308
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?

9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? No

10. When was the present home built? 1887
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Hogs Corn Cattle
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Henderson Independent

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

In regard to No. 7. Michel Habbert worked part time pushing flat Boats up and down Mississippi River from Fort Snelling to Henderson. There were 10 men with Long Poles 10 to 12 ft long. They would push the sticks to bottom of River and Push and walk along on the Boat till they got to the End of Boat. Then pick up their stick and walk on their back and walk to the other End of Boat and start all over again

Got It Down . . .

Michael Habbent also worked part
time hauling supplies from Henderson
to Fort Ridgely at new ~~unit~~
By Ox Cart. During the Indian
up Rise.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

CENTURY FARMS
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

Name of Centennial Farm owner

Walter Mueffelman

Name(s) to appear on certificate

Walter Mueffelman
Vernett Mueffelman, his wife

Address

Gaylord, Minnesota

Address of farm, if different from above

Section

6

Township

Dryden

County

Sibley

Number of acres in the farm at present

164.4

Date of original purchase by member of your family

March 6, 1876

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

NW 1/4 of Section 6, Twp. 113 Rge. 28 West
in Sibley County, Minnesota

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME

DATES (YEARS) OF
OWNERSHIPBLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO
NEXT OWNERJohn Mueffelman
(owner in 1876 or B4)from 1876 to 1921son

from to

next owner

William Mueffelmanfrom 1921 to 1955son

from to

next owner

Walter Mueffelmanfrom 1955 to —son

from to

next owner

from to

next owner

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Abstract of Title (X)

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:

Vernett Mueffelman
(Witness sign here)Walter Mueffelman
(Signature of present owner)Date June 23, 1976

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Charles Wm Hartman
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 164.4
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$10.00
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Worked as hired hand in U.S.
6. Was this a homestead? yes 1 year
7. Did the first owner farm the land? no - Mueffelmann started
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
Helped with land survey
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? yes part of the
house is original
10. When was the present home built? 1878, More added 1906 and 1936
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, soybeans & wheat
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
The Gaylord Hub, Gaylord, Mn. 55334

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner August B. Mueller and Edmund G. Mueller, et al

Name(s) to appear on certificate August B. Mueller and Edmund G. Mueller, et al

Address Route 1, Arlington, Minnesota 55307

Address of farm, if different from above Arlington, Minnesota

Section 5 Township R.R. # 1. Arlington County Sibley

Number of acres in the farm at present 191.30

Date of original purchase by member of your family March 30, 1867

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

The Southwest Quarter of Section Five (5), Township Number One Hundred
and Thirteen (113) North of Range Twenty-seven (27) West, Sibley County
Minnesota, containing 160 acres, according to government survey thereof.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
August Mueller (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 3-30-1867 to 3-22-1915	Father
Martin A. Mueller next owner	from 3-22-1915 to 4-16-1943	Husband
Wilhelmina Mueller next owner	from 4-16-1943 to 7-03-1950	Mother
August B. Mueller & Edmund G. Mueller et al	from 7-03-1950 to Date	
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:

Joan Burdan
(Witness sign here)

August B. Mueller et al
(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? Christian Klinkert and Anna Catharine Klinkert, his wife
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$6.25
4. Where was the first owner born? Noedenitsch, Duchy of Saxony, Altenberg, Germany.
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Perry County, 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? No
10. When was the present home built? 1870
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, soy beans & small grain.
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Arlington Enterprise, Arlington, Minnesota 55307

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

LAW OFFICES OF
KUNZ, MUELLER & KROENING
512 SECOND STREET NORTH
NEW ULM, MINNESOTA 56073

L. A. KUNZ
A. R. MUELLER
RANDALL E. KROENING

(507) 354-3158
(507) 354-3159

July 9, 1976

Minnesota State Fair
Century Farms
St. Paul, Minnesota 55108

Re: August B. Mueller and Edmund
G. Mueller, et al.

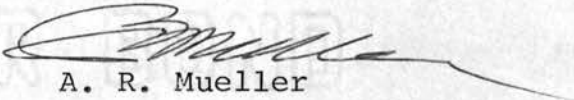
Gentlemen:

Mr. August B. Mueller and Mr. Edmund G. Mueller have asked me to mail you the enclosed Century Farm Application for the August B. Mueller, et al farm located in Arlington Township, Sibley County, Minnesota.

You will note that this farm has been in the Mueller name since March 30, 1867 and now is in the ownership of the grandchildren of the purchaser.

If you would like any further information concerning this century farm application, please let me know. Thank you.

Yours very truly,


A. R. Mueller

ARM:jcb
Enclosure
cc Mr. August B. Mueller
cc Mr. Edmund G. Mueller

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Richard W. Nagel
Name(s) to appear on certificate Richard W. Nagel
Address Rt. 2 Arlington, MN.
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 27 Township Arlington County Sibley
Number of acres in the farm at present 153
Date of original purchase by member of your family FEB. 2, 1869
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
S 1/2 of NW 1/4 of SEC. 27W Twp. 113N R9E.27
Sibley County

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Philip Nagel</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1869</u> to <u>1906</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
<u>William Nagel</u> next owner	from <u>1906</u> to <u>1926</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
<u>Paul Nagel</u> next owner	from <u>1926</u> to <u>1970</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
<u>Richard Nagel</u> next owner	from <u>1970</u> to <u>PRESENT</u>	
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:

Rosanna E. Nagel
(Witness sign here)

Richard Nagel
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 25, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? MICHAEL ARNDT
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$62.50
4. Where was the first owner born? GERMANY
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? SEC. 32 - JESSEN AND SIBLEY CO. TWP. MN.
6. Was this a homestead? YES
7. Did the first owner farm the land? YES
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
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, WHEAT, Hogs
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
ARLINGTON ENTERPRISE - ARLINGTON, MN.

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Eugene Michael Newell
Name(s) to appear on certificate E. Michael & Gloria Newell
Address Rt 2, Box 187 Belle Plaine, Minn.
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 24 Township Tapscott County Sibley
Number of acres in the farm at present 558
Date of original purchase by member of your family May 15, 1861
Homesteaded in 1856
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
The Southwest quarter of Section 24 - Township 114 - Range 25 - 160 acres

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>James Newell</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1856 to 1883	<u>Father</u>
<u>Tom Newell</u> next owner	from 1883 to 1935	<u>Brother</u>
<u>Thomas E. Newell</u> next owner	from 1935 to 1966	<u>Uncle</u>
<u>Eugene Michael Newell</u> next owner	from 1966 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 ()
Original Deed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (please explain _____)
County Land Record <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

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

John F. Newell
(Witness sign here)

E. Michael Newell
(Signature of present owner)

Date _____

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? _____
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 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? Immigrated from St. Louis
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? 1867
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, beans, hogs
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Belle Plaine Herald

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Return To: Mn State Fair

CENTURY FARMS
ST. PAUL, MN 55208

Name of Centennial Farm owner

George P. + Vinola A. Nielsen

Name(s) to appear on certificate

George P. + Vinola Nielsen

Address

Sibbott, Minn. 55335

Address of farm, if different from above

Section

30

Township

112

County

Sibley

Number of acres in the farm at present

194 Acres

Date of original purchase by member of your family

Patent - Dec 30, 1875

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

8 Acres - N 1/2 of SW 1/4 - Section 30 - Twp 112. Rge 30

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME

DATES (YEARS) OF
OWNERSHIPBLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO
NEXT OWNER

<u>Magnus Carlson</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1875 to 1908	GRANDFATHER
<u>John A Carlson</u> next owner	from 1908 to 1910	SON
<u>Charles E Carlson</u> next owner	from 1910 to 1952	SON
<u>George P + Vinola E Nielsen</u> next owner	from 1952 to Present	Daughter of Charles Carlson
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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Abstract of Title ()

Land Patent ()

Original Deed ()

County Land

Record (X)

Court file in Registration

Proceedings ()

Other (please explain)

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

(Witness sign here)

George P. Nielsen
(Signature of present owner)

Date

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? 78.38
3. What was the cost of land per acre? _____
4. Where was the first owner born? Lineden
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? _____
6. Was this a homestead? yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?

