



## Century Farm Applications

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## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Minnesota State Fair CENTURY FARMS  
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

Name of Centennial Farm owner

Benjamin L. Armstrong *Ok*

Name(s) to appear on certificate

Address

Rt #1 Box 149, Waseca, MN 56093

Address of farm, if different from above

Section

1

Township

Freedom

County

Waseca

Number of acres in the farm at present

160

Date of original purchase by member of your family

Oct 21st, 1864

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

SE 1/4 Sec 1 Twp. 106 N R 24 W.

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>William D. Armstrong</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1864</u> to <u>1885</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Benjamin D. Armstrong</u> next owner	from <u>1885</u> to <u>1937</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>B. L. Armstrong</u> next owner	from <u>1937</u> to <u>Present</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 ( )  
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:

John E. Jones  
(Witness sign here)

B. L. Armstrong  
(Signature of present owner)

Date

6-28-76

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? United State of America
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$ 2.25 per acre
4. Where was the first owner born? England
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?  
Money still is
10. When was the present home built? About 1886
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? General
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Waseca Journal

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner ARTHUR AUGST  
Name(s) to appear on certificate ARTHUR AUGST Farm  
Address Rt. 1 Box 19, Montgomery, Minn 56069  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 5 Township Montgomery County Le Sueur

Number of acres in the farm at present 327

Date of original purchase by member of your family Dec. 28, 1866

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

74 acres of SW 1/4 of Sec. 5-111-23, Le Sueur Co., Minn.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>J. Traugott Richter</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1866 to 1869	<u>Grandfather</u>
<u>Karl E. Augst</u> next owner	from 1869 to 1916	<u>Father</u>
<u>August Augst</u> next owner	from 1916 to 1949	<u>Uncle</u>
<u>Arthur Augst</u> next owner	from 1949 to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

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

W. K. Kumpfer - Register of Deeds  
(Witness sign here)

Arthur Augst  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 28, 1976

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1958 AUGUST FORM

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Winn. Valley R.R. Co.
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 acres.
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$5.00
4. Where was the first owner born? Wehrsdorf, Saxony, 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? The house was 98 years old and was taken down this last spring.
10. When was the present home built? 1927, on different place.
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Beans, corn, Beef, alfalfa.
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Montgomery Messenger - Montgomery Minn. 56069

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

Karl August's father Gottlieb August homesteaded in 1857 on Sec. 8. This 38 acres is a part of our farm, and was included in the 1958 Territory Century Farms.

This past winter I helped a Committee of three write a history of Montgomery. I gathered information on 1524 pioneers from this area, who are buried in 7 area cemeteries. The book will be ready this fall.  
Mrs. Arthur August.

#### EARLY AUGST HISTORY

as told to Susan and Arthur Augst by Uncle August Augst (August Augst was born Sept. 21, 1877 and died March 8, 1976 at the age of 98. He was the son of Karl Augst and grandson of Gottlieb Augst.)

The Augst's of Germany in the 1850's lived at Trasten, Wehrsdorf, Germany, then the Railroad Capitol in Saxony. They were weavers of cloth, using flax. They lived in overcrowded conditions, probably were dissatisfied with their government and felt they would have better opportunities in America. In 1856, Traugott Richter, his daughter, Caroline and grandson Karl Augst, age 10, emigrated to America, leaving Germany in April and reaching New Prague in October. The journey by sailboat took from 7 to 9 weeks. To travel by sailboat was cheaper than by steam boat. All of the food supply on the boat, except sauerkraut was used up and the drinking water was rationed.

When they arrived here, they felt they wanted to live in a wooded area because there had been a shortage of wood for fuel, etc., back in Germany. They could have settled at Shakopee but said the trees were not as high as in LeSueur County, so they came here.

The next year in 1857, Karl's father, Gottlieb Augst, his wife and three children, August, Christine and Minnie came.

Traugott and Henriette Richter were the parents of three daughters; Hannah, Caroline and Christena. It was their wish to claim four 80 acre plots, one for themselves, and one each for the daughters and their families. Hannah's husband Gottlieb Augst homesteaded on what is now the St. John Lutheran Cemetery, and Traugott and grandson Karl remained in the hut on the land north of there. It seems that if they built a hut on the land and lived there for five years, they could then claim the land as theirs. Also to become a citizen, the needed to stay in one place for five years.

To Gottlieb and Hannah Augst was born their fifth child, Mary, who was one of the first white babies born in Montgomery township. (Mary Augst Miller lived to be 102 years old, passing away in 1959). Three more children (eight in all) Herman C., William and Gustav, were born to the Gottlieb Augst's.

Caroline Richter was married to a Mr. Logofeil and their daughter, Clara was married to John Gutenberg, descendent of Gutenberg the printer.

Christena Richter was married to Adolph Kauffer, a man who had been a school teacher in the old country. Because he could read and write he became a postmaster of Montgomery out in the country. He played the melodion and read the church services in the first Lutheran church building which was about two miles west of the present town of Montgomery. He taught others how to play musical instruments and organized a band. Kauffer died in 1894 at the age of 68 of old age infirmities and is buried in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery.

Other buildings, including a trading post and meeting hall were a part of the settlement west of Montgomery. The railroad was built as far as Pippin Lake in 1871 and through the present site of Montgomery in 1877 and so the business places were also built there.

The new immigrants had to struggle for their lives the first years while here. For several years they lived on rutabagas, cornbread and wildlife. Karl is claimed to have said they had no salt to eat with the rutabagas because they didn't have the money to buy it. After they had other food, he could and would no longer eat the rutabagas. They couldn't raise much the first years because they had to clear the land of the trees and brush.



Birds threatened to eat the growing corn and the people had to stand guard to keep it safe. In fall, when the corn was harvested, the ears were counted and so many were set aside for each day's use so that they would have some until the next crop. At one point when they felt they would surely starve, a man came through the woods. He told them to pick the ginseng in the woods and he would buy it. The roots of ginseng have a medicinal value. This brought them money and they managed to buy a cow.

One evening Karl was to go through the woods to bring the cow home for milking. He was encountered by an Indian and in fright he ran all the way home. The cow came home by herself.

Trips were made by foot to Shakopee for bags of flour, which were carried on the back. A plow was also bought and brought here, carried on the back.

The first huts were small, covered with bark and usually with only a small window. There had been a hut in the New Prague vicinity, 163 by 18' in size, in which a man and his son lived. The man wrote back to Germany that his brother should come too. When his brother came, nineteen others also came to live in that small hut. There had been a forest fire, so it was very hard to find small game to eat. Once one of them caught a bear. They cooked the meat all day, but it still was tough.

Karl Augst tried to enlist in the Army when he was 16 years old, hoping to get more food and to earn money. He was rejected because of undernourishment. He and August Logsfell went to Mendota one fall to sell furs and to buy supplies and a plow. On the way home they crossed the Minnesota River and the mules and wagon broke through the ice, and were lost. Then they went to Fort Snelling to buy another team. For some time, Karl worked on the barges on the river. Later he became a butcher in Montgomery.

There was a cranberry bog west of the cemetery. The kids had to pick the berries, coming home after a long day, with cold wet feet, their leather shoes brittle and hard.

In 1867 Kauffer sold 80 acres land to Gottlieb Augst for 100.00. Gottlieb walked to LeSueur to borrow the money for which he paid 20% interest. He became one of the township's first tax-payers, paying \$1.62 in 1863. (He paid taxes before actually owning land)

In 1872 the people became ill with the black small pox. Gottlieb's wife went to the neighbor's to nurse the sick and do the necessary work. She too got the small pox and became very ill. Her daughter Minnie was working in the Cities doing housework. Minnie heard of her mother's illness and she wanted to see her so she came home. While walking through Heidelberg, she was stopped and told not to go home, that she too would get sick. Minnie was determined to see her mother, she went home, she got the small pox and both she and her mother died. Both were buried in the garden, by the window of their hut. These were the first burials of what is now St. John's Lutheran Cemetery.

Two years later the father, Gottlieb got blood poisoning and died. Gustav, the youngest was only four years old. The children then went to live with the Traugott Richter's, their grandparents. At twelve years of age, Gustav already was on his own, making his own living. He worked for the railroad. He was at Hinckley, at the time of the big fire.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner

Lloyd G. Brandvold

Name(s) to appear on certificate

Lloyd G. Brandvold

Address

R.R. 2 Box 153 Waseca, Minn. 56093

Address of farm, if different from above

Section

23 + 26

Township

Otisco

County

Waseca

Number of acres in the farm at present

180

Date of original purchase by member of your family

May 25 1865

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

160 Acres SW 1/4 23-106-22

20 Acres W 1/2 of NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 26-106-22

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME

DATES (YEARS) OF  
OWNERSHIP

BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO  
NEXT OWNER

	from	to	
(owner in 1876 or B4)			
<u>And + Ole Brandvold</u>	from 1865	to 1874	<u>Uncle + Grandfather</u>
next owner			
<u>Ole Brandvold</u>	from 1874	to 1898	<u>Grandfather</u>
next owner			
<u>Arkel O. Brandvold</u>	from 1898	to 1949	<u>father</u>
next owner			
<u>Lloyd G. Brandvold</u>	from 1949	to <del>1976</del>	<u>Son</u>
next owner			
	from	to	
next owner			
	from	to	
next owner			

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

Court file in Registration Proceedings ☒  
Other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

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

John E. Lomen  
(Witness sign here)

Lloyd G. Brandvold  
(Signature of present owner)

Date

6-21-76

See reverse side for additional information.



