



Century Farm Applications

Copyright Notice:

This material may be protected by copyright law (U.S. Code, Title 17). Researchers are liable for any infringement. For more information, visit www.mnhs.org/copyright.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Gilbert V. Dehne
Name(s) to appear on certificate Gilbert V. Dehne (mr & mrs.)
Address 2 Holloway, Minn. Rte 1 56249
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 2 Township Moyer County Swift
Number of acres in the farm at present 320
Date of original purchase by member of your family 1873
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
Section 2, township 121 range 42

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Henry Dehne</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1874</u> to <u>1903</u>	
<u>William H. Dehne</u> next owner	from <u>1903</u> to <u>1953</u>	<u>SON of Henry Dehne</u>
<u>Gilbert V. Dehne</u> next owner	from <u>1953</u> to <u>present</u>	<u>SON of William Dehne</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	

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

Abstract of Title ()	Court file in Registration
Land Patent ()	Proceedings ()
Original Deed ()	Other (please explain _____)
County Land Record ()	<u>Records from National archives</u>
	<u>Washington, D.C.</u>

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

Lois V. Rheingans
(Witness sign here)

Gilbert V. Dehne
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-30-76

See reverse side for additional information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Information you may be able to add to this form, while not essential to Century Farm certification, will be most valuable to future historians. The questions below are offered only as a guide, so please feel free to add any other data, especially family or pioneer stories concerning the farm and the area around it.

1. From whom was the farm purchased? U.S. Government
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? #1.25
4. Where was the first owner born? Schaumburg, Germany 1832
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Brown County, Minn.
6. Was this a homestead? yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
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? 1906, remodeled, 1963
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, wheat, soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Appleton Press, Appleton, Minn. 56508

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

Records from National Archives show that "Henry Dehne first made settlement on the land May 12, 1873. Built a house and broke 20 acres".

Present operators of this farm are Mr & Mrs.
Gilbert Dehne. They have operated it since
Sept. 1941

The first owner, Henry Dehne, came to
America in 1865 living in Brown Co.

Minn. before coming to Swift Co. in 1873
They came from Brown to Swift Co. in a
covered wagon.

G. V. Dehne

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner

OK
Philip Ellington

Name(s) to appear on certificate

Philip Ellington

Address

Rt #3 Benson, Mn.

Address of farm, if different from above

Section

14

Township

Camp Lake

County

Swift

Number of acres in the farm at present

245

Date of original purchase by member of your family

Dec. 2, 1876

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

E 1/2 NW 1/4 Sec 14 Twp 122 Rge 38 Dec 2, 1876W 1/2 SE 1/4 - Sec 14 Twp 122 Rge 38 May 20, 1882

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Elling Ellington</u> 1876 (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1876 to 1918	Father
<u>Elling E. Ellington</u> next owner	from 1918 to 1957	Son
<u>Elling E. Ellington</u> next owner <u>Estate</u>	from 1957 to 1959	Wife and heirs
<u>Philip Ellington</u> next owner	from 1959 to Present	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 ☒
 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:

Adis Ellington
 (Witness sign here)

Philip Ellington
 (Signature of present owner)

Date

July 10, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Information you may be able to add to this form, while not essential to Century Farm certification, will be most valuable to future historians. The questions below are offered only as a guide, so please feel free to add any other data, especially family or pioneer stories concerning the farm and the area around it.

1. From whom was the farm purchased? Bjorn Bjinson + Kari his wife
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80
3. What was the cost of land per acre? 350⁰⁰ (80 acres)
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? don't know
6. Was this a homestead? yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
Carpenter
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 (approximately)
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? —
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Swift County Monitor-News

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

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner

Ben Kepner

Name(s) to appear on certificate

Address

Hollowy Minn'

Address of farm, if different from above

Section

4

Township

Mayer

County

Swift

Number of acres in the farm at present

160

Date of original purchase by member of your family

Homesteaded 1869

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

NE 1/4 - SW 1/4 and NW 1/4 - NW 1/4 and SE 1/4 - NW 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME

DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP

BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER

<i>Samuel Z. Kepner</i> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <i>1869</i> to <i>1917</i>	<i>husband</i>
<i>Marguerite M. Kepner</i> next owner	from <i>1917</i> to <i>1921</i>	<i>wife Mather</i>
<i>Marie Kepner</i> next owner	from <i>1921</i> to <i>1926</i>	<i>Sister</i>
<i>Bentley Kepner</i> next owner	from <i>1926</i> to <i>1956</i>	<i>Uncle</i>
<i>Ben Kepner</i> next owner	from <i>1956</i> to <i>1976</i>	
	from to	
	from to	
	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 ()
 Land Patent ()
 Original Deed ()
 County Land Record ()

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

Family History Book

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

(Witness sign here)

Ben Kepner
(Signature of present owner)

Date

July 10 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Information you may be able to add to this form, while not essential to Century Farm certification, will be most valuable to future historians. The questions below are offered only as a guide, so please feel free to add any other data, especially family or pioneer stories concerning the farm and the area around it.

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

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

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

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

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Bernice Olson *ok*

Name(s) to appear on certificate Bernice Olson

Address De Graff, Minn 56233

Address of farm, if different from above Benson Minn

Section 26

Township Tanning

County Swift

Number of acres in the farm at present 80

Date of original purchase by member of your family June 17, 1872

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

"north half of the north west quarter of section 26 in Township
one hundred and twenty one north of range thirty nine west of the 5th
Principal meridian in Minnesota containing eighty acres" (from deed)
PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Anton Pederson</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1872 to 1909	<u>Husband and father</u>
<u>Birta Pederson & children</u> next owner	from 1909 to 1909	<u>Mother, brother & sisters</u>
<u>Anna Larson & Edwin Larson</u> next owner	from 1909 to 1975	<u>Mother & father</u>
<u>Bernice Olson & Emory Larson</u> next owner	from 1975 to 1975	<u>Same owner and brother</u>
<u>Bernice Olson</u> next owner	from 1975 to	
	from to	
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		

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

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

Court file in Registration Proceedings (✓)
Other (please explain U.S. Land Office
Application - Homestead entry 5336
& Verification

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

Henry G. Christianson
(Witness sign here)

Bernice Olson
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 28, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Information you may be able to add to this form, while not essential to Century Farm certification, will be most valuable to future historians. The questions below are offered only as a guide, so please feel free to add any other data, especially family or pioneer stories concerning the farm and the area around it.

1. From whom was the farm purchased? U.S. Government
It was a homestead
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? Near Nordfjord, Nordfjord, Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Nordfjord, Norway
6. Was this a homestead? Yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
No
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? A granary is still standing, but not in use
10. When was the present home built? 1887 It is structurally the same as when it was built & then added about 1900
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Swift County Monitor-News, Benson, Minn 56213-

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

DeGraff, Minnesota 56233

June 28, 1976

My grandfather, Anton Pederson, and his wife Abilena Hornborstad and their two children Peder age 12 and Christine age 7 left Norway on the steamship "Norway" from Bergen to America on May 4, 1972. They entered this country at Port Huron by way of the St. Lawrence River.

Another family from the same area in Norway was on the same ship. Benson was their common destination. They took up their homesteads in the same section of the township which was to be known as Torning. It was too late in the year to plant a crop, but the two families had brought seed potatoes with them, which they planted and harvested.

Anton's first wife died in 1876. In 1877 he married Brita Olsdotter Navelsaker (who had changed her name to Brita Olson when she came to this country in 1870).

Brita had lived in the neighboring community of Hornindal in Norway.

Brita was the grandmother of the present owner. Brita bore five children, two of whom survived, Lena and Anna. Anna was my mother.

Anton (aka Anthon) and Brita and all of their children were active members of their community. At one time, about 1905, a crowd of a thousand people attended a community gathering at their home. There was a baseball game between the Benson and DeGraff teams, the Benson band played and concession stands were set up in "the Pederson Grove". This information is verified by the historical notes in the Swift County Monitor News.

The township of Torning was named for a place in Norway called Tonning. The name was mistakenly entered into the county records as Torning. Since everyone concerned felt that that sounded better anyway, the mistake was allowed to stand, and the name remained Torning. When several of the young folks from the area took up homesteads in Ward County, North Dakota, they named their township Torning for their home township in Swift County, Minnesota.

