



Century Farm Applications

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CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm Owner- Robert W. Anderson

Name(s) to appear on certificate Robert W + Janice Anderson

Address R3, St. James, Minn

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 14 Township Nelson County Watowan

Number of acres in the farm at present 80

Date of original purchase by members of your family May 15, 1876

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
E 1/2 of SE 1/4 of Section 14, Twp 107 of Range 32

PROOF OF ~~100~~ YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>United States of America</u> (owner in 1876 doB4)	from _____ to <u>1876</u>	
<u>Nelson Anderson</u> next owner	from <u>1876</u> to <u>1920</u>	<u>Grandfather</u>
<u>Wm F. Anderson</u> next owner	from <u>1920</u> to <u>1957</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Mrs W.F. Anderson + Child</u> next owner	from <u>1957</u> to <u>1974</u>	<u>Mother</u>
<u>Robert W. Anderson</u> next owner	from <u>1974</u> to _____	<u>Son</u>

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Abstract of Title (☒)

Land patent ()

Original DEed ()

County land Record (☒)

Court file in Registration

Proceedings ()

Other (please explain) _____

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

Date 6-29-76

Janice Anderson
(Witness sign here)

Robert W. Anderson
(Signature of Present Owner)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

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

 10. When was the present home built? 1928
 11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Wheat, Corn + Beans
 12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
St. James Newspaper, St. James, Minn
St. Cloud
- Related information: (please feel free to use additional sheets of paper)

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Lowell and Helen Mather *OK*

Name(s) to appear on certificate Lowell and Helen Mather

Address Madelia Minn.

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 32 Township Madelia County Watson

Number of acres in the farm at present 320

Date of original purchase by member of your family ~~1947~~ 1876

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

N 1/2 of NE 1/4 of 32 — N 1/2 of NW 1/4 of 32
S 1/2 of SE 1/4 of 30 — N 1/2 of NW 1/4 of 33 — SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of 29

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
(owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1876 to 1911	SW Manning - great grandfather
next owner	from 1911 to 1916	Emma Mather - grandmother (daughter)
next owner	from 1916 to 1947	W. B. G. - under aunt (daughter)
next owner	from 1947 to -	L. Mather - owner - nephew
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:

Sam J. Shoum
(Witness sign here)

Lowell Mather
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-24-76

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? _____
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? Wisconsin
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Mailbault
6. Was this a homestead? No
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Think so
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
well driller
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? 1915
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn & soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Madelia Times Messenger

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Mr. & Mrs. Sylvan Olson

Name(s) to appear on certificate _____

Address Ormsby, Minn.

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 32 Township Long Lake County Watonwan

Number of acres in the farm at present 160

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1964

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

SW 1/4 160 acres section 32
Township 105 range 32

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Thore Stenberg (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1868 to 1895	father
Martha Stenberg next owner	from 1895 to 1908	wife
A. A. Olson next owner	from 1908 to 1944	son-in-law
Karen Olson next owner	from 1944 to 1945	wife
Marvin Olson next owner	from 1945 to 1964	son
Sylvan Olson next owner	from 1964 to present	son
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 ☒ 1880
Land Patent ☐
Original Deed ☐
County Land Record ☐

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

Homestead Certificate No. 5395-5398
Homesteaded in 1868 - proven up 1880

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

Marvin A. Olson
(Witness sign here)

Sylvan - Margaret Olson
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 29, 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? homesteaded in 1868
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? _____
4. Where was the first owner born? Hammar, Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Came in 1867 - wintered
6. Was this a homestead? yes in Wis. - came to Minn. 1868
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 - west
half of first frame house still lived in.
10. When was the present home built? 1875 - added on 1900
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn - beans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Blaindealer - St. James, Minn.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Thore S. Stenberb and 6 month Karen left Norway in the spring of 1867. They stopped at Prempleau, Wisconsin with friends until spring of 1868. With a team of oxen and a covered wagon, equiped to start a home, they left for Minnesota with 1 cow tied behind. They traveled directly to what is now Long Lake township in Watonwan County. They took the claim where we now live and made application for Homestead rights at the Land Office at Worthington.

To make their home, they hauled lumber from Mankato with oxen. They made a partial dugout home on a hill that they covered with a frame roof with sod on top. They broke sod with a wooden plow and planted a small field of wheat which they harvested the fall of 1868. They hauled their wheat with oxen to a mill on the Blue Earth River, near where Amboy is today, to be ground into flour. This trip and the trip to Mankato for lumber would take several days so the neighbors would help each other with the chores. They would get together and go by hand made sleds in the winter to Mankato for groceries.

The following year, 1869, Thore Stenberg and other settlers along Watonwan River, organized Long Lake Lutheran Church. In 1890, Mr. and Mrs. Thore Stenberg were honored in the church for being charter members, helping to build the church, and also their Silver Wedding. He was also one of the first Commissioners of Watonwan County which was organized in 18--.