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1. From whom was the farm purchased? S. Harrington - Patent
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 120 A.
3. What was the cost of land per acre? ~~not~~ not known
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? ?
6. Was this a homestead? ?
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
no
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use?  
no
10. When was the present home built? 1923
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn beans oats + hay
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Waseca Journal

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Raymond Brandvoell  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Raymond and Agnes Brandvoell and Ronald and Lois Clamson  
Address R#2 Waseca Minn  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 23 Township Chisago County Waseca  
Number of acres in the farm at present 160  
Date of original purchase by member of your family 1869  
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
SE 1/4 23-106-22-160

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
T. Brandvoell <sup>ob</sup> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1869 to 1894	T. Brandvoell father
J. H. Brandvoell	from 1894 to 1903	father
J. H. Brandvoell	from 1903 to 1940	cousin
Raymond Brandvoell	from 1940 to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

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

John E. Somer (Witness sign here) Raymond Brandvoell (Signature of present owner)  
Date 6-18-76

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 40
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? \_\_\_\_\_
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? 1953
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn - Soybean
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Wasena Journal

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



## CENTURY-FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner

Andrew W Breck

Name(s) to appear on certificate

Andrew W Breck

Address

R4 Warco Minnesota

Address of farm, if different from above

Section

33

Township

Blooming Grove

County

Waseca

Number of acres in the farm at present

2.80

Date of original purchase by member of your family

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

S 1/4 NE 1/4 & NE 1/4 NE 1/4Sec 33, Twp 108, Range 22

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Ole Oleson Breck</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 11/16/76 to 5/5/62	<u>Son</u>
<u>Ole O. Breck Jr.</u> next owner	from 5/5/62 to 1931	<u>WIFE</u>
<u>HELEN BRECK</u> next owner	from 1931 to 11/8/46	<u>Son</u>
<u>ANDREW BRECK</u> next owner	from 11/8/46 to Present	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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Abstract of Title ( )  
 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:

John E. Danner  
 (Witness sign here)

Andrew W Breck  
 (Signature of present owner)

Date

June 24, 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? U. S. Government
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 120
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Bounty Patent
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Norway
6. Was this a homestead? Yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? it was all timber
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
worked for Neighbor
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? no
10. When was the present home built? about 1890
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn Soy Beans <sup>Sweet</sup> corn
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Waseca Journal

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

THE CHILDHOOD OF NELS BRECK AS TOLD BY HIMSELF *by Nels Breck*

The black measles had taken my mother away. There had been a long siege in Norway. We children had very little care during the illness and it left my eyes impaired from that time.

My father, Ole, had had an older brother, Andrew, who had gone several years before and taken up a claim somewhere near Fairbault, Minnesota. He was called into service for the North. He had written my father a letter telling him about the claim, if ever he should come to America, and that he, himself, might never return.

My father saw a future in America. In March 1864, he had engaged passage on a sail boat owned by the Kuller Co. It was a small boat which held some one hundred people. I believe its name was "Habbe".

There were four of us children, Ole 11, Bertha 8, I was 6, and the baby, Andrew, was 4. I was born in 1858.

Most of the men in the boat were single, though, there were women and children. I remember playing with a boy of my own age one evening, and the following morning he was dead. No one knew the cause of his death for there was not any doctor on board. The child was buried in the sea.

We had only been out to sea for a week, when the boat sprang a leak. The crew had to take their turn at pumping. Each stood his turn until he was tired. It meant continual pumping for night and day.

Even the wind played havoc with us. We were forced to go zig-zag in order to have the wind catch our sails at all. Most of the men were expert sea-men, otherwise, it would have meant peril to us all. Our food was running low for the time planned had far exceeded. It would ordinarily have taken some three weeks, but this had brought us into our thirteenth. Our food and water was rationed out in proportion. We ate salt pork and hardtack

*Orel*

Andrew W Breck.

This is written by my cousin Marine Breck  
Given ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> By Her Father Nels Breck  
Nels Breck was one of the four children  
and my dad was Ole O Breck

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner PAUL D. BYRON and

Name(s) to appear on certificate MAYONE BYRON

Address WASECA, MINN. 56093 ROUTE 1

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

Section 21 Township ST MARY County WASECA

Number of acres in the farm at present 200

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1856

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

W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Sec 21 and NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of S.E. <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Sec 21 all in  
Twp. 107 Range 23 WASECA County - S<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> was added in 1871

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>JOHN BYRON</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1856</u> to <u>1900</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>JOHN M BYRON</u> next owner	from <u>1900</u> to <u>1913</u>	<u>Brother</u>
<u>JAMES BYRON</u> next owner	from <u>1913</u> to <u>1916</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>WILLIAM E BYRON</u> next owner	from <u>1916</u> to <u>1954</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>PAUL D BYRON</u> next owner	from <u>1954</u> to <u>now</u>	
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:

(Witness sign here)

Paul D. Byron  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 7-8-76



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1. From whom was the farm purchased? United States
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$1.25
4. Where was the first owner born? County Limerick Ireland
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? State of Virginia
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? 1887
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn soybeans wheat
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
WASECA'S DAILY JOURNAL

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Walter M. Byron *dr*  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Walter M. Byron  
Address Rt 1, Box 176, Waseca, Mn. 56093  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 28 Township St. Mary's County Waseca  
Number of acres in the farm at present 280  
Date of original purchase by member of your family 1858

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
N.W. Quarter of the NE Quarter of Section 28 in Township 107 North of Range 23 and the North one half of the NW Quarter of Section 28 in Township 107 North of Range 23 West.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>William Byron</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	<u>from 1858 to 1900</u>	
<u>Wm. Byron Jr.</u> next owner	<u>from 1900 to 1947</u>	<u>Son</u>
<u>Arthur I Byron</u> next owner	<u>from 1947 to 1954</u>	<u>First Cousin</u>
<u>Walter M. Byron</u> next owner	<u>from 1954 to Present</u>	<u>Son</u>
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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Land Patent <input type="checkbox"/>	Proceedings <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Original Deed <input 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:

Jean M. Byron  
(Witness sign here)

Walter M. Byron  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 28, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? U.S. Govt. (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? Limerick, Ireland
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Virginia
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?  
He worked as a contractor for macadam and turnpike roads in Virginia before coming to Minnesota in 1856.
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? c. 1890
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Grain - <sup>certified</sup> and <sup>registered</sup> seed
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Waseca Daily Journal

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

The original owner and his brother came to the U.S. to escape the potato famine in Ireland and to earn enough money to send back to their parents and sister to enable them to survive the famine. One of the descendants of the original owner of the (cont)



farm (Wm. Byron), Rev. Earl Byron, has written a history of the family and has made several trips to Ireland to trace the family and contact the descendants of Mary Byron O'Dwyer<sup>(the sister)</sup>. There were seven other brothers and sisters of the original two immigrant brothers who died at the time of the famine.

The present owner, Walter M. Byron specializes in raising certified and registered seed grain and was recognized as a Minnesota Premier Seed Grower in 1968.



## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Mr. & Mrs. Curtis Martin Carlson *ok*  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Curtis M. Carlson  
Address Route 4 Box 172 Waseca, Minn. 56093

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

Section 14 Township Loreo County Waseca

Number of acres in the farm at present 120

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1874

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

The east half of the Southwest quarter of section fourteen in township one hundred and eight south of range twenty-three west.

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<i>(Martin)</i> O. M. Carlson (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1874 to 1944	father
Ferninand Carlson next owner	from 1944 to 1945	son
O. M. Carlson next owner	from 1945 to 1947	father
Vernon C. Carlson next owner	from 1947 to 1967	son
Curtis M. Carlson next owner	from 1967 to present	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

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

John E. Somers  
(Witness sign here) *REJ*

Curtis M. Carlson  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-18-76

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? A. B. Harwood, in March 4, 1874
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$1100.00 (total price)
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway - 1853
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Leane County, Wisc.
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?  
O.M. Carlson was a very unique man. He was a lover of all animals. He raised Canada Geese, peacocks, pigeons, Registered Morgan Horses, Percherons, Registered dairy cattle. He died in 1947 at the age of 94 years.
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? yes - house and barn
10. When was the present home built? sometime around 1874
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, soybeans, beef
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Waseca Daily Journal - Waseca, Minn. 56093

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

O.M. Carlson was a well-known horseman in his day. At the age of 9 he had his first Morgan horse which has been designated the official bicentennial breed. He raised and trained many through the years. We are attempting to put many things back on the farm that O.M. Carlson enjoyed; the Morgan horse is one. We have recently found a 19-year-old stallion that is from the last stallion he owned, Martin's King. <sup>(King High 11779)</sup> We have traced King High back to eight generations from the Justin Morgan. <sup>(8755)</sup> We have many old Morgan horse registrations; one dating back to 1876. The Justin Morgan was foaled in 1789.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Terrance R. Conway Sr.  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Terrance & Marcella Conway  
Address Janesville, Minn 56048  
Address of farm, if different from above R. 1 - Box 253