9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? No
10. When was the present home built? 1964
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, wheat soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Gibbon Gazette

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Esther Manthey & Clara Pautsch
Name(s) to appear on certificate same as above
Address Gaylord Minnesota 55334
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 16-21 Township Sibley County Sibley
Number of acres in the farm at present 160 acres

Date of original purchase by member of your family Sept. 1924

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

West Half of the south west Quarter (W 1/2 of SW 1/4) of section number 21 sixteen (16)
and the North West Quarter (NW 1/4) of section number twenty one (21) all in Township
numbered 112 north of range number (28) west.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Michael Manthey</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	<u>Oct 24</u> from 1872 to 1924	<u>Father</u>
<u>Julius Manthey</u> next owner	<u>June 4</u> from 1924 to 1951	<u>Son of Michael Manthey</u>
<u>Clara Pautsch</u> next owner	from 1951 to	<u>Daughters of</u>
<u>Esther Manthey</u> next owner	from 1951 to	<u>Julius Manthey</u>
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

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

Walter Pautsch
(Witness sign here)

x Esther Manthey
x Clara Pautsch
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 29, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? St Paul and Sioux City R.R. Co
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$ 450.375
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? St. Peter
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? 1 barn and
summer kitchen
10. When was the present home built? 1966
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? dairy & grain
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Gaylord Hub. Gaylord, Minn

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Loren L. Reichenbach
Name(s) to appear on certificate Loren L. Reichenbach
Address R.R. 2 Arlington Minnesota 55307
Address of farm, if different from above Same

Section 33 and 34 Township Arlington County Sibley
Number of acres in the farm at present 160 acres

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1860

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

SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 Sec. 33; N 1/2 of NE 1/4 and
SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 Sec. 34, 1st P. 113, Rge 27.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME (Last, first, middle initial)	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>George C. Reichenbach</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1860 to 1879	Husband to Caroline
<u>Caroline Reichenbach</u> next owner	from 1879 to 1879	Mother of Ernestine
<u>Ernestine Reichenbach</u> next owner	from 1879 to 1898	Sister of Louis, Jr.
<u>Louis Reichenbach</u> next owner	from 1898 to 1931	Father to Louis Jr.
<u>Louis Reichenbach</u> next owner	from 1931 to 1954	Husband to Alma - Father to Loren
<u>Alma Reichenbach</u> next owner	from 1954 to 1959	Mother to Loren
<u>Loren Reichenbach</u> next owner	from 1959 to present	

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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:

Marlys A. Reichenbach
(Witness sign here)

Loren Reichenbach
(Signature of present owner)

Date July 1, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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*N 1/2 Sec. 34 - Frederick Bruenhagen; SE 1/4 Sec. 33 - Minn. Valley Railroad -
SW 1/4 Sec. 34 - Ludwig Lieske*

1. From whom was the farm purchased? _____

2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 acres

3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$ 5.66

4. Where was the first owner born? Germany

5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Not Known

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? 1920's

11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, Soybeans, oats, wheat, Sweet Corn, Dairy Cows (milk), Hogs

12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:

The Arlington Enterprise - The Dagford Hub

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

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

Names to appear on 1976 Certificate Earl + Marjorie Renneke

ADDRESS R2 Le Sueur, Minn.

FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION BY THE FAMILY

1860 Gibson Co

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 Reinhardt Rose OK
Name(s) to appear on certificate Reinhardt Rose
Address 714 Heigh ave W Gaylord Minn. 55334
Address of farm, if different from above Route 1 Gaylord Minn.

Section 2-8 Township Dryden County Sibley
Number of acres in the farm at present 160 240
Date of original purchase by member of your family July 15 / 1870

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

NE 1/4 sec. 7 Twp. 113 Rge. 28 and W 1/2 of NW 1/4 Sec. 8 Twp. 113 Rge 28

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Adam Rose</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1870 to 1873	great grand Father
<u>Dea Jacob Rose</u> next owner	from 1873 to 1909	Grand Father
<u>Theodore Rose</u> next owner	from 1909 to 1941	Father
<u>Reinhardt Rose</u> next owner	from 1941 to	Son
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

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

Leona Rose
(Witness sign here)

Reinhardt Rose
(Signature of present owner)

Date July 12, 1976

Contract of deed
owner

See reverse side for additional information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? sec 7 80 A Matthew Donohue and Eli Wilder sec 8 80 A
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? _____
3. What was the cost of land per acre? sec. 7-80 1500 sec. 8-80 at 8.50
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? "on a farm Jordan Mo Home stead"
6. Was this a homestead? Yes No
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
No
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? yes
10. When was the present home built? The old still in use
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? grain - corn - soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:

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

Although this land is now farmed by a neighbor,
[the abstract of title, and original deed are in my name,] and
will be in my name until March 1, 1981, when the
title to the property will be turned over to him.

Karen A. Humphrey

This Agreement, Made and entered into this 16th day of July, 1971, by and between Reinhart Rose and Leona A. Rose, husband and wife,

parties of the first part, and Melford W. Schwarzrock and Leona E. Schwarzrock, and Willmer

L. Schwarzrock

parties of the second part;

Witnesseth, That the said parties of the first part in consideration of the covenants and agreements of said parties of the second part, hereinafter contained, hereby sell and agree to convey unto said parties of the second part their heirs and assigns, by a warranty Deed, accompanied by an abstract evidencing good title in part of the first part at the date hereof, or by an owner's duplicate certificate of title, upon the prompt and full performance by said parties of the second part, of their part of this agreement, the tract of land, lying and being in the County of St. Louis and State of Minnesota, described as follows, to-wit:

The East Half of the Northeast Quarter (E₂ of NE₄) of Section Seven (7) and the West Half of the Northwest Quarter (W₂ of NW₄) of Section Eight (8), all in Township Number One Hundred Thirteen (113) North of Range Twenty-eight (28) West. (E₂ of NW₄)

And said parties of the second part, in consideration of the premises, hereby agree to pay said parties of the first part, at their residence

as and for the purchase price of said premises, the sum of NINETY THOUSAND AND NO/100 (\$90,000.00) DOLLARS,

in manner and at times following, to-wit:

THIRTEEN THOUSAND AND NO/100 (\$13,000.00) Down payment, to be paid as follows: Buyer to pay Seller \$2,000.00 today; the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, and \$11,000.00 to be paid on March 1, 1972. The balance of \$77,000.00 principal to be paid as follows: Beginning on March 1, 1973 and every succeeding March 1 thereafter, up to and including March 1, 1981, buyer will pay to seller at least \$2,000.00 principal, but not more than \$7,000.00 principal without penalty attaching thereto, together with interest at the rate of six per cent (6%) on the unpaid balance. On March 1, 1981 Buyer will pay Seller the then remaining unpaid balance in full, together with interest thereon, and buyer agrees to obtain any mortgaging and refinancing necessary to perform this condition. Buyer is to have possession of the premises on November 1, 1971. Seller may remain in possession of the house until February 20, 1972 if he needs it, rent free, and seller will remain on the premises until he moves out. Seller retains the right to re-enter the premises after November 1, 1971 for the purpose of harvesting any 1971 crops then remaining. Seller agrees to convey to Buyer along with the farm and buildings, the following items of property: one steel grain bin, one feed shed north of barn, all of the existing hay and straw, pump jack and motor, all floor coverings in the house, water heater and water softener, range and dryer cables, straw in the field after it is combined, 1000 gallon LP gas tank and tractor hook-up with the buyer agreeing to pay for the remaining LP gas in the tank on November 1, 1971. The following items are specifically exempted from this purchase, and seller will retain possession of: Two brooder houses and range shelter, and all of the farm machinery.

Minnesota State Deed Tax-\$198.00

Said parties of the second part further covenant and agree as follows: to pay, before penalty attaches thereto, all taxes due and payable in the year 1972, and in subsequent years, and all special assessments heretofore or hereafter levied, to-wit: ditch tax in the amount of \$7,773.00 at the rate of 4.6% interest; also that any buildings and improvements now on said land, or which shall hereafter be erected, placed, or made thereon, shall not be removed therefrom, but shall be and remain the property of the parties of the first part until this contract shall be fully performed by the parties of the second part; and at their own expense, to keep the buildings on said premises at all times insured in some reliable insurance company or companies, to be approved by the parties of the first part, against loss by fire for at least the sum of FULL INSURABLE VALUE DOLLARS, and against loss by windstorm for at least the sum of FULL INSURABLE VALUE DOLLARS, payable to said parties of the first part, their heirs or assigns, and, in case of loss, should there be any surplus over and above the amount then owing said parties of the first part, their heirs or assigns, the balance shall be paid over to the said parties of the second part as their interest shall appear, and to deposit with the parties of the first part policies of said insurance. But should the second parties fail to pay any item to be paid by said parties under the terms hereof, same may be paid by first parties and shall be forthwith payable, with interest thereon, as an additional amount due first parties under this contract.

But should default be made in the payment of principal or interest due hereunder, or of any part thereof, to be by second part ies paid, or should they fail to pay the taxes or assessments upon said land, premiums upon said insurance, or to perform any or either of the covenants, agreements, terms or conditions herein contained, to be by said second part ies kept or performed, the said part ies of the first part may, at their option, by written notice declare this contract cancelled and terminated, and all rights, title and interest acquired thereunder by said second part ies, shall thereupon cease and terminate, and all improvements made upon the premises, and all payments made hereunder shall belong to said part ies of the first part as liquidated damages for breach of this contract by said second part ies, said notice to be in accordance with the statute in such case made and provided,

Neither the extension of the time of payment of any sum or sums of money to be paid hereunder, nor any waiver by the part ies of the first part their rights to declare this contract forfeited by reason of any breach thereof, shall in any manner affect the right of said part ies to cancel this contract because of defaults subsequently maturing, and no extension of time shall be valid unless evidenced by duly signed instrument. Further, after service of notice and failure to remove, within the period allowed by law, the default therein specified, said part ies of the second part hereby specifically agree, upon demand of said part ies of the first part, quietly and peaceably to surrender to them possession of said premises, and every part thereof, it being understood that until such default, said part ies of the second part are to have possession of said premises.

Buyer agrees to keep the existing buildings insured at full insurable value whereby the proceeds of this insurance will go as follows: (1) To the vendee to build a new building at least comparable in value. If not comparable value building is to be built, then the proceeds will go to the vendor in proportion of his then existing equity with the remaining going to the vendee.

Buyer hereby agrees to keep all existing tile lines and buildings in good repair.

It is Mutually Agreed, By and between the parties hereto, that the time of payment shall be an essential part of this contract; and that all the covenants and agreements herein contained shall run with the land and bind the heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns of the respective parties hereto.

In Testimony Whereof, Both parties have hereunto set their hands the day and year first above written.

In Presence of

Beverly C. Sargent
Bruce B. Bundgaard

Reinhart Rose
Reinhart Rose

Leona A. Rose
Leona A. Rose

Melford W. Schwarzrock
Melford W. Schwarzrock

Leona E. Schwarzrock
Leona E. Schwarzrock

Willmer L. Schwarzrock
Willmer L. Schwarzrock

State of Minnesota,

ss.

County of Sibley

On this 16th

day of July

1971

a notary public

within and for said County, personally appeared Reinhart Rose, Leona A. Rose, Melford W. Schwarzrock, Leona E. Schwarzrock and Willmer L. Schwarzrock

to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that the executed the same as their free act and deed.

THIS INSTRUMENT WAS DRAFTED BY

Bruce B. Bundgaard

(Name)

Attorney at Law

Gaylord, Minnesota

(Address)

Bruce B. Bundgaard
Bruce B. Bundgaard

Notary Public Sibley

County, Minn.

My commission expires Nov. 22,

1971

Doc. No. 106605

CONTRACT FOR DEED

Individual Vendor

Reinhart Rose and Leona Rose

TO Melford W. Schwarzrock, Leona E. Schwarzrock and Willmer L. Schwarzrock

Office of Register of Deeds

STATE OF MINNESOTA,

County of Sibley

I hereby certify that the within instru-

ment was filed in this office for record on

the 19 day of July, 1971.

at 1 o'clock P.M., and was duly re-

corded in Book 33 of Deeds

page 503-504

By *George Sargent*

Register of Deeds.

By *July 19, 1971, No. 5244*

Registration tax hereon of

Twenty Dollars Dollars Paid.

By *Ralph W. Schwarzrock*

County Treasurer.

By *W. M. Schwarzrock*

County Auditor.

By *W. M. Schwarzrock*

County Auditor.

Taxes for the year 19 on the lands

described within, paid this day

of 19

County Treasurer.

By *W. M. Schwarzrock*

County Auditor.

By *W. M. Schwarzrock*

County Auditor.

By *W. M. Schwarzrock*

County Auditor.

By *W. M. Schwarzrock*

County Auditor.

By *W. M. Schwarzrock*

County Auditor.