Signed

Bernice Olson
(Mrs. Steiner Olson)

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Donald & Elmer Pederson

Name(s) to appear on certificate " " "

Address Oak Lawn Farm, Benson, Minnesota

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 10; 15 Township Benson County Swift

Number of acres in the farm at present 282

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1867

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

SE 1/4 SW 1/4, SW 1/4 SE 1/4 and lot number five (5)
Sec 15 Township 122 and range 39 lot 7 Sec 10

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Ole Andreas Pederson (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1867 to 1905	Father to sons
Edward A. & Peter next owner	from 1905 to 1924	Brother to brother
Edward next owners	from 1924 to 1960	Father to son
Donald & Elmer next owner	from 1960 to Present	Brother to brother
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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:

Mr. Elmer Pederson
(Witness sign here)

Donald Pederson, Elmer Pederson
(Signature of present owners)

Date June 29, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Information you may be able to add to this form, while not essential to Century Farm certification, will be most valuable to future historians. The questions below are offered only as a guide, so please feel free to add any other data, especially family or pioneer stories concerning the farm and the area around it.

1. From whom was the farm purchased? It was homesteaded
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 282
3. What was the cost of land per acre? not available
4. Where was the first owner born? Trondheim, Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Wisconsin
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? 1884
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn and small grain
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Swift County Monitor News, Benson, Minnesota
56215

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

see attached sheets.

Family History

Our family tree has its roots deep in Norway. All our grandparents were born there. Three of these grandparents lived in Valres, while one grandfather, Ole Andreas Pederson, lived in Trondheim. They all emigrated to America in the 1860's and 1870's and settled in Minnesota. Ole A. Pederson came to the United States ~~in~~ a sailboat in 1866. The trip took seven weeks. After landing Ole stopped a short time in Kentucky before starting his westward trip through Wisconsin and then settling in Minnesota. In 1867 he homesteaded the present farm near Benson, Minn. on the south shore of Lake Moore.

The first years on this homestead were not always so pleasant. Besides the harsh winters and hot summers, they also had a few Chippewas to contend with. But these few Indians were quite friendly with Ole Andreas. In fact one Indian used to come into Ole's cabin quite often. Ole also used to be quite hospitable to strangers who stayed over night in his cabin. One^{day} Ole went down to the lake and ate muskrat with the Indians.

Another time the Indians went to town in the morning and came back in the evening and wanted to get into Ole's Cabin. The Indians had had some fire water so Ole thought they might set fire to the Cabin. He had no gun, only an ax to defend himself. But all the Indians did was to tear up the gooseberry bushes planted near the Cabin. That was the last that Ole saw of these Indians.

The size of Ole's log barn determined the amount of livestock he owned ~~the~~ ~~land~~. He had two oxen, named Brown and Spot, four horses and about half a dozen Cows and a few calves and sheep. On some of the coldest nights they would take some of the young sheep into the cellar of the Cabin. Many evenings the children would play hide and seek in the barn.

Most of the land was in woods and grassland, with little in farmland. But the amount of farmland grew as the grasslands became plowed. The oxen played a big role in this development.

To Ole Andreas Pederson and Gurine Iverson, who were married in 1869, eight children were born. My father was their sixth child and was born on March 18, 1883. My father and mother were married on June 12, 1912. They settled on the old homestead which my father then purchased from his brothers and sisters. Ten children were born to this union, of which eight were boys.

Again a transaction in the family farm was made in 1960 when Donald and Elmer purchased the farm from their father Edward and are now present owners.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Lloyd and Harriet Sanders
 Name(s) to appear on certificate Lloyd and Harriet Sanders
 Address Shunbug Minn. 56289
 Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 13 Township Kerkhovan County Swift
 Number of acres in the farm at present 160
 Date of original purchase by member of your family 1946
 Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
S.E. 13 - 122 - 37

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

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

Alexander Peterson (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1875 to 1904	Father
Christophers Sanders next owners	from 1904 to 1935	father
Lloyd, Elmo & Chester Sanders next owner	from 1935 to 1946	Brothers
Lloyd Sanders next owners	from 1946 to 1947	Partnership dissolved and Lloyd Sanders became sole owner.
Lloyd & Harriet Sanders next owner	from to	joint tenancy after marriage
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 ()	Court file in Registration
Land Patent ()	Proceedings <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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:

Nellie Sanders
 (Witness sign here)

Lloyd and Harriet Sanders
 (Signature of present owner)

Date July 10, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Information you may be able to add to this form, while not essential to Century Farm certification, will be most valuable to future historians. The questions below are offered only as a guide, so please feel free to add any other data, especially family or pioneer stories concerning the farm and the area around it.