Section 5 Township 107 Range 23 County Waseca

Number of acres in the farm at present 240 acres

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1875

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

S. W. 1/4 of Sec 5 - Twp. 107 Range-23

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Patrick Carney (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1869 to	Great Grand father Patrick
Anna Conway next owner	from 1875 to 1919	daughter Anna Grandmother Francis Conway
Richard Conway next owner	from 1919 to 1947	Son Richard - (Catherine Lilly)
Terrance Conway next owner	from 1947 to 1976	Son Terrance - (Marcella Fasnacht)
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:

Marcella Conway  
(Witness sign here)

Terrance R. Conway  
(Signature of present owner)

Date July 19 - 1976



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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Winona & St. Peter Rail Road
  2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 acres
  3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$7 1/2 per acre (\$1,200)
  4. Where was the first owner born? Beloit? Wisc.
  5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Maybe Ireland
  6. Was this a homestead? Yes (1869)
  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 -  
Old Granary in use
  10. When was the present home built? 1870?
  11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn - Soy Beans Alfalfa
  12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Janesville Argus Waseca Daily Journal  
Janesville, Minn. Waseca, Minn.
- Related information: (please feel free to use additional sheets of paper) 56048 56093

Old Patrick Carney home steaded this place and lived with her dad and married Francis Canway - a (widower) - They lived here and she moved Waseca when Richard (son) was married - (Catherine Lilly) - son Terrance now

lives on farm - The house we live  
in was built 1870 and added on  
three years. - Old granary was their  
home before this house was built.  
This place was kind of trading  
post where Indians came to trade  
furs for whiskey.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Melvin J. Fette *OK*  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Melvin J. Fette  
Address RR2 Box 193, Waseca, Mn. 56093  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 4 Township Otisco County Waseca

Number of acres in the farm at present 160

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1862

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
SE 1/4 OF SE 1/4 in Sec. 4; Twp. 106 N  
OF Range 22 West in Waseca County

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>CONRAD Fette</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1874</u> to <u>1905</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Fred A. Fette</u> next owner	from <u>1905</u> to <u>1945</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Melvin J. Fette</u> next owner	from <u>1945</u> to <u>Present</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 <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:

John E. Somers (Witness sign here) Melvin J. Fette (Signature of present owner)

Date 6-28-76

See reverse side for additional information.



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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Charles W. Swain
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$8.00 / Acre
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Germany
6. Was this a homestead? Yes, by Conrad Fette
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Yes - some
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
No - Not of my knowledge
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? yes, the barn  
was built by Charles Johnson in 1892.
10. When was the present home built? 1918
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? CORN + GRAIN
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Waseca's Daily Journal

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

June 27, 1976

Dear Sir;

We would like some information about this. Is there going to be a day at the State Fair in honor of the Century Farms?

We had a picture of our barn on the front page of the Waseca Daily Journal a few weeks ago. The barn was built by the father of the E. F. Johnson radio company of Waseca. His sons were here and also had their pictures taken by the barn. The barn is wood pegged and was just shingled with wood shingles.

Hoping to hear from you

Melvin J. Fette  
R2 Waseca, Minnesota  
Box 193 56093



### ***His father's trade***

EDGAR JOHNSON tries his hand at his father's trade as he nails on a couple of shingles on the barn built by his father Charlie Johnson back in 1892. With him, looking as if he's too

afraid to turn around for the picture is Pat O'Grady. Melvin Fette re-shingled the barn with wooden shingles to preserve its natural state.

## **Johnson barn still stands on Fette farm**

Written by OATHER TROLDAHL  
Photos by TONY SYBILRUD

of place on this vintage barn. Melvin said, "I figured the last time I shingled the barn the wood shingles lasted 32





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## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Minn. State Fair CENTURY FARMS  
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

Name of Centennial Farm owner Reinhard w Guse OK  
 Name(s) to appear on certificate Reinhard w Guse  
 Address R#1, Janesville, Minn. 56048  
 Address of farm, if different from above Same

Section 19 Township 108 County Waseca

Number of acres in the farm at present 120

Date of original purchase by member of your family 15/may/1875

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

E 1/2 of SW 1/4 Sec 19 Twp 108, Waseca county,

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Ludwig Guse</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1875</u> to <u>1906</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Emil Guse</u> next owner	from <u>1906</u> to <u>1948</u>	<u>uncle</u>
<u>Reinhard w Guse</u> next owner	from <u>1948</u> to <u>now</u>	<u>present owner</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 ( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> )	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:

John E. Somers  
(Witness sign here) REJ

Reinhard w Guse  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-28-76

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? A Mr. Burke
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$ 1.875
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? 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? I live in the original home built about 1880. It has had 2 additions since.
10. When was the present home built? about 1880
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Jamesville Argus, Jamesville, Minnesota

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

one of the original <sup>of paper</sup> ~~Brook~~ Bros. got off the train at Jamesville, Wis. by mistake and then didn't have fare to Minnesota. When he wrote his brothers for money they told him to remain in Wis. because there was no work in Minn. The real reason was because he was the "black sheep" of the family. He wasn't all bad because the family now also has a large branch in Jamesville, Wisconsin.



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner (Mrs) Sam Hagen  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Larry Hagen  
Address Waseca Minn  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 160A Dotted 20 & 21 Township Blooming Grove County Waseca  
Number of acres in the farm at present 170A

Date of original purchase by member of your family May 14 1864

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

Papers were recorded at 6 PM in Book E of Deeds  
page 514 & 555 at the Register's office Weldon Waseca Co.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Larry</u> <u>Mrs Sam Hagen</u>	<u>112 y</u>	
<u>Sam Hagen Sr.</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1864</u> to <u>1902</u>	<u>(Original Owner)</u>
<u>Sam Hagen Sr.</u> next owner	from _____ to <u>1968</u>	<u>Sam</u>
<u>Larry Hagen</u> next owner	<u>1968</u> from _____ to <u>Present</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 ( )	Court file in Registration
Land Patent ( )	Proceedings ( )
Original Deed (✓)	Other (please explain <u>Land Grant papers</u>
County Land Record ( )	<u>are signed by Pres Abraham Lincoln</u>
	<u>and dated April 1 1861</u>

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Witness sign here)  
Date \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of present owner)  
Farmed by Larry Hagen

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Geo Means
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 129.27 A
3. What was the cost of land per acre? 400.00 entire farm
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway of Clay Co. Penna frame
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Was this a homestead? \_\_\_\_\_
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? The old log house has been made into a log house
10. When was the present home built? Part built in 1890 & remodelled in 1938
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn Soybeans wheat & Oats
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Sam Hagen died in 1968 at the age of 71.  
The farm is now owned by his widow & farmed  
by his son Larry who plans on owning it  
in the near future.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1964

## **Blooming Grove Farm Owned by Father and Son Over 100 Years**

A few weeks ago when The Washington Post & Times Herald





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CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Mark J. Haley *OK*  
 Name(s) to appear on certificate Mark and Jacoblyn Haley  
 Address R 1 B 179 Waseca Minn 56048  
 Address of farm, if different from above R 1 Janesville Minn 56048

Section 7 Township Josco County Waseca

Number of acres in the farm at present 160

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1864

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
W 1/2 of NE 1/4 of Section 7 Township 108  
Range 23 West

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Michael Haley</u> (owner in 1876 or B7)	from <u>1864</u> to <u>1921</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Mark Haley</u> next owner	from <u>1921</u> to <u>1930</u>	<u>"</u>
<u>Oscar Haley</u> next owner	from <u>1930</u> to <u>1974</u>	<u>"</u>
<u>Mark J. Haley</u> next owner	from <u>1974</u> to	
	from to	
	from to	
	from to	
	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 Emma Ober Mark J. Haley  
 (Witness sign here) (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? \_\_\_\_\_
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)



## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

CENTURY FARMS  
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

Name of Centennial Farm owner

*John T. Haley*

Name(s) to appear on certificate

*John T. Haley*Address *R.R. 1 Box 15 Waseca, Minnesota 56093*

Address of farm, if different from above

*R.R. 1 Janesville Minnesota 56047*

Section

*7*

Township

*10500*

County

*Waseca*

Number of acres in the farm at present

*132*

Date of original purchase by member of your family

*1856 Homestead* <sup>1858 residence</sup>

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

*E 52 a of N 1/2 of NW 1/4 7-108-23-52**S 1/2 of SW 1/2 6-108-23 80*

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<i>Michael + John Haley</i> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <i>1856</i> to <i>1903</i>	<i>Father</i>
<i>Mark Haley</i> next owner	from <i>1903</i> to <i>1928</i>	<i>Son</i>
<i>Oscar Haley</i> next owner	from <i>1928</i> to <i>1973</i>	<i>Son</i>
<i>John T. Haley</i> next owner	from <i>1973</i> to <i>1976</i>	<i>Son</i>
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

Court file in Registration Proceedings ☐  
 Other (please explain)

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

(Witness sign here)

(Signature of present owner)

Date *June 21, 1976*

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Government
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 320
3. What was the cost of land per acre? 6.<sup>00</sup>
4. Where was the first owner born? Ireland
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Ireland
6. Was this a homestead? Yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
No
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use?  
No
10. When was the present home built? 1951
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn & Soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Waseca Journal & Mankato Free Press

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner John A. Hodgkins  
Name(s) to appear on certificate John A. Hodgkins  
Address Waldorf, Minnesota  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 35 Township Freedom County Waseca  
Number of acres in the farm at present 385  
Date of original purchase by member of your family 1870  
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
SW 1/4 Sec. 35 Twp. 106 Range 24

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Samuel Hodgkins (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1870 to 1910	Father
David A. Hodgkins next owner	from 1910 to 1973	Father
John A. Hodgkins next owner	from 1973 to Present	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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Abstract of Title (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:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Witness sign here) John E. Somers  
Date 7-10-76  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of present owner) John A. Hodgkins

See reverse side for additional information.