By *W. M. Schwarzrock*

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Please sign
Name of Centennial Farm owner Joseph Ryan
Name(s) to appear on certificate Joseph + Rita Ryan
Address Green Isle Minn.
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 6 Township Jessenland County Sibley

Number of acres in the farm at present 130

Date of original purchase by member of your family Sept 22, 1874

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

E 33 1/3 a of N.W 1/4 of S.W 1/4 + W 16 1/4 a of
lot 1 and E 4 1/4 sec.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>John Ryan</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1874</u> to <u>1909</u>	<u>father</u>
<u>John Ryan</u> next owner	from <u>1909</u> to <u>1952</u>	<u>father</u>
<u>Joseph Ryan</u> next owner	from _____ to _____	<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 ☒
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 Clifford Brazil
(Witness sign here)

Joseph + Rita Ryan
(Signature of present owner)

Date July 9, 1976

See reverse side for additional information

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? William Chert
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 92 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$20
4. Where was the first owner born? Ireland
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
10. When was the present home built? 1900
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn + beans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Arlington Enterprise

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Scherer Properties Inc. (Roland G. Scherer family)

Name(s) to appear on certificate Roland G. Scherer family

Address Box 280 Green Valley Arizona 85614

Address of farm, if different from above Lafayette Minnesota

Section 33 28, 29 Township Cornish County Abley

Number of acres in the farm at present 240 acres 240 A.

Date of original purchase by member of your family unknown-moved there in 1872

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement) original deed is Homestead act signed Pres. Arthur

28 112 30 20

28 112 30 80 (original 0

33 112 30 140

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Gustaf Lind</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	<u>from 1872 to 1896?</u>	<u>Katherine Lind --wife</u>
<u>Katherine Lind</u> next owner	<u>from 1896 to 1912</u>	<u>Gov. John Lind and Mrs. Mary Scherer (sister)</u>
<u>Mrs. Mary Scherer</u> next owner	<u>from 1912 to 1931</u>	<u>Jacob Scherer (husband)</u>
<u>Jacob Scherer</u> next owner	<u>from 1931 to 1939</u>	<u>Philip L. Scherer, Roland G. Scherer, Norman K. Scherer</u>
<u>Philip L. Scherer</u> next owner	<u>from 1939 to 1940</u>	<u>Roland G. Scherer</u>
<u>Roland G. Scherer</u> next owner	<u>from 1940 to 1940</u>	<u>Norman K. Scherer (enough to complete 1/2 land</u>
<u>Roland G. Scherer</u> next owner	<u>from 1940 to Present</u>	<u>Scherer Properties Inc. - a family owned corp</u> <u>no stock owned outside my immediate family</u>

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Abstract of Title ☒

Land Patent ☒

Original Deed ☐

County Land Record ☐

Court file in Registration

Proceedings ☐

Other (please explain _____)

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

Melvin R. Scherer
(Witness sign here)

Roland G. Scherer
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-24-76

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Original 80 acres a homestead-rest unknown
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 acres(only prt out of water
3. What was the cost of land per acre? at time they settled.
unknown
4. Where was the first owner born? Smaland Sweden.
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? With relatives in Goodhue co,
6. Was this a homestead? for the first winter.Had family and 20 cents when
yes. landed in Winona Minn.
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.
old granary -since before turn of century ron down this summer
10. When was the present home built? 1910 - Fire destroyed old one
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn, soybeans and some wheat.
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Winthrop News and Gibbon Gazette.

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

Historical sign proclaiming farm as boyhood home of Gov, John Lind -gov. of Mn. was erected by the historical society (Sibley Co. 20 two years ago and still stands.

Members of corp. owning farm are:-- Roland Gustav Scherer Sr., Melania R. Scherer (wife) Roland Gustav Scherer Jr., Julia M. Scherer) Skillman and David Paul Scherer-all sons and a daughter. Farm incorporated 1962 (Minnesota) to keep it in family. R.H.S.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Lowell D. Sjogren; 418 Fourth
 Name(s) to appear on certificate Avenue; Sibley, Iowa 51249 and
 Address Arden A. Sjogren; Box 843; Glendive, Montana 59330
 Address of farm, if different from above Route I
Gibbon, Minnesota 55335
 Section 28 Township Severance County Sibley
 Number of acres in the farm at present 120
 Date of original purchase by member of your family January 15, 1875
 (Homestead Cert. #580; Appl. No. 4498)
 Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
E 1/2 of SE 1/4 28 112 31 80

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Charles Sjogren (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1875 to 1930	Husband
Anna Maria Sjogren next owner Albert	from 1930 to 1937	Mother
and Arthur A. Sjogren next owner Albert	from 1937 to 1963	Father and Brother
Lowell D. and Arden A. Sjogren next owner Lowell D.	from 1963 to 1969	Uncle
and Arden A. Sjogren next owner	from 1969 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 (X)
Original Deed (X)	Other (please explain _____)
County Land Record (X)	

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

Lola F. Sjogren
 (Witness sign here)

Lowell D. Sjogren
 (Signature of present owner)

Date July 2, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Homesteaded
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80
3. What was the cost of land per acre? _____
4. Where was the first owner born? Sweden
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Sweden
6. Was this a homestead? Yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?

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? 1891
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Soybeans - Corn
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Gibbon Gazette, Gibbon, Minnesota 55335

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

RETURN TO: MN. STATE FAIR
CENTURY FARMS
ST. PAUL, MN 55108Name of Centennial Farm owner WAIDO SPRENGERName(s) to appear on certificate WAIDO SPRENGERAddress GREEN ISLE

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 2 Township 114 GREEN ISLE County SibleyNumber of acres in the farm at present 192Date of original purchase by member of your family January 1, 1864

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

NE 1/4 of Sec 2 and N 1/2 of NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of
Sec 4 Twp. 114 Rge 21

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	U.S.	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Ludwig Huesfeld	to	from <u>Jan 1, 1864</u> to <u>July 23, 1861</u>	Uncle & Aunt
Charlota Sprengel		from <u>1872</u> to <u>1894</u>	Aunt Mother
HFL Eggers		from <u>1894</u> to <u>1894</u>	Nephew Nephew
John Henry Sprengel		from <u>1894</u> to <u>1931</u>	father brother to Charlota
Fred Sprengel		from <u>1931</u> to <u>1960</u>	father
Waldo Sprengel		from <u>1960</u> to <u>—</u>	
next owner		from to	
next owner			

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Abstract of Title (X)
Land Patent (X)
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 Engelke
(Witness sign here)

Waldo Sprengel
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 30, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

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- Bounty Land for The war*
1. From whom was the farm purchased? of 1812
 2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 170.25 Acres
 3. What was the cost of land per acre? Charlita Sprungeler paid \$6.00 for 120 acres
 4. Where was the first owner born? _____
 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? Log Cabin - Build onto. Replaced
Barn was built in 1906 - Is a large Oval Barn 55' High
Well preserved
 10. When was the present home built? 1964
 11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Dairy & Soybeans & Corn
 12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Arlington Enterprise

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

Have the document when John Henry Sprungeler brought a portion of the farm from Huesfeld, for provision and two rooms. Plus the use of a house.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner SHELDON STEFFER *OK*

Name(s) to appear on certificate Sheldon, Darlene, Wanda, Susanne, Lorie, Lisa, Brian Steffer