To protect themselves from prairie fires, they plowed fire breaks around their homes and hay stacks. When they saw smoke in the distance, they would rush out beyond the fire breaks and start the prairie grass on fire so it would meet the prairie fire farther away from their homes. They also used the prairie grass for fuel

for their stoves by tightly twisting it and would have stacks of it ready for winter. They would also pick up dried cow dung to use as fuel.

In 1873, the grasshoppers came and destroyed everything in their path. This happened for 5 years in a row and many moved away. In 1880, a terrible snowstorm arrived and they had to tunnel out of their dugout and shovel the snow off their frame roof to keep it from caving in. To reach the cattle with hay and water, they tied ropes to the house and then to the stables to follow along.

Baby Karen, later became Mrs. Abraham Olson. In 1949, when we celebrated our 100 anniversary as a territory, she was honored as the oldest pioneer mother in Martin-Watonwan County. She passed away in 1950. The above stories were all told by her.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Mr. & Mrs. Verle Siem (Gladys) wife

Name(s) to appear on certificate Verle & Gladys Siem

Address St. James, Minn. R#3 Box 67-56081

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 10 Township Nelson (107) County Watonwan

Number of acres in the farm at present 120A - 80A of this is homestead

Date of original purchase by member of your family Mother inherited 40 acres from
1954 Bought other 40 April 2nd 1964
from my brother.

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

East one-half (E 1/2) of Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section 10,
Township 107, Range 32, Watonwan County, Minnesota.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME ^{change Name} _{to (Brekken)}	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Martin Jorgensen</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1869 to 1914	
<u>Sigri Brekken & children</u> next owner	from 1914 to 1914	wife & children
<u>George Brekken</u> next owner	from 1914 to 1942	son (George)
<u>Anna Brekken et al</u> next owner	from 1942 to 1954	wife (Anna)
<u>Adolph & Gladys</u> next owner	from 1954 to 1964	children (Adolph & Gladys)
<u>Gladys & Verle Siem</u> next owner	from 1964 to 1976 (Gladys)	daughter of wife Anna & her husband (Verle)
next owner	from to	

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

Court file in Registration Proceedings ☐
Other (please explain. my Grand father
homestead this 80 acres. He came here in

Church Records. — — — (1869 and married in 1873)

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

John V. Ankney
(Witness sign here)

Mo. Gladys Siem
(Signature of present owner)

Date July 12, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? It was Homestead Land.
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 acres.
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Homesteaded it.
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? 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? part of the house
2 rooms are part of what my Grandfather lived in
10. When was the present home built? they lived in sod house first, ~~built~~
in latter 1890 and then a part in 1916
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, Oats, beans, ~~and~~
and in the latter the 1900s and part in 1916
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
"Plaineader" St. James, MN. 56081

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

The 3 older children of Martin (Jorgensen) Brekken. Married 1873
George, Karen, and Anna lived in the Sod House.
Selma, Mathea, Severin, Jorgine, other 4 children Married 1916
Next family on farm. George & Anna (Oren) Brekken
children - Adolph & Gladys -
Next family. Gladys & Verle Siem - married in 1956
children. - Karen ANN. & Bruce Arlo

You may question
this farm because the
Homestead Papers were
not given to Grandpa
Martin Jorgensen who
later changed his name
to Brekken till in 1881
But Grandfather lived
here in a Sod House since
1869 and was married in
1872. My dad who would
(over)

Have been a 100 years
old Dec. 5, 1976 if he had
lived. Was born here and
he had one older sister Mrs.
Karen Salberg, who was born
here too. So our County
Agent told me to send
this in Cause this farm
has been lived on for over
a 100 years by our family.
So our Church records show
Grandpa Bekken was here in
1869. My dad told me

were the sod house was located, not far from our well pit, between the house and barn. The original house was where our barn is now. But they moved it to where it is now. The old basement is about a ft. higher than the other part of our basement. The house has been added ~~into~~ twice the last time in 1916

Sincerely, Mrs. Veile Siem

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Ellwood and Margaret Sill

Name(s) to appear on certificate Ellwood and Margaret Sill

Address Madelia, Minnesota R# 2A 56062

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 2 & 3 Township Riverdale County Watsonwan

Number of acres in the farm at present 280

Date of original purchase by member of your family June 19, 1875

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

The Southwest quarter (SW) of Section two (2) of Township one hundred seven (107) of Range thirty one (31) and the South half of the NE quarter & the Northeast of the South east quarter (NE of SE) of Section 3 Township one hundred seven (107) of Range thirty one (31)
PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Karen Muenche Mo	from June 19 1875	Erik H. Hagestande
(owner in 1876 or B4)		
Erik Hagestande Estate	from Jan. 15 1913	Emil J. Hagestande - son
next owner		
Emil J. Hagestande Estate	from Jan. 1952	Ellwood + Margaret Sill - daughter
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		

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Abstract of Title (X) Court file in Registration Proceedings ()
Land Patent ()
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:

Sam A. Holum
(Witness sign here)

Ellwood + Margaret Sill
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 6 - 1976