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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Daniel Dodge
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$6.25
4. Where was the first owner born? New York (State)
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? New York (State)
6. Was this a homestead? Yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
None
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? No
10. When was the present home built? 1896
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
New Richland Star, New Richland, Minnesota

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

## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Minn. State Fair CENTURY FARMS  
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

Name of Centennial Farm owner Reinholt Johnson OK  
 Name(s) to appear on certificate Mr & Mrs Reinholt Johnson  
 Address New Richland Minn. 56072  
 Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 27 & 34 Township OTISCO County Waseca

Number of acres in the farm at present 159

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1874 & 1863

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

W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> and the SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Sec. 27 and the NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Sec. 34 all in Twp. 106 N. Range 22 West

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Moses Johnson</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	<u>1863</u> from <u>1874</u> to <u>1920</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Oscar Johnson</u> next owner	from <u>1920</u> to <u>1949</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Reinholt Johnson</u> next owner	from <u>1949</u> to <u>date</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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Court file in Registration
Land Patent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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. Reinholt Johnson  
(Witness sign here)

Reinholt Johnson  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-26-76

See reverse side for additional information.

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Abiatha Briggs (Private. war of 1812)
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 40
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$10.00
4. Where was the first owner born? Sweden
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Indiana
6. Was this a homestead? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
no
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? no
10. When was the present home built? 1949
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn & soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
New Richmond Star and Waseca Journal

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

40 acres in sec. 34 were purchased in 1863. 60 acres in sec. 27 were purchased in 1874 from Winona and St. Peter Railroad Co. 60 acres in sec. 27 were purchased in 1878 from Minnesota Central Railway Co. 1 acre was deeded to Vista Swedish Lutheran church in 1880. ~~leaving~~ leaving 159 total acres as of this date.

100 acres of this farm has been in continuous family ownership (40 acres since 1863) and (60 acres since 1874)



## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner

Russell Johnson

Name(s) to appear on certificate

Russell Johnson, Teri, Diane, Lori, Vicki

Address

Rt. 1 Box 184 Jonesville, MN 56048

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

Section 15Township TOSCOCounty Waseca

Number of acres in the farm at present

240

Date of original purchase by member of your family

1959

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

n/2 of the NW 1/4 of section 15, Twp 108, range 23W

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Sigue Johnson</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1859 to 1874	<u>Father</u>
<u>John S. Johnson</u> next owner	from 1874 to 1937	<u>Father</u>
<u>Andrew T. Johnson</u> next owner	from 1937 to 1959	<u>Father</u>
<u>Russell W. Johnson</u> next owner	from 1959 to 1976	
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:

John E. Somers  
 (Witness sign here)

Russell Johnson  
 (Signature of present owner)

Date

7-2-76

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? patent from United States
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$13.66
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Wisconsin
6. Was this a homestead? yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
blacksmith
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? the first home was a wood house and no longer stands. The former dwelling is still standing and was the first house in area to have siding on.
10. When was the present home built? 1877
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn, beans, oats, wheat
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Waseca Journal & Lake Region Life in Waterville

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Roderick E. Joyce  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Roderick and Maxine Joyce  
Address Waseca, MN  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 23 Township 107 County Waseca  
Number of acres in the farm at present 80  
Date of original purchase by member of your family October 4, 1865  
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
E<sup>1</sup> of NW<sup>1</sup>, Section 23, Township 107 North, Range 23 West

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
United States to Daniel G. Shillock	from 5-14-1865 to 1865 (Patent)	
(owner in 1876 or B4) Michael Joyce	from 10-65 to 10-1880	Husband
next owner Margaret Joyce	from 10-80 to 11-99	Mother
next owner Martin Joyce	from 11-99 to 8-40	Husband
next owner Eleanor Joyce	from 8-40 to 1964	Mother
next owner Roderick Joyce	from 1964 to present	
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:

James E. Demers  
(Witness sign here)

Roderick E. Joyce  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-14-76

See reverse side for additional information.



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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Daniel G. Shillock
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$5.00
4. Where was the first owner born? Ireland
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Wisconsin
6. Was this a homestead? Yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
None
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? Yes
10. When was the present home built? 1900
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, soybeans and grain
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Either Janesville Argus or Waseca Journal

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

Shillock: Their was deposited in the General Land Office of the United States an order bearing date May 2, 1865 from the Secretary of the Interior accompanied by a schedule marked "F", containing a list of sales of Winnebago Trust Lands made pursuant to the Act of Congress, approved the 21st of February, 1863, entitled an act for the removal of the Winnebago Indians and for the sale of their reservation in Minnesota for their benefit, whereby it appears that on the 15th of December, 1864, Daniel G. Shillock made payment at the rate of \$2.77 per acre, amounting to \$1,772.80 for the Section 23 in Township 107 North of Range 24 West, in the District of Lands subject to sale at St. Peter, MN containing 640 acres according to the official Plat of the Survey of the said lands returned to the General Land Office of the Surveyor General and that Daniel G. Shillock is designated on said schedule as the person to whom Patent is to issue. Dated and signed June 14, 1865 by Andrew Johnson, President of the United States by his secretary.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Arnold Fell

Name(s) to appear on certificate " "

Address Route 1 Janesville, Minn  
56048

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

Section 33 ~~34~~ Township Josco County Muska

Number of acres in the farm at present 160

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

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

N 1/2 of SE 1/4 and NE 1/4 of SW 1/4  
sec 33 ~~sec 34~~

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>John Fell</u> (owner in 1876 or B/L)	from <u>1860</u> to <u>1901</u>	<u>husband</u>
<u>Fredricka Fell</u> next owner	from <u>1901</u> to <u>1924</u>	<u>wife</u>
<u>Estate</u> next owner	from <u>1924</u> to <u>1925</u>	<u>Fell family</u>
<u>Henry Fell</u> next owner	from <u>1925</u> to <u>1947</u>	<u>son</u>
<u>Arnold Fell</u> next owner	from <u>1947</u> to <u>1976</u>	<u>son</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	

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

June Fell  
(Witness sign here)

Arnold Fell  
(Signature of present owner)

Date July - '76



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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Johan Minuske by patent
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 120
3. What was the cost of land per acre? consideration \$1
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? New York
6. Was this a homestead? yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
no
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? log home and then  
brick house now used
10. When was the present home built? about 1876
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? wheat, soybeans  
corn
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Nasica Daily Journal

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



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Lorenz Walter Frank  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Lorenz, Walter, Frederick W., Ludwig Frank  
Address Rural Route 1 Box 73 Waseca, Minnesota 56093  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 35 Township St. Mary's County Waseca

Number of acres in the farm at present One Hundred and Sixty

Date of original purchase by member of your family March 21, 1874

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

E1 of the SW1 of section 35 in township 107 range 23 Waseca County, Minnesota  
E1 of SW1 35 107 23 80

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Ludwig Frank (Father)</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1874 to 1876	<u>Frederick W. Frank (father)</u>
<u>Frederick W. Frank</u> next owner	from 1876 to 1919	<u>Walter W. Frank</u> Father
<u>Walter W. Frank</u> next owner	from 1919 to 1958	<u>Lorenz W. Frank</u> Father
<u>Lorenz W. Frank</u> next owner	from 1958 to 1966	
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 (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:

Mrs Lorenz Frank  
(Witness sign here)

Lorenz Frank  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 11 - 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Joseph Potter
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? Eighty
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Twelve dollars per acre
4. Where was the first owner born? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? 3 miles SW of Otisco
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? Yes The center portion of the house-
10. When was the present home built? 1858 - 1900- 1937
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn and Soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Waseca Daily Journal 203-3 Av NW Waseca, Minnesota 56093

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

We had a sawmill that was in the Frank name from 1905 to 1976 when we sold it. The sawmill has been kept running til 1974. The sawmill has ~~gone through three generations.~~ been used by three generations and is still in use.

## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

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

Name of Centennial Farm owner Earl C. Kaester andName(s) to appear on certificate Mildred KaesterAddress RR 1 Box 235Address of farm, if different from above Janesville Minn 56048Section Part in Sec. 28 + 29 Township Iasco County WasecaNumber of acres in the farm at present five hundred (500)Date of original purchase by member of your family May 21 1864

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

The E 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of section 29 and the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of section 32 all in township 108 north of range 23 west. also the E 1/2 of the SW 1/4 and the west 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Section 29, Township 108 Range 23 containing 160 acres. — 1873

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Christian Kaester</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1864</u> to	<u>Wm. Kaester and Emil Kaester</u>
<u>Wm Kaester</u> next owner	from <u>Dec 12, 1911</u>	<u>(sons of Christian) to Earl</u>
<u>Earl C. Kaester</u> next owner	from <u>July 23 1958</u>	<u>son of Wm Kaester.</u>
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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Abstract of Title ( )	Court file in Registration
Land Patent ( )	Proceedings ( )
Original Deed (X)	Other (please explain <u>a small part of my</u>
County Land Record ( )	<u>information came from the</u>
	<u>"History of Steele and Waseca counties"</u>

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

Mildred Kaester  
(Witness sign here)

Earl Kaester  
(Signature of present owner)

Date July 13 1976

also used the  
Flat  
county Book.