Address ARLINGTON MINN 55307

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 20 Township GREEN ISLE County SIBLEY

Number of acres in the farm at present 200

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1-25-1869

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

N $\frac{1}{2}$ OF NW $\frac{1}{4}$ & W $\frac{1}{2}$ OF NE $\frac{1}{4}$ OF SEC. 20 TWP 114
RGE. 27

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>JOHAN STEFFER</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1869</u> to <u>1902</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
<u>HENRY STEFFER</u> next owner	from <u>1902</u> to <u>1930</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
<u>ARCHIE STEFFER</u> next owner	from <u>1930</u> to <u>1969</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
<u>SHELDON STEFFER</u> next owner	from <u>1969</u> 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:

Archie Steffer
(Witness sign here)

Sheldon Steffer
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-24-76

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? GUSTAV KOMNICK
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$8.12
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? NO
7. Did the first owner farm the land? NO
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

10. When was the present home built? _____
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? CORN HOGS
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
ARLINGTON ENTERPRISE

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

ok

Name of Centennial Farm owner ERWIN THOELE

Name(s) to appear on certificate ERWIN THOELE

Address ARLINGTON, MINN.

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 34-35 Township ARLINGTON MN. County J. BLEY

Number of acres in the farm at present 166

Date of original purchase by member of your family HOMESTEADED 1855

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

NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 + W 1/2 of SE 1/4 of Section 34-113-N27W + NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of section 3-112N-27W

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Victor Thoele</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from ¹⁸⁵⁵ 1860 to 1886	Father
<u>Victor Thoele</u> next owner	from 1886 to 1907	Father
<u>Louis Thoele</u> next owner	from 1907 to 1947	Father
<u>Erwin Thoele</u> next owner	from 1947 to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

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

Linda Thoele
(Witness sign here)

Erwin Thoele
(Signature of present owner)

Date July 9-76

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? HOMESTEADED
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$145 total farm
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Ohio
6. Was this a homestead? ~~don't know~~ yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
Post Master
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? 1869
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn + Grain Livestock
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
HENDERSON, INDEPENDENT, HENDERSON MN.

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

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

The old Henderson to Fort Ridgley Fort road went right thru our farm, when I was a boy and cultivating corn with horses I found a brass buckle the kind the soldiers wore on the belt and a couple of years later I also found a big gold pocket watch in hunting case the kind you wind with a key, along this road way.

This farm was also the postoffice west of Henderson this area was then known as Prairie Mound later changed to New Rome 2 miles west of our farm

CENTURY FARMS INFORMATION
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL, MN 55108
(612) 645-2781

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ST. PAUL -- The 1976 Minnesota State Fair will honor the owners and operators of farms that have been in continuous family ownership since 1876 as part of this year's Bicentennial "fair of a lifetime."

Qualifications for the recognition are: 1) farm must be at least 100 years old according to the abstract of title, land patent, original deed, county land records, court file in registration proceedings, or other authentic land records. 2) continuous family residence on the farm is not required but ownership of the farm must be continuous. 3) "family" is defined to include the following: father, mother, uncle, aunt, brother, sister, son, daughter, first cousin, and direct-in-laws (father, mother, sister, daughter or son-in-law). 4) farm must consist of 50 or more acres.

Deadline for application is ^{July 10}~~June 30~~ and recognition events will be held Saturday, Sept. 4, Thomas Jefferson and Rural Minnesota Day at the Fair.

Application blanks will be supplied to all County Agricultural Extension Service and Register of Deeds Offices. Application may also be made at the Minnesota State Fair, St. Paul 55108, phone (612) 645-2781.

A similar program was conducted during the 1958 Minnesota State Fair and Statehood Centennial Exhibition. To the list of pioneer families compiled at that time will now be added families whose ancestors settled Minnesota land at the beginning of America's second century. Farmers who were on the 1958 list of century farm families need not reapply but are encouraged to provide information for updating of the list.

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CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner (Linda) Mrs Walter Thoele
Name(s) to appear on certificate Mrs Walter Thoele

Address Henderson, Minn.

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 34 & 35 Township Arlington County Sibley

Number of acres in the farm at present 160

Date of original purchase by member of your family March 1 1860

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

S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 35 113 27
E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 34 113 27

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Dietrich Thoele Sr.</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	<u>from 1860 to 1886</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Dietrich Thoele Jr.</u> next owner	<u>from 1886 to 1898</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Theodore Thoele</u> next owner	<u>from 1898 to 1966</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Walter Thoele</u> next owner	<u>from 1966 to 1974</u>	<u>Husband</u>
<u>Linda Thoele</u> next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

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

Ahle Reddemann
(Witness sign here)

Mrs Linda Thoele
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 29 1976

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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? \$ 145.00 Total
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany
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?
No
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? _____
House and Barn
10. When was the present home built? 1860
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Grain and Corn
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Arlington Enterprise

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

The first owner - DIETRICH THOELE - was postmaster of Prairie Mount, as the local area was first known, with the postoffice located in his home. The farm is now operated by a great, great grand son of the original owner. His name is Robert Thoele who intends to become owner of this farm.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner CARL R. VOIGT *OK*
Name(s) to appear on certificate CARL R. & MARTHA D. VOIGT
Address RR 1 GLENCOE MN. 55336
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 8 Township GREEN ISLE County SIBLEY

Number of acres in the farm at present 152

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1865

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

NE 1/4 of S.E. 1/4 & Lot 3, Lot 4 & Lot 33, 3/4 acre of NE 1/4 as per
BK 25 AND so South. Green Isle T.S. 8414, 2715230

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
(owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1865 to 1924	KARL VOIGT (Father)
next owner	from 1924 to 1949	CHARLES VOIGT (SON)
next owner	from 1949 to present	CARL R. VOIGT (GRANDSON)
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 (X) Proceedings ()
Original Deed (X) Other (please explain. _____)
County Land Record () _____

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

Kay K. Voigt (Witness sign here)
Carl R. Voigt (Signature of present owner)

Date 6/29/76

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? See bottom
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? aprox. 600
3. What was the cost of land per acre? NOT KNOWN
4. Where was the first owner born? HAWOVER GERMANY
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? OHIO - 1858-1860
New Orleans 1860-1862
6. Was this a homestead? PARTIAL - see below.
7. Did the first owner farm the land? John Dacy - Probably NOT
Karl Voigt Yes.
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?

Ships CARPENTER

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

home still intact.