1. From whom was the farm purchased? _____
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 120 A.
3. What was the cost of land per acre? don't know
4. Where was the first owner born? Sweden
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Goodhue County
6. Was this a homestead? Bought from railroad
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
no
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? The houses and grainary are in use and in good condition
10. When was the present home built? 1881
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Soybeans, Corn, wheat, Rye, + oats
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Sweet County Monitor-News Benson Minn

56215

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

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Lyndon O. and Ednah Thorson

Name(s) to appear on certificate _____

Address Benson, Minn. Rte 3-56715

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 3 Township 122 Rge 38 County Swift

Number of acres in the farm at present 200 acres

Date of original purchase by member of your family Aug. 17, 1875

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

Conveys the NW 1/4 NW 1/4 of Sec. 3 Twp 122. Rge 38

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Oley Thorson and Betsy Thorson</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	<u>from 1875 to 1905</u>	<u>Father and mother</u>
<u>Otis and Berina Thorson</u> next owner	<u>from 1905 to 1949</u>	<u>Son and wife</u>
<u>Lyndon O. and Ednah Thorson</u> next owner	<u>from 1949 to 1976</u>	<u>Son and wife</u>
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

Abstract of Title (X)	Court file in Registration
Land Patent ()	Proceedings ()
Original Deed ()	Other (please explain)
County Land Record ()	<u>Clerk of Court at Benson</u>
	<u>Verified it</u>

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

(Witness sign here) _____
Date June 8, 1976
See reverse side for additional information.

Lyndon O. and Ednah Thorson
(Signature of present owner)
Lyndon O. & Ednah Thorson

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Information you may be able to add to this form, while not essential to Century Farm certification, will be most valuable to future historians. The questions below are offered only as a guide, so please feel free to add any other data, especially family or pioneer stories concerning the farm and the area around it.

1. From whom was the farm purchased? Lerina Thorson mother
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? 75.00 Per acre
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? _____
6. Was this a homestead? yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
no.
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? _____
Portions still standing and used - house - living room +
bedroom + bathroom
10. When was the present home built? Has been added to 1967
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Wht, Oats, Corn, + Soy beans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Swift County News + Monitor - Benson, Minn

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

Otis Thorson (Lyndon's father) both farmed ^{all the time} & taught school ^{part of the time}
The original house has been added to at different years - however, a large enclosed porch was added to the front of house in 1967. Old part is still in good condition

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Elverd + Judith Torkelson

Name(s) to appear on certificate ELVERD + JUDITH TORKELSON

Address Murlock, MINNESOTA 56271

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 10 + 11 Township Hayes County SWIFT

Number of acres in the farm at present 292

Date of original purchase by member of your family Feb 2, 1876

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

E 1/2 SE 1/4 SECTION 10 SW 1/4 SW 1/4 SECTION 11
TOWNSHIP 121 RANGE 37 W 1/2 W 1/2 SECTION 11 E 1/2 SE 1/4 of
SE 1/4 NE 1/4 30 Rods East side of SW 1/4 NE 1/4 SECTION 10 TWP 121 RANGE 37
PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Ole Torkelson</u> (owner in 1876 or B4).	from 1876 to 1907	Father
<u>Bernt O. Torkelson</u> next owner	from 1907 to 1938	Brother
<u>Edward O. Torkelson</u> next owner	from 1938 to 1949	Father
<u>Thorvald Torkelson</u> next owner	from 1949 to 1965	Father
<u>Elverd Torkelson</u> next owner	from 1965 to present owner	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

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

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

Judith Torkelson
(Witness sign here)

Elverd Torkelson
(Signature of present owner)

Date July 12, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Information you may be able to add to this form, while not essential to Century Farm certification, will be most valuable to future historians. The questions below are offered only as a guide, so please feel free to add any other data, especially family or pioneer stories concerning the farm and the area around it.

1. From whom was the farm purchased? First Div. St. Paul & Pacific
Iron Railroad co. by its trustees
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 120
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$2
4. Where was the first owner born? in Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? _____
6. Was this a homestead? yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
no
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? the home is still
being used
10. When was the present home built? 1876
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn & alf. & Dairy
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:

Swift Co. Montic, Benson, Minn.
West Central Daily Tribune, Willmar, Minn.

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