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Washington G. Mather
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 260 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where was the first owner born? Alsace Lorraine France
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? On a farm near Watertown Wis.
6. Was this a homestead? It was purchased from W. G. Mather
7. Did the first owner farm the land? no
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? 2
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? Part of the first wood house and one old old barn also the wood wheel wagon which he came from
10. When was the present home built? approximately 1890 Wis. in
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn and beans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Waseca Journal as Janesville Argus  
Waseca Minn. Janesville Minn

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

The following information is taken  
from "The History of Steele and Waseca Counties"  
Page 570.

Christian Kaester is a native of Alsace  
France, born July 31, 1832. Emigrated to the  
United States in 1853.

On landing in this country he  
proceeded to Philadelphia and after some  
stay there, came west to Milwaukee.

From there he proceeded to Muskegon Mich. where  
he worked at the first sawmill in that place.

Soon after we find him on a  
farm near Watertown, Wis.

After 6 years he sold out and  
came to this county (Waseca) and in 1864  
purchased his present farm on Section 29  
where he now owns 260 acres. He has  
a good and commodious dwelling and  
other farm buildings."

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner James A. Keller *OK*  
Name(s) to appear on certificate James A. Keller  
Address RT 4 Box 128 WASECA, MN 56093  
Address of farm, if different from above RT 4 Box 235  
WASECA, MN 56093  
Section 10 Township ST. MARY'S County WASECA  
Number of acres in the farm at present 200  
Date of original purchase by member of your family NOV. 3, 1860  
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
N 1/2 of SW 1/4 & NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of SEC 10-107-23

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
George AND ELIZA REIBELING (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 11/3/1860 to JAN 10 1871	FIRST HUSBAND & WIFE
WILLIAM & ELIZA HARDING next owner	from JAN 10 1871 to MARCH 29 1913	STEP FATHER & MOTHER
LAND REMAINED IN ESTATE next owner	from MARCH 29 1913 to JAN 25 1932	
CORNELIA M. GILHART next owner	from JAN 25 1932 to OCT 23 1937	MOTHER TO HAZEL & GLADYS Keller
ARNOLD & HAZEL KELLER WALTER & GLADYS Keller next owner	from OCT 23 1937 to APRIL 1 1964	GLADYS Keller SISTER TO HAZEL Keller
ARNOLD & HAZEL KELLER next owner	from APRIL 1 1964 to JAN 1 1976	PARENTS
JAMES A. KELLER next owner	from JAN 1 1976 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 ☐

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

Hazel Gilhart Keller  
(Witness sign here)

James A. Keller  
(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? MILITARY LAND WARRENT No 63,364
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 120 ACRES
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where was the first owner born? GERMANY
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Penn. By WAGON (CODERED)
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?  
WAGON MAKER IN GERMANY
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? NO BUT ORIGINAL  
HAND MADE CUPBOARD STILL BEING USED.
10. When was the present home built? 1920-21
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? CORN & SWEET CORN
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
WASECA DAILY JOURNAL

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

THIS WAS ONE OF THE VERY EARLY HOMESTEADS  
IN WASECA County WHEN INDIANS STILL  
ROAMED FREELY ON THE LAND.

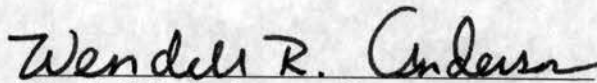
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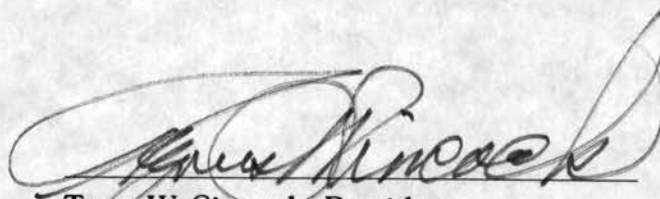
**BE IT NOW KNOWN that this farm of**

**RAYMOND AND ERON KRUEGER**

**has been in continuous agricultural operation  
since 1868 , signifying more than 100 years  
of service and contributions to the community,  
state, nation, and world.**

**Signed, in this year of America's Bicentennial, 1976.**

  
Wendell R. Anderson, Governor  
State of Minnesota

  
Tyrus W. Sincock, President  
Minnesota State Agricultural Society

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Raymond Eron Krueger  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Raymond and Eron Krueger  
Address R.R. 1 Hartland, Mn. 56042  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 2+3 Township Hartland County Freeborn  
" 35 " New Richland " Waseca  
Number of acres in the farm at present 270

Date of original purchase by member of your family Jan 6, 1868

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

N 1/2 NE 1/4 of Section 3, Township 104 North, Range 22 West of the 5th P.M.  
N 1/2 NW 1/4 of Section 2, Township 104 N Range 22  
S 1/2 of SW 1/4 Section 35, Township 105, Range 22

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Frank Krueger (owner in 1876 or B/L)	from 1868 to 1894	Husband and Father
Louise Krueger next owner	from 1894 to 1899	Mother and brothers & Sisters
Henry Krueger next owner	from 1899 to 1940	Husband
Emma Krueger next owner	from 1940 to 1969	Aunt
Elmer Krueger next owner	from 1969 to 1975	Father
Raymond Krueger next owner	from 1975 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:

Dietrich C. Rosenbach  
(Witness sign here)

Raymond Krueger  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 28, 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? 94.53 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? not recorded
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Wis.
6. Was this a homestead? yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
NO
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? yes  
House
10. When was the present home built? unknown
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn & beans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
New Richland Star, New Richland, Mn.

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

*Additional land was purchased from Winona and St Peter Land Company for \$8 a acres in 1880.*

## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner

Name(s) to appear on certificate

Address

Address of farm, if different from above

Section

Township

County

Number of acres in the farm at present

Date of original purchase by member of your family

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

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Daniel Linnihan (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 6/8/71 to 6/5/91	Father Grandfather
Hannah, Mary Jane & Sarah Linnihan next owner	from 6/5/91 to 9/30/60	Aunt
Bernard Linnihan next owner	from 9/30/60 to Present	
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 (✓)  
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:

James E. Somers  
(Witness sign here)

Bernard Linnihan  
(Signature of present owner)

Date

6/23/76

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? United States Govt.
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? Ireland
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Ireland
6. Was this a homestead? yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
No
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? Have one old house built before 1900 - not in use for over 76 yrs.
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:  
New Richland Star - New Richland Minn

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



## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Minnesota State Fair CENTURY FARMS  
ST. PAUL, MN 55108Name of Centennial Farm owner Burch Mahler Dallas Mahler (wife)Name(s) to appear on certificate Burch Mahler Dallas MahlerAddress R# 4 Waseca Minn Box 63 56093

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

Section 9 Township Blooming Grove County WasecaNumber of acres in the farm at present 100.98Date of original purchase by member of your family May 3 - 1859

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

S 2 1/4 NE 1/4 + Gant Lot 3 in Sec. 9, Twp. 108, Range 22.

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP OF NEXT OWNER
<u>Christian Remund</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>5/3/59</u> to <u>5/31/07</u>	<u>Daughter + Son in law</u>
<u>Carrie H + Fred Marti</u> next owner	from <u>5/31/07</u> to <u>8/17/40</u>	<u>Spouse</u>
<u>Carrie H Marti</u> next owner	from <u>8/17/40</u> to <u>10/26/42</u>	<u>Daughter + Son</u>
<u>Florence Mahler + Marti</u> next owner	from <u>10/26/42</u> to <u>10/28/42</u>	<u>Sister</u>
<u>Florence Mahler</u> next owner	from <u>10/28/42</u> to <u>5/3/67</u>	<u>Son + Daughter in law</u>
<u>Burch + Dallas Mahler</u> next owner	from <u>5/3/67</u> to <u>Present</u>	
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 \_\_\_\_\_)

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

Joan E. Damer  
(Witness sign here)

Burch Mahler Dallas Mahler  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 24, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? U S Government
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 153
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Bounty Patent
4. Where was the first owner born? Switzerland 11-21-1830
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? follet Ill
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? Between 1900 & 1905
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn alfalfa oats Milk
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Waseca Journal

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

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## CHAPTER XIX.

## BLOOMING GROVE TOWNSHIP.



THE town of Blooming Grove comprises all of congressional township 108 north, range 22 west. It is bounded on the north by Rice County, on the east by Steele County, and on the south and west by the townships of Woodville and Iosco. Some of the finest portions of the county are included in its limits. It is well drained by the small creeks and streams that flow into its several lakes; mention is made of these latter in the former part of this history. The east half of the township is almost level, gently undulating, but as it approaches the west line the "rolls" become more abrupt and knolly. Nearly one half of the town is covered with timber, alike valuable for fuel and for protection from the searching winds of winter.

The first settlers in what is now Blooming Grove Township were Michael Johnson, Jonathan Howell, A. J. Bell and S. F. Wyman. These young men, in the spring of 1855, built a log cabin on section 4. There they kept "bach," being all single men, for about two years, when Wyman and Bell quit. The others kept right along, and for seven years longer lived the life of "single blessedness," doing their own cooking, part of the time without a stove. At the expiration of that period Mr. Johnson married, but Mr. Howell remained single until the day of his death. Mr. Johnson is still a resident of the township; Mr. Howell, who was a native of England, died here in 1880 as stated; Mr. Bell removed to Faribault, and Mr. Wyman is a resident of the city of Waseca.