10. When was the present home built? Part dates to approx 1870
Other parts Late 1860's
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Dairy Farm.
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:

Glencoe Enterprise, Arlington Enterprise

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

Aug 8, 1865	John + MARGRET DACY	} WARRANTY Deed.
1869	Robert + AMANDA Hasselgrave	
1869	John + Lidia Holland	
1874	Homestead - LAW PATENT	

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION 1958 Century Farm FamilyName of Centennial Farm owner Benjamin and Bessie WaltersName(s) to appear on certificate G.A. Benj. WaltersAddress Arlington Minn 55307

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 32 Township Arlington Mn County Sibley CountyNumber of acres in the farm at present 110Date of original purchase by member of your family ¹⁸⁵⁸ Homesteaded Henry Walters Sr

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

Sec. 32 Arlington Twp.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Henry Walters Sr</u> (owned in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1858</u> to <u>1898</u>	
<u>Fred Walters Sr</u> next owner	from <u>1898</u> to <u>1953</u>	<u>Son of Henry Walters Sr</u>
<u>G.A. Benj. Walters</u> next owner	from <u>1953</u> to <u>1976</u>	<u>Grandson & son Fred Walters Sr</u>
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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Abstract of Title (X)
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:

Bessie Walters
(Witness sign here)

G.A. Benj. Walters
(Signature of present owner)

Date 8/14/76

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P.S. When Henry Walter came to Minn. He homesteaded 320 acres. When Minn became a state He had to pay \$5.00 ~~for~~^{for} ~~acres~~^{acres}. They were poor people from Germany only had \$10.00 to buy with, so they could only buy two 80 acre plots 160 acres all for \$10.00 so that is all Henry Walter could homestead. The 160 acres were divided between his three. Some of the three Fred Walter^{son} lived on the same home stead, when He died his Son Benj lived on same till now 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? It was 7 homesteaded
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 110
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$5.00 when Minn became a state
4. Where was the first owner born? Hanover Germany who come from
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Germany to Illinois a farm
6. Was this a homestead? Hand. and then to Minn. to Homestead this farm
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Yes. all his life time till 1900
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? NO
Fred Walter^{son} of Henry Walter^{son} farmed till 1949. Then Benj Walter^{son} Son of Fred Walter^{son} took over till now 1976
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? Yes
The Indians were running wild when Henry Walter^{son} Homesteaded
10. When was the present home built? 1870. still in good shape
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn Beans^{son}
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Gaylord Hub. Gaylord Mn, Arlington Enterprise. Mn.
Henderson Independent, Henderson Mn

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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Names to appear on 1976 Certificate Benjamin and Bessie Walter

ADDRESS Arlington Minnesota 55307

Sibley Co.

FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION BY THE FAMILY Henry Walters Sr 1858

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St. Paul, Mn. 55108

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CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

OK

Name of Centennial Farm owner Allie J. Weber & Geraldine Weber
 Name(s) to appear on certificate Allie, Geraldine, John, Ann, Nancy,
Mary, Janet, Brian & Peter Weber
 Address Route 1, Henderson, Minn.
 Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 9 Township Jessenland (113) County Sibley

Number of acres in the farm at present 175 Acres

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1860

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
(W 1/2 of NE 1/4), (SE 1/4 of NW 1/4) Government Lot Number Two
(E 1/2 of NE 1/4)

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Anthony Weber</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	<u>from 1860 to 1899</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Henry Weber</u> next owner	<u>from 1899 to 1923</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Aloysius A. Weber</u> next owner	<u>from 1923 to 1959</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Allie J. Weber & Geraldine Weber</u> next owner	<u>from 1959 to</u>	
	<u>from to</u>	
	<u>from to</u>	
	<u>from to</u>	
	<u>from to</u>	

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Land Patent <input type="checkbox"/>	Proceedings <input type="checkbox"/>
Original Deed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (please explain _____)
County Land Record <input type="checkbox"/>	

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

[Signature]
 (Witness sign here)

Allie J. Weber
Geraldine Weber
 (Signature of present owner)

Date August 16, 1976

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- J.N. Granger,
Recorder of
1. From whom was the farm purchased? Pres. James Buchanan + General Land Office
 2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 147.30
 3. What was the cost of land per acre? free - bounty land to soldiers
 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?
First Lieutenant in the 26th Regiment of State Militia.
 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? 1959
 11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, beans & wheat
 12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Arlington Enterprise, Arlington & Henderson Independent,
Henderson

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

We have many of Anthony's original documents.

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CENTURY FARMS
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

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Names to appear on 1976 Certificate Allie, Geraldine, John, Ann,

~~ADDRESS~~ Nancy, Mary, Janet, Brian &

Address Peter Weber
Route 1, Henderson, Mn. 56044

FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION BY THE FAMILY 1858

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thank you for your immediate attention.

Henry John and Lu Verna Sibley

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Names to appear on 1976 Certificate

Henry John and Lu Verna

ADDRESS

*Adlington, Minn Weckworth
Route 2.*

FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION BY THE FAMILY

1857

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St. Paul, Mn. 55108

thank you for your immediate attention.

*Emma C. Weckworth, my mother
passed away in 1965.*

P.S.

Lu Verna is my wife

Thank you.

Henry John Weckworth

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Return To: Mn. State Fair,

CENTURY FARMS
ST. PAUL, MN 55208Name of Centennial Farm owner Henry John WeckworthName(s) to appear on certificate Henry John & Luven WeckworthAddress 1 Arlington, MinnAddress of farm, if different from above SameSection 4 Township Kelso County SibleyNumber of acres in the farm at present 160Date of original purchase by member of your family 1858 Dec 5th
1857

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

E-1/2 of N.W. 1/4 & E-1/2 of S.W. 1/4 Section 4 (Twp No) Range
112 27

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Etalob Weckworth</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1858</u> to <u>1902</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner	from to	
<u>Henry J. Weckworth</u>	from <u>1902</u> to <u>1956</u>	<u>Wife and Son</u>
next owner	from to	
<u>Emma C. Weckworth</u>	from <u>1956</u> to <u>1965</u>	<u>Mother</u>
next owner	from to	
<u>Henry John Weckworth</u>	from <u>1956</u> to <u>1965</u>	<u>(co-ownership) with mother</u>
next owner	from to	
<u>Henry John Weckworth</u>	from <u>1965</u> to <u>Present</u>	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

Court file in Registration Proceedings ()

Other (please explain was recognized
is 1958 as Minnesota Century
farm at Minn State Fair)

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

Don W. Kraman
(Witness sign here)

Henry John Weckworth
(Signature of present owner)

ate July 29, 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Edward Klappenbach
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$100.00 for Complete Parcel
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? Very little Traded wheat for sugar
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
fur trading
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? part of original home (Log) remodeled into a Garage.
10. When was the present home built? 1911
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn - Soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Arlington Enterprise - Arlington, Minn

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

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ST. PAUL, MN 55208

Name of Centennial Farm owner Mrs Elizabeth Wemeier - Joe & Ernest Wemeier

Name(s) to appear on certificate Same as above

Address Arlington, Minnesota RR #1 55307

Address of farm, if different from above Same

Section 11-12-2 Township Dryden County Sibley

Number of acres in the farm at present 307

Date of original purchase by member of your family June 25, 1866

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

Sec. 2 That part of S2 of SE 1/4 Lots 1 & 2, Sec. 11
NW 1/4, Sec. 12

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Henry Weymeier</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	<u>from 1866 to 1885</u>	
<u>Wm. Wemeier</u> next owner	<u>from 1885 to 1924</u>	<u>Son</u>
<u>John Wemeier</u> next owner et al	<u>from 1924 to 1968</u>	<u>Son</u>
<u>Elizabeth Wemeier</u> next owner Joe & Ernest	<u>from 1968 to 1976</u>	<u>Wife -</u>
	<u>from to</u>	<u>Sons</u>
next owner	<u>from to</u>	
next owner	<u>from to</u>	
next owner	<u>from to</u>	
next owner	<u>from to</u>	