In June, 1855, Christian Remund with his family made a settlement in this subdivision of the county, on sections 8 and 9, where they still reside.

Christian Remund, proprietor of the Blooming Grove Stock Farm, is a native of Switzerland, born November 21, 1830. He resided in his native country until about twenty years of age, when, in March, 1850, he, in company with Jacob Bumgerdner, sailed for the shores of America, and landed in New York. From there they went to Joliet, Ill., by way of Chicago, where they worked out in that vicinity for about one year. Then, still in company, they rented a farm and raised and harvested one crop. Mr. Remund then left this place and rented another near by. October 21, 1851, he married his partner's sister, Anna Bumgerdner, who was also a native of Switzerland, and had come to America a year earlier. After their marriage he remained on the place he had rented one year, then rented another in same neighborhood, where he lived until the spring of 1855, when he started for Minnesota, arriving in Waseca County, June 28, 1855. He immediately located a claim on section 9, Blooming Grove Township, the site of his present home. The first summer they lived in their covered wagon until October, when they moved into the cabin which he had built. At this time the country was full of Indians, and only one cabin was near where Mr. Remund erected his. When he came to this county his property invoiced as follows: one ox-team, two yoke of three-year-old steers and a span of yearling colts, a few cows, and not one dollar in money. He now has 370 acres of land in a high state



of cultivation, a nice residence and good barns, and a large quantity of stock about him; is a breeder of thoroughbred short-horn cattle, and also owns the two noted horses, Amateur No. 10 and Bruno No. 2101. When his son Lewis was married he gave him 160 acres of land, and about \$1,500 in money and personal property. Mr. and Mrs. Christian Remund are the parents of seven children, three of whom are living, four dying in infancy. Those living are: Lewis C., born April 18, 1858, now in Minneapolis studying for a veterinary surgeon; Carrie A., born December 3, 1861; George H., March 8, 1866. The last two still remain at home with their parents.

W. M. Gray with his family also settled here in 1855. He was a native of Allegany County, N. Y. This was his residence until about 1872, when he died. His settlement was on section 33.

J. M. Blivens, after whom one of the settlements in this township was called, came here with his family in 1855. He lived here for many years, finally emigrating to Missouri, where he is still living. His settlement was upon the west part of section 32.

In June, 1855, Ole Knutson made a settlement here, and remained many years. He is now a resident of Renville County, this State.

Samuel and Luther Dickenson made a settlement during the fall of 1855 in the northwestern part of Blooming Grove. About 1858, Luther growing tired of pioneer life returned to Vermont, their native State. Samuel remained here until 1860, when he moved to Le Sueur County.

Curtis Hatch, a blind man, with his family settled in this precinct in 1855. He died in Moody County, D. T., in 1884.

M. P. Ide settled here in the same year.

Simeon Smith, who came from Fayette County, Iowa, with his family, made a claim just west of the lake on sections 31 and 32 in June, 1855. He lived on this place many years and died there in November, 1872.

With him came Alfred C. Smith, his son, who lived with his father until the following year, when he removed to Woodville Township, where he resided until sometime after his father's death, when he returned to the elder Smith's farm, where he now lives.

The year 1856 witnessed everywhere an immense tide of immigration setting westward, and the county of Waseca received many new settlers. Among those who located in this township during that year were: E. R. Conner, George Dean, John and James Walker, William Donaldson, Patrick Healy, Lewis McKune, John L. Saufferer, Cornelius Hand and his sons, J. N. Powers, Philo Woodruff, John Gibson, Daniel Riegle, Patrick Murphy, Andrew Nelson, Joshua, Josiah, Henry and Samuel Smith, Jacob Oory, William H. Young, B. Sharp and Joseph Churchill.

E. R. Conner was a native of Indiana, from whence he came to Minnesota with James and John Walker, all bringing families. Mr. Conner settled on eighty acres of land in the northwest quarter of section 10, to which he laid claim on the 11th of June. He lived on this place until 1883, when he removed to Faulk County, D. T., where he is still living.

John Walker enlisted during the war in the Third Minnesota Infantry, and died at Pine Bluff, Ark., in September, 1864.

William Donaldson died here in 1860.

Capt. Lewis McKune was quite prominent, politically, in the early days of the county's history, representing this district in the constitutional convention and in the senate. He was afterward killed, at the head of his company, at the battle of Bull Run. A detailed sketch of him is given in the chapter entitled State and County Representation.

J. N. Powers lived here but a short time, removing to Wilton, where he practiced law. He afterward moved to Rice County, and represented that district in the State Legislature.

## CHAPTER XI, 1855.

### DEATH OF HENRY HOWELL—FIRST SETTLERS IN BLOOMING GROVE, JANESVILLE, AND BYRON.

Samuel F. Wyman, Michael Johnson, Jonathan Howell, and A. J. Bell took their claims in Blooming Grove early in the spring of 1855. They were all then single men. They built a little log hut on Bell's claim, and commenced batching. At the end of about two years Messrs. Wyman and Bell tired of that kind of single blessedness and quit, leaving Johnson and Howell to go it alone. These two bachelors lived together as such about seven years more, when Mr. Johnson married and became a permanent resident. Mr. Howell remained single to the time of his death, which occurred in 1880. Bell afterwards became a resident of Faribault, and Mr. Wyman, who will be noticed more fully in biographical sketches, became a resident of Waseca.

The same season, in the month of June, Christian Remund, with his family, made his claim on sections 8 and 9, where he has since made his home. He was born in Switzerland November 21st, 1830, came to America in March, 1850, lived five years in Illinois, and there married, October 21st, 1851, Anna Bumgerdner, who was also a native of Switzerland. They arrived at their Minnesota home June 28, 1855, and lived in their covered wagon until October of that fall. (See biographical sketch.)

Wm. M. Gray and family settled on section 33, in this township, in June, 1855. Mr. Gray was born in Genesee county, New York in 1806. In 1836 he married Miss Lucina Fuller, who was also a native of the same state. They came to this place from



## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Glenn Mahler Alice Mahler (Wife)  
 Name(s) to appear on certificate Glenn Mahler Alice Mahler  
 Address Waseca Minn Box 4317 56093  
 Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 9 Township Blooming Grove County Waseca  
 Number of acres in the farm at present 103

Date of original purchase by member of your family May 3, 1859

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

N 1/2 of NE 1/4 of Sec 9, Twp. 108, Range 22 & parcel in  
W 1/2 of NE 1/4 of Sec 9, Twp. 108, Range 22.

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP NEXT OWNER	OF <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<u>Christian Remund</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>5/3/59</u> to <u>5/3/107</u>	<u>Daughter &amp; Son-in-law</u>	
<u>Barrie &amp; Fred Martz</u> next owner	from <u>5/3/107</u> to <u>8/1/40</u>	<u>Spouse</u>	
<u>Barrie &amp; Martz</u> next owner	from <u>8/1/40</u> to <u>10/6/42</u>	<u>Daughter &amp; Son-in-law</u>	
<u>Florence Mahler &amp; Martz</u> next owner	from <u>10/6/42</u> to <u>10/6/42</u>	<u>Sister</u>	
<u>Florence Mahler</u> next owner	from <u>10/28/42</u> to <u>5/3/67</u>	<u>Son &amp; Daughter-in-law</u>	
<u>Glenn &amp; Alice Mahler</u> next owner	from <u>5/3/67</u> to <u>Present</u>		
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 (✓)

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

James E. Powers  
 (Witness sign here)

Glenn Mahler, Alice Mahler  
 (Signature of present owner)

Date June 24, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? U. S. Government
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 153 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Bounty Patent
4. Where was the first owner born? Switzerland 11-21-1830
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Fort Ill
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? ~~not on this part of the~~  
land. No.
10. When was the present home built? Basement home 1947 1 1/2 story 1959
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, alfalfa, oats, Milk
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Waconda Journal

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Robert E. Marzahn & Shirley A. Marzahn  
 Name(s) to appear on certificate Robert E. Marzahn & Shirley A. Marzahn  
 Address RR1 Box 197 Waterville, Minn 56096  
 Address of farm, if different from above RR1 Box  
Waterville, Minnesota 56096  
 Section 11 Township Dosco County Waseca  
 Number of acres in the farm at present 200 A.