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Abstract of Title (X)
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 Dorothy Wemeier
(Witness sign here)

Elizabeth Wemeier
Joseph Wemeier
(Signature of present owner)

Ernest Wemeier

See reverse side for additional information

Date July 9, 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? United States
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$ 1.95 (~~\$291.60~~)
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Illinois
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? 1941
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn - Soybeans - Cats
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Arlington Enterprise

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner ALLEN WILLMSEN
Name(s) to appear on certificate ALLEN WILLMSEN
Address ARLINGTON MINN
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 27 Township ARLINGTON County Sibley
Number of acres in the farm at present 103
Date of original purchase by member of your family OCT 4 1860
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
SW 1/4 of Sec 27 Twp 113 Rge 27

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
John C. Fisher (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1860 to 1881	FATHER
Henry Fischer next owner	from 1881 to 1884	SON
John C. Fischer next owner	from 1884 to 1903	FATHER
MARY WILLMSEN next owner	from 1903 to 1949	DAUGHTER
Herb WILLMSEN next owner	from 1949 to 1965	SON
ALLEN WILLMSEN next owner	from 1965 to	SON
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:

Herbert Willmsen
(Witness sign here)

Allen Willmsen
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6/25/76

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Home steaded 1860
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Homesteaded
4. Where was the first owner born? 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
granary still in use
10. When was the present home built? 1906
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Dairy + Hogs
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Arlington Enterprise

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

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

Name of Centennial Farm owner Sylvester Wigand
 Name(s) to appear on certificate Sylvester Wigand
 Address R.R. 3 Box 17 Henderson
 Address of farm, if different from above Mn. 56044

Section 14 Township Henderson County Sibley
 #112 Range 26
 Number of acres in the farm at present 270 acres

Date of original purchase by member of your family John purchased 80 acres in 1863 for sum of \$50.
 Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

NW Quarter of the NW quarter and the west half of the NE East Half of the NW quarter of Section 14 in Township 112 North of Range 26.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Frederick Wigand (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1859 to 1863	Great Grandfather / Father
John Wigand next owner	from 1863 to 1917	Grandfather / Son
Albert Wigand next owner	from 1917 to 1941	Father / Son
Sylvester Wigand next owner	from 1942 to present time	Son / Son
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 Proceedings ()
Land Patent (✓)	Other (please explain _____)
Original Deeds (✓)	
County Land Record ()	

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

E. J. Munn
 (Witness sign here)

Sylvester Wigand
 (Signature of present owner)

Date June 28, 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? (Land patent date) 1859. It was homesteaded in
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? (Prussia)
4. Where was the first owner born? In Brandenburg Germany on Aug. 3, 1801
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Germany & in 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?
It is not known exactly. He was a carpenter in Germany.
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? no
10. When was the present home built? 1905
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn & Beans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Henderson Independent, Henderson

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

Enclosed is a short resume of the family history that might be of interest for our local newspaper. Feel free to write if you need other information.
(Doris Wiegand)

Five - generation family farm
Continuous ownership & residence

Frederick Wigand was born in Prussia on August 3, 1801. He married Sophie Arentsch. He was a carpenter. They had nine children in Germany and one later in the United States.

In 1846, with their nine children, they left Germany to come to the United States. They went to Watertown, Wisconsin.

In 1853, Joseph R. Brown had organized a company of men to come to the newly opened Minnesota Territory to establish homesteads. Sons John and Theodor came in this company.

Two years later, in 1855, Frederick and Sophie, along with the rest of their family followed, making the trip by log-cart. A log home was built on an acreage that John and Theodor had cleared. A pen and ink drawing of this house is still in the family's possession. The log structure was replaced in 1905.

The first school of any record was taught by J. J. Peck in a log house at Henderson in the winter of 1854-55. In 1856, a frame school house was built by F. Wigand. This is believed to have been Frederick since he had been a carpenter.

Frederick Wigand officially

homesteaded the 160 acres
on October 1, 1859.

80 acres of this was sold
to his son John for \$50
on August 15, 1863.

John and his wife Clara
(nee Schmid) had six
children and continued to live
on the family farm until
their deaths in 1916.

At this time, a son, Albert
became the owner. He was
married to the former
Louisa Apitz. Their son,

Sylvester, became the owner
in 1942. He continued to
live there with his
wife Doris (nee Brandt)

and son Larry and daughter
La Donna. Two other
daughters, Laurel, now Mrs.

Eric Penn of Kanawha, Iowa
and Lois, now Mrs. Lance

Iwedt of Newport, Mn.
are also members of this
fifth-generation family.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner MR. MRS. ROBERT WOEHLE
Name(s) to appear on certificate MR. MRS. ROBERT WOEHLE
Address FRLINGTON, MINN.
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 16 Township KELSO County SIBLEY

Number of acres in the farm at present 208

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1874

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

SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 17.65 W 1/2 of NW 1/4
NW 1/4 of SW 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>CHARLES E WOEHLE</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	<u>APRIL 14</u> from <u>1874</u> to <u>1914</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
<u>HENRY WOEHLE</u> next owner	from <u>1914</u> to <u>1947</u>	<u>BROTHER</u>
<u>CHARLES O. WOEHLE</u> next owner	from <u>1947</u> to <u>1962</u>	<u>SON</u>
<u>ROBERT WOEHLE</u> next owner	from <u>1962</u> 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 ()	<u>Legal description from tax receipt.</u>

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 6/29

See reverse side for additional information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? FREDRICK WIEST-1874
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 180
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$ 6.00
4. Where was the first owner born? Ahmser, Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Henderson, Minn.
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?
Carpenter, Mason
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? 1916
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, Beans, Hogs.
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Arlington Enterprise

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

My Grandfather bought this farm in 1865, but no record of it till ~~1865~~ 1874 when it was recorded.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

 Return to
 Minn. State Fair
 CENTURY FARMS
 ST. PAUL, MN 55108
Name of Centennial Farm owner Henry ZarnottName(s) to appear on certificate sameAddress Gaylord Minnesota 55334

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 24Township 113-29 (Grant)County DelawareNumber of acres in the farm at present 160 acresDate of original purchase by member of your family May 31, 1872

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

N¹/₂ of SW¹/₄ of Sec. 24, Twp. 113, Rge. 29.(80 acres)

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Fredrick Zarnott</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1872 to 1889	<u>father of Frederick Jr.</u>
<u>Frederick Zarnott Jr.</u> next owner	from 1889 to 1921	<u>" " Henry</u>
<u>Henry Zarnott</u> next owner	from 1921 to (Present time)	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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 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:

M. J. Lowland
 (Witness sign here)

Henry Zarnott
 (Signature of present owner)
Date June 22, 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Frederick Pollman
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$1900⁰⁰ for 80 acres
4. Where was the first owner born? Frederick Zarnott (Germany)
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Germany
6. Was this a homestead? don't know
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? 1898
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn, beans, wheat, oats
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Gaylord Hub