Date of original purchase by member of your family Aug 9, 1958

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

N.W. Quarter (NW 1/4) Section Eleven + the Northeast quarter of (NE 1/4 of NE 1/4) of  
Section ten all being in Township 108 North, Range 23, West of the  
fifth P.M. Waseca County Minnesota

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Wilhelm Marzahn</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1840 to 1892	<u>Great Grandfather</u>
<u>Robert J Marzahn</u> next owner	from 1892 to 1923	<u>Great father</u>
<u>Lillian Marzahn Schell</u> next owner	from 1923 to 1936	<u>Great mother, Aunts, father</u>
<u>Adeline Pommeroy</u> next owner	from 1936 to 1941	<u>Aunts, Grandmother</u> <u>Uncle + mother</u>
<u>Robert + Shirley Marzahn</u> next owner	from 1941 to 1958	<u>Nephew</u>
<u>Adeline + Henry Pommeroy</u> next owner	from 1941 to 1958	<u>Aunt + Uncle</u>
<u>Robert + Shirley Marzahn</u>	1958 to 1976	<u>Nephew</u>

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 ☐

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

Shirley Marzahn (wife)  
 (Witness sign here)

Robert Marzahn  
 (Signature of present owner)

Date June 28, 1976

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Adeline Commearang
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 140 A.
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Homestead
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? 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?  
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? 1928
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, Soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Lake Region Life, Waterville, Minnesota

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



## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Mr & Mrs Andrew J. Miller *OK*Name(s) to appear on certificate Mr & Mrs Andrew J. MillerAddress Jamesville, Minn.Address of farm, if different from above Jamesville, Minn.Section 10 & 11 Township Jaco County WasecaNumber of acres in the farm at present 120 ac. Total 200Date of original purchase by member of your family June 1, 1861

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

N 60 ac. of w. 1/2 of SW 1/4 Sec 10 + N 60 ac. of E 1/2 of SE 1/4 Sec 10  
all in Twp 108 North, Range 23 West.

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Mathias Miller</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>6/1/61</u> to <u>10/17/62</u>	<u>SON FATHER</u>
<u>JOSEPH MILLER</u> next owner	from <u>10/17/62</u> to <u>11/1/04</u>	<u>SON FATHER</u>
<u>Andrew J. Miller</u> next owner	from <u>1/19/44</u> to <u>PRESENT</u>	
<u>MATHIAS L. MILLER</u> next owner	from <u>1/21/04</u> to <u>1/19/44</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to <u>all</u>	<u>Father to son transfers</u>
next owner	from to	
next owner		

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

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

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

Jerry E. Danner  
(Witness sign here)Andrew J. Miller  
(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? U. S. Government
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 120
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Patent
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?  
no.
10. When was the present home built? 1910
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, Beans, grain 9 days & beef cattle
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:

asasey's daily Journal, Waseca, Minn.

The Lake Region Life, Waterville, Minn.

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

Joseph Miller sold his wheat at Hastings Minn, hauling it there with a team of oxen which is a distance of approximately 65 miles

Andrew J. Miller

Mrs. Eldor Mittelstaedt  
Route 4  
Waseca, Minn. 56093

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Eldor & Vera Mittelstaedt  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Eldor & Vera Mittelstaedt  
Address Waseca Minn. R. 4 56093  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 3 & 10 Township 107 (range 23) County Waseca  
Number of acres in the farm at present 264 acres

Date of original purchase by member of your family June 3, 1873

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

SE 1/4 - sec 3 (R. 107) 160 acres; S 1/2 NE 1/4 - sec 3 (range 107) 80 acres  
NE 1/4 (except highway) sec 10 (R. 107) 31.50 acres

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Carolene Piche</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1873 to	<u>wife of Am Mittelstaedt</u>
<u>Patrick Bowe to</u> next owner	from 1876 to	<u>Am M</u>
<u>Am Mittelstaedt</u> next owner	from to	
<u>Wm. St. Peter Land Co</u> to Am M. next owner	from 1878 to	
next owner	from to	
<u>Fred Mittelstaedt</u> next owner	<u>May 3,</u> from 1918 to	<u>son of Am Mittelstaedt</u>
<u>Eldor Mittelstaedt</u> next owner	<u>Dec 18,</u> from 1950 to	<u>son of Fred Mittelstaedt</u>

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:

Vera Mittelstaedt  
(Witness sign here)

Eldor Mittelstaedt  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 12, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Caroline Prick, Patrick Bowe - <sup>Mymona & St. Peter Land Co</sup>
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 275 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$ 21.50
4. Where was the first owner born? Prussia, Dec. 15, 1848
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? in sec. 9 (not part of this farm) in 1867
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? early 1880
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn - Beans - Wheat - Hogs
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Moscona Journal.

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

On the original deed, Patrick & Julia Bowe signed their names with the mark; Patrick (his) f Bowe; Julia (hus) X Bowe.

Taxes on the S 1/2 NE 1/4 sec. in 1873 were \$10.17

Taxes on this land still without buildings in 1976 were \$663.34

A short history of Am. Mittelstaedt can be found recorded in Child's History, Moscona Public Library

## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Gudmund H. and Ethel N. NodlandName(s) to appear on certificate Gudmund H. and Ethel N. NodlandAddress Route 3 Waseca Minn 56093

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

Section 34 Township Woodville County WasecaNumber of acres in the farm at present 200Date of original purchase by member of your family 1-16-1872

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

E 1/2 of NE 1/4 & SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 34 107 22

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>G. D. Scholljegerdes</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1-16-1872</u> to <u>12-4-1888</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Geo. Scholljegerdes</u> next owner	from <u>12-4-1888</u> to <u>2-26-1944</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Leona Helms</u> next owner	from <u>2-26-1944</u> to <u>2-29-1968</u>	<u>Mother of wife</u>
<u>Gudmund H. &amp; Ethel N. Nodland</u> next owner	from <u>2-29-1968</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 ( )  
 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:

John E. Somers  
 (Witness sign here)

Gudmund H. Nodland  
 (Signature of present owner)

Date 2-9-76

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Anna M Alden & E. H. Alden
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? 160 Acres for \$3600
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Section 33
6. Was this a homestead? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? Yes  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. When was the present home built? Part over 100 yrs and 2 additions since
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Dairy, Corn, Soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Waseca Daily Journal

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



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner PAUL S. QUERNA *OK*  
Name(s) to appear on certificate MR. and MRS. PAUL QUERNA  
Address RT I - Box 33, New Richland, MN.  
56072  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section N  $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 16 Township 105 N. of Range 22 County WASECA  
Number of acres in the farm at present 200

Date of original purchase by member of your family MAY 21, 1875

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

The N.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 16, Twp. 105 NORTH, of  
RANGE 22 West containing 80 ACRES, MORE OR LESS,  
according to govt. survey.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
PAUL O. QUERNA (owner in 1876 or B4)	JUNE 5, 1876 <u>5-11-1875</u> to <u>6-13-1923</u>	son - Rudolph Querna
Rudolph QUERNA next owner	from <u>1923</u> to <u>7-1-1959</u>	son - Paul S. Querna
PAUL S. QUERNA next owner	from <u>1959</u> to <u>present</u>	
	from _____ to _____	
	from _____ to _____	
	from _____ to _____	
	from _____ to _____	
	from _____ to _____	
	from _____ to _____	

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

John E. Danner  
(Witness sign here)

Paul S. Querna  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 23, 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? State of Mn. - State School Land Patent
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 ACRES
3. What was the cost of land per acre? 5<sup>00</sup> per acre
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? in the N. R. area with relatives + worked in Rochester, Mn. to earn money to buy the land.
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 - a log cabin was built originally.
10. When was the present home built? live now, said we don't know - Rudolph, who would be 96 if he was a small boy when they added the 2nd story, so it might be 100 yrs. ago.
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn + soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
New Richland Star - New Richland Mn 56072  
Waseca Journal - Waseca, Mn.

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

June 28, 1976

Paul O. Querna came to New Richland on June 15, 1867, at the age of 16, from Sandaver, Norway. He left Haksund, Norway on April 2nd and traveled for seven weeks and three days to reach Quebec, Canada. From there he traveled by cattle car to Sarnia, Canada, and there on to Milwaukee by cattle boat. From there he went by train to La Crosse, by steamship to Winona, and by train to Owatonna - which was as far as the train went in those days.

He stayed with relatives at St. Olaf Lake until the spring of 1868, when he went to Rochester and worked for four years with a tilework company. He then came back to New Richland and bought the present farm which he enlarged and improved from time to time - eventually ending up with 200 acres.

Child's History of Waseca County states that he bought the farm in 1871. The abstract shows a School Land Patent dated May 21, 1875, and actual assignment of certificate to be dated June 5, 1876.

The original 200 acres have been kept in the family for three generations. Paul's son, Rudolph, bought it in 1920, and Rudolph's son, Paul S., bought the farm in 1959.



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Eldon Remington  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Eldon and Leila Remington  
Address Janesville, Minn. R2, Box 51  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 5 Township Freedom 106 County Waseca  
Number of acres in the farm at present 160  
Date of original purchase by member of your family Feb 1, 1865  
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
W 1/2 of N. W 1/4 Sec 5, Twp 106 Range 24

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
U.S. to Geo. W. Brownson (owner in 1876 or B4)	from Feb 1, 1865 to Aug 10, 1914	Purchased from U.S.
next owner	from _____ to _____	
Jennie Remington	from Aug 10, 1914 to Nov 25, 1947	Mother
next owner	from Nov 25, 1947 to 1976	Owners
Eldon + Leila		
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:

[Signature]  
(Witness sign here)

Date 6-18-76

Eldon Remington  
(Signature of present owner)  
Leila Remington

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Mother of Eldon
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80
3. What was the cost of land per acre? mortgage of \$300.
4. Where was the first owner born? Ohio or Pa.
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Ohio
6. Was this a homestead? yes from U.S.
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
No
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? No
10. When was the present home built? 1948
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn, soybeans, Hogs.
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Janesville Argus

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

George Bronson purchased this from U.S. Govt in 1865. Then sold it to his daughter, Jennie Remington, who sold it to her son, Eldon and Leila Nov 25, 1947.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner VERNON POMMERANZ *OK*  
Name(s) to appear on certificate VERNON, SYLVIA and PAUL POMMERANZ  
Address WATERVILLE MINN.  
Address of farm, if different from above ROUTE 1 BOX 136

Section 1, 2, 11, 12 Township TOSCO County WASECA

Number of acres in the farm at present 320 ACRES

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

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

*7 original*  
NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 Sec 11 - 40 acres, (W 1/2 of NW 1/4 less 7 A.R.R. + W 1/2 of NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 - Sec 12 - 93 acres) transferred  
NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 less 1 A.R.R. - Sec 11 - 39 acres, 20 acres in SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 + SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 sec 11 - 60 acres  
SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 less 2 A.R.R. sec 2 - 38 acres, SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 sec 1 - 40 acres

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
GOTTFRIED KANNE - WIFE (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1859 to 1860	GOTTFRIED KANNE - WIFE
GOTTFRIED KANNE next owner	from 1860 to 1910	Son of GOTTLIEB KANNE
AMANDA KANNE next owner	from 1910 to 1957	AMANDA KANNE POMMERANZ
next owner	from to	Daughter of
next owner	from to	AMANDA & PAUL POMMERANZ
next owner	from 1957 to 1976	VERNON C. POMMERANZ
next owner	from to	Son of
next owner		

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

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 June 28, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.



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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Original tract was homesteaded.
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Homesteaded land had no price on it.
4. Where was the first owner born? GERMANY
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? lived first up in this country in N.Y. state and was a
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?  
was a blacksmith in Germany
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? The first home was a log cabin and is not on the place but a brick home is being used that was built by first owner.
10. When was the present home built? 1875
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, cattle, turkeys
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Lake Region Life Waterville, Me. 56096

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

Paul Pommeroy son of the present owner is living with his parents on the farm and is the fifth generation to live on the homestead since 1856.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner

Mrs. J.C. Schaumbessel

*OK*

Name(s) to appear on certificate

Mrs. J.C. Schaumbessel

Address

RR # 2 Chasea, Minn. 56093

Address of farm, if different from above

Same

Section

17

Township

Shoofville

County

Chasea

Number of acres in the farm at present

94.36

Date of original purchase by member of your family

1859

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

Lots 3 & 4 (epc) Sec. 17 Twp. 107 N. Range 22 W

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
(owner in 1876 or B4)	from to	
<u>Matt Clayton</u>	<u>1859</u> from <u>1860</u> to	
next owner		
<u>Mr. Clayton</u>	from <u>1860</u> to <u>1866</u>	
next owner		
<u>Joe Clayton</u>	from <u>1866</u> to <u>1917</u>	<u>Great-Grandfather</u>
next owner	<u>Dec 17</u> <u>1917</u> to <u>1917</u>	<u>Daughter</u>
<u>Annie Clayton</u>	from <u>1917</u> to <u>1937</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner		
<u>Albert Schaumbessel</u>	from <u>1937</u> to <u>1976</u>	<u>Husband</u>
next owner		
<u>J.C. &amp; Lu. Schaumbessel</u>	from <u>1937</u> to <u>1976</u>	
next owner		

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

Court file in Registration Proceedings ☐  
Other (please explain)

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

(Witness sign here)

John E. Jones

(Signature of present owner)

Mrs. J.C. Schaumbessel

Date

6-30-76

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 126.43
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where was the first owner born? England
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Massachusetts
6. Was this a homestead? yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? After a fashion
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
Yes, Supt. of a Woollen mill in the East
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? 1878
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn + beans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Haseca Journal - Haseca, N.M.

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



## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner

Loren Smith *JK*

Name(s) to appear on certificate

Loren H. Smith

Address

Rt. 1 Box 137 Waterville, MN.

56096

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

Section

1 & 2

Township

Dosco

County

Waseca

Number of acres in the farm at present

10 acres in Waterville Twp.LeSueur Co.196

Date of original purchase by member of your family

April 15, 1972

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

NE 1/4 ex 2 as RR & ex 4 as in NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 2 108 23SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 1 108 23 40S 10a of W 1/2 of SE 1/4 Sec. 35-109-23 10 Ac LeSueur. County

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Lark Babcock</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	<u>Land grant 1856</u> from _____ to <u>1857</u>	<u>Mother to</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	
<u>Mary E. Sheldon</u>	<u>4/24/1857</u> from <u>1857</u> to <u>1902</u>	<u>Mother to</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	
<u>Arthur M. Sheldon</u>	<u>6/21/1902</u> from <u>1902</u> to <u>1944</u>	<u>Father to</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	
<u>John A. Sheldon</u>	<u>2/23/1944</u> from <u>1944</u> to <u>1972</u>	<u>Step Father &amp; Mother to</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	
<u>Loren H. Smith</u>	from <u>1972</u> to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner		

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

Court file in Registration Proceedings ☐  
 Other (please explain \_\_\_\_\_)

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

Edgar E. Egers  
 (Witness sign here)

Loren H. Smith  
 (Signature of present owner)

Date

7/14/76

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? original purchase was from land grant in 1856
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 154
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$135
4. Where was the first owner born? Mass.
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Mass.
6. Was this a homestead? Yes in 1856
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. - the house - building site & four acres have been sold off farm.
10. When was the present home built? 1875
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? wheat and dairy
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Waterville - Lake Region Life or Waseca Journal

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 Marvin B. Sutter *OK*

Name(s) to appear on certificate Marvin B. Sutter

Address Box 58 Route 4 Waseca, Mn 56093

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

Section 9 Township Blooming Grove County Waseca

Number of acres in the farm at present 100

Date of original purchase by member of your family March 6, 1868

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  and SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  and E $\frac{1}{2}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Christian Sutter</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1868</u> to <u>1913</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Benjamin J. Sutter</u> next owner	from <u>1913</u> to <u>1945</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Marvin Sutter</u> next owner	from <u>1945</u> to <u>present</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)	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:

John E. Lomes  
(Witness sign here)

Marvin Sutter  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-29-76

See reverse side for additional information.



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Christian Heineberg
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 200
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$16.25 per acre
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? 1920
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn and soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Waseca Journal

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 Alfred Trahms  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Alfred Trahms & Sons  
Address Janesville, Minn 56048

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

Section 10 Township Alton County Waseca

Number of acres in the farm at present 680

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

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

NE 1/4 & NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 & 4.3 as in NE or SE 1/4  
10 107 24 204.30

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Julius Tramps (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1876 to 1905	Father
Rinhold D next owner	from 1905 to 1954	Father
Alfred A. next owner	from 1954 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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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:

John M. Tholey  
(Witness sign here)

Alfred A. Trahms  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-30-76

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Philip Keeley
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 120 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$10/acre
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany (Julius)
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Iosco Township
6. Was this a homestead? yes (that is the owners lived there)
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? yes - house (1876)  
Barn 1892
10. When was the present home built? Modernized 1943- 1970
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Hogs Corn Beans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Janesville Argus

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

The recording date of the deed is Mar. 5, 1877 but from all information that I have Julius had made arrangements and lived on the farm at least one year prior to that.  
Alfred Truhler



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Gordon + Mildred Van Zok *sk*  
Name(s) to appear on certificate \_\_\_\_\_  
Address RR #1 BOX 113A Eagle Lake, Minn.  
Address of farm, if different from above RI Waseca Minn.

Section 8 Township Wilton County Waseca

Number of acres in the farm at present 80

Date of original purchase by member of your family June 15, 1872

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

West half of South West quarter of Sec. 8 Township  
106 North Range 23 West

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>William Van Zok</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	<u>from 1872 to 1923</u>	
<u>Bert P. Van Zok</u> next owner	<u>from 1923 to 1954</u>	<u>Son</u>
<u>Gordon + Mildred Van Zok</u> next owner	<u>from 1954 to</u>	<u>Son</u>
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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Abstract of Title <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:

Barbara Van Zok  
(Witness sign here)

Mildred Van Zok  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 21, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Thomas Barden
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? \_\_\_\_\_
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? still standing but not in use
10. When was the present home built? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn - soy beans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Waseca Journal

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

children of Gordon & Mildred

William and Barbara Van Zik

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Darrell Wobschall

Name(s) to appear on certificate Darrell Wobschall

Address R#1 Box 81 Waseca, Minn 56093

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

Section 25 Township St. Marys County Waseca

Number of acres in the farm at present 160

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1965

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

The Northwest Quarter, of Section Twenty Five, in Township One Hundred Seven, North of Range Twenty Three

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Frederick Wobschall</u> <small>(owner in 1876 or B4)</small>	<u>from 1864 to 1895</u>	<u>Son</u>
<u>Robert Wobschall Sr.</u> <small>next owner</small>	<u>from 1895 to 1943</u>	<u>Son</u>
<u>Robert Wobschall Jr.</u> <small>next owner</small>	<u>from 1943 to 1965</u>	<u>Son</u>
<u>Darrell Wobschall</u> <small>next owner</small>	<u>from 1965 to 1976</u>	<u>Son</u>
<small>next owner</small>	<small>from to</small>	
<small>next owner</small>	<small>from to</small>	
<small>next owner</small>	<small>from to</small>	
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County Land Record ( )	

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

[Signature]  
(Witness sign here)

Darrell Wobschall  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 7-9-76



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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Oscar F. Perkins
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where was the first owner born? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Was this a homestead? 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? 1890
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Beans, Corn, grain
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Waseca's Daily Journal

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