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

CENTURY FARMS
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

Name of Centennial Farm owner

Name(s) to appear on certificate

Address

Address of farm, if different from above

Section 22 & 23 Township Green IsleCounty Sibley

Number of acres in the farm at present

132

Date of original purchase by member of your family

June 1, 1861

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

East half of Southeast quarter of Section (22)
and Northwest one quarter - Southwest 1/4 of Lot 1 sec 23
114 township Range 27 west

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME

DATES (YEARS) OF
OWNERSHIPBLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO
NEXT OWNERJohn Ziegler
(owner in 1876 or B4)from 1861 to 1878FatherWilliam Ziegler
next ownerfrom 1878 to 1905SonBertha Ziegler adm.
next ownerfrom 1905 to 1944Daughter in Law of John ZieglerMartin Ziegler
next ownerfrom 1944 to 1955Grandson of John ZieglerEdmer Ziegler
next ownerfrom 1955 toGreat Grandson of John Zieglernext owner

from to

next owner

from to

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Abstract of Title ()

Land Patent ()

Original Deed (X)

County Land Record ()

Court file in Registration

Proceedings (X)

Other (please explain)

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

Deloris Ziegler
(Witness sign here)Edmer Ziegler
(Signature of present owner)Date July 10th, 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Mrs Louise Gay
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 152
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? Pennsylvania
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? refer to enclosure letter
10. When was the present home built? Believed to built in about 1880
What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn & Hay, oats, Dairy
Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Arlington Enterprise

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

John Ziegler, a native of Germany was born in 1829. He came to America in 1850 and lived in Pennsylvania until 1858 when he came to Green Isle twp. On June 1, 1861 John purchased a 152 acre farm from Mrs. Louise Gay. She was the widow of John L. Gay, "Seaman, Lake Champlain Station, U.S. Navy, war of 1812". The land was deeded to Mrs. Gay by an Act of Congress entitled "An Act in addition to certain Officers & Soldiers who have been in the Military Service of U.S. The document was signed by President Abraham Lincoln. The original document of this land transaction is still in the Ziegler family possession.

We are enclosing a picture of a barn & silo that was built on this farm by Wm. Ziegler (son of John). Date of construction is unknown. We believe this was the second silo in the State. As you notice of the picture, it's the highest part of the barn with a center wall which gave two silos about 10' x 10' x 30'. They were built similar to the old grain elevator construction. The silo was torn down about 1945, after it was decided it may not be safe to use any more, but as it was being demolished, we found that it was so well built that it would have been safe to use for many more years. The barn remains standing straight & is still being used. It was constructed of hand hewn logs and wooden pegs were used.

There were 2 homes on this farm. The present home which we believe was built before 1850 & another home which was moved away in 1906 to another farm that Martin Ziegler was renting. We are not sure which was the original home. Neither home was log. They have been remodeled over the years & are modern. Martin put the smaller home on skids in the winter & pulled it with many teams of horses across a lake which lies South & South west of our farm while it was frozen. We noticed on our present home, that some of the lumber is home-

sawn & some boards are up to 2 feet wide

We have another barn believed to have been built by Wm. Ziegler. It is our main dairy barn, believed to have been built late 1800 or early 1900, measuring 50' x 72'. Originally, it only had 1 row of stanchion with a 12 x 28' round wooden silo (redwood) inside the west end of the barn, (so the silage wouldn't freeze). Originally one could drive through the barn for cleaning purposes with a small wagon or sled in three different isles. We have since remodeled this barn, adding another row of stanchion (removed silo) & put in barn cleaner. Also done some loose housing, which can be cleaned with tractor & loader. This barn also had a earth ramp built on the north side so the hay wagon could be pulled up into the hay mow to be unloaded.

There was also a wooden windmill tower on this farm, believed to have been built by Wm. Ziegler. This was ~~rather~~ a rather high tower with a huge wooden wheel. This wheel was geared to a shaft which led to a building below where it was harnessed to a feed mill. So wind power was used to grind feed. This structure is no longer here.

The chicken barn was also built by Wm. Ziegler in the late 1800's. It's a 2 story barn. It was divided in four different pens upstairs & 4 pens downstairs. The walls & ceilings were all plastered. The building is still in use as a calf barn.

We can still see the buggy trail that was used when they used our woods before the roads were put in.

Enclosed are some pictures of the original house barn & silo and chicken house

Sincerely

Edna Ziegler
Saginaw, Minn.
55338

File 326-5543

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CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Victor Michael Zeiher
Name(s) to appear on certificate Victor Kemp Zeiher and Victor Michael Zeiher
Address Rt. 1 Box 96 Henderson, MN 56044
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 4 Township Jessonland County Sibley

Number of acres in the farm at present 132

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

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

The Southwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4 of SW 1/4) of Section Three (3),

The Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4 of SE 1/4) of Section Four (4) and Lot Six (6) of Section Four (4), all in Township Number One Hundred Thirteen (113),

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP Range Twenty-Six (26)

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Jane McCormick widow of Levi McCormick (owner in 1876 or B4)	received sometime after husband died in War of 1812 to Sept. 10, 1861	None
Christian Zeiher	Sept. 10, 1861 to June 6, 1885	Father
next owner Jacob Zeiher	June 6, 1885 to June 3, 1947	Father
next owner Victor Kemp Zeiher	June 3, 1947 to April 5, 1976	Father
next owner Victor Michael Zeiher	April 5, 1976 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:

Alto Weber
(Witness sign here)

Victor M. Zeiher
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 21, 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Jane McCormick widow of Levi McCormick
 2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 132 $\frac{27}{100}$
 3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$ 2.25
 4. Where was the first owner born? Jane McCormick - not known
Christian Geiger born in Prussia
 5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Christian Geiger was a coal miner in Pottsville, Pennsylvania
 6. Was this a homestead? No, do not believe so.
 7. Did the first owner farm the land? Jane McCormick never saw the farm
Christian Geiger did farm the land
 8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
Christian Geiger sometimes worked in the copper mines in upper Michigan.
 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? Between 1861 and 1885
 11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, soybeans, wheat, oats
 12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Arlington Enterprise, Arlington, Minnesota 55307
Henderson Independent, Henderson, Minnesota 56044
- Related information: (please feel free to use additional sheets of paper)

Christian Geiger moved on the farm in the year of 1855, but the deed was never recorded until September 10, 1861. They bought the farm before they moved out here, and when they arrived, Martin Quinn had built a cabin on Christian's farm. He thought he could homestead this property, and was surprised to find out it was owned by Christian.

There were a few Indian stories passed down through the generations. There used to be a trading post near the lake. One day an Indian was passing through the farm, and he set his gun down to get a drink of water. There was a pig nearby which knocked the gun into the mud. The Indian picked the gun up out of the mud, shot the pig, and left.

There was a man all dressed in furs because it was cold. He was sitting by the creek, and an Indian, who was barely dressed, came along. The man dressed in furs asked the Indian how he could stand the cold. The Indian asked the man, "Your face is not wrapped in furs? Your face cold?" The man replied "no." The Indian said "Me all face."