See reverse side for additional information

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Karen Munthe Mo
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80
3. What was the cost of land per acre? 7
4. Where was the first owner born? Lesja, Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Norway
6. Was this a homestead? Yes, he purchased it from the
homesteader
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 part of the
present house is the original house, the original
granary is standing - Barn built around 1889
10. When was the present home built? 1900 - original part built
in 1876
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn + Soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Madelia Times Messenger Madelia Minn.
56062

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Mrs Marion Slocum *ok*
Name(s) to appear on certificate MRS MARION SLOCUM
Address R R Madelia, Minn 56062
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 12 Township Fieldon 106-30 County Watonwan

Number of acres in the farm at present 240

Homesteaded in May 1962- Deed from United States of America filed
Date of original purchase by member of your family Aug 10, 1872

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

East 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Sec 12, township 106-30 Fieldon, County of Watonwan, State of Minn

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 S OF AMERICA	from 1872 to	CHARLES E SLOCUM
next owner	from 1872 to 1913	Frank E Slocum (Son of Charles E)
CHARLES E SLOCUM Est.	from Nov to 1920	Frank E Slocum Heirs (sons & daus)
next owner	from Aug 1943 to	Orin Slocum (one of sons of Frank E)
Frank E Slocum Est.	from Nov 1959 to	Marion Slocum (widow of Orin)
next owner	from to	
Orin Slocum Estate	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

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

San J. Slocum
(Witness sign here)

Mrs. Marion Slocum
(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? Homesteaded from U S of America
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? Sandusky, Ohio
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Family Farm 1½ Mi E in Blue Earth County
6. Was this a homestead? Yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
Worked for Land Co selling farm land.
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? Nephew rents land and lives in old house built in 1877-Original house built in 1862 is long gone. New house built in 1953 where I now live.
10. When was the present home built? My house 1953
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn and beans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Madelia Times Messenger Madelia, Minn

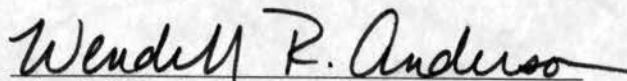
Related information: (please feel free to use additional sheets of paper)

BE IT NOW KNOWN that this farm of

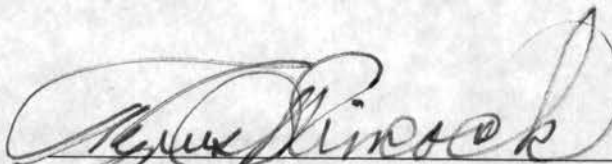
CORRINE AND ORVILLE SWANSON

**has been in continuous agricultural operation
since 1876 , 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 Orville Swanson

Name(s) to appear on certificate Corinne & Orville Swanson

Address Route 3
St. James, Minnesota 56081

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 2 Township St. James County Watonwan

Number of acres in the farm at present 466

Date of original purchase by member of your family March 1, 1876

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

N $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 2, Township 106, Range 32

NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 2 has been the continuous homestead.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
	3-1-1876	4-15-18	
<u>Anders Svensson</u>	from	to	<u>Father</u>
(owner in 1876 or B4)	4-15-18	11-16-59	
<u>Levis R. Swanson</u>	from	to	<u>Father</u>
next owner	11-16-59	Present	
<u>Orville Swanson</u>	from	to	<u>Son</u>
next owner			
	from	to	
next owner			
	from	to	
next owner			
	from	to	
next owner			
	from	to	
next owner			

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Abstract of Title (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:

Jahn Husby
(Witness sign here)

Orville Swanson
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 24, 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Government Patent
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Homestead Patent
4. Where was the first owner born? Sweden
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Sweden
6. Was this a homestead? Yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
No
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? A small part of the present dwelling was the original home of Anders Svensson
10. When was the present home built? 1896-remodeled and addition to original home
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, Oats, Soybeans, Hogs
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
St. James Plaindealer

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

Richard Swanson son of Orville Swanson is now in partnership with Orville Swanson and will carry the farm into another generation.

Part of the foundation of the present dwelling is homemade block from clay and wild hay, which were baked in the sun. This is the foundation of the Homestead home constructed by the original owner, my Grandfather, Anders Svensson.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner

John Feder Estate

Russell Feder

Elah Robbins

SON

Daughter

Name(s) to appear on certificate

Russell Feder

Dorothy Woodward - Daughter

Elah Robbins

Dorothy Woodward

Address Madelia Minnesota 56062Address of farm, if different from above SameSection 10 Township 107 County WatonwanNumber of acres in the farm at present 130 acresRange 30Date of original purchase by member of your family 1957 ^{willed}

to us

By

Father

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

NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 30A of SW 1/4 of NW 1/4Sec 15 Twp 107 Range 30

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>David Feder</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1857</u> to <u>1862</u>	<u>August Feder</u>
<u>August Feder</u> next owner	from <u>1862</u> to <u>1924</u>	<u>John Feder</u>
<u>John Feder</u> next owner	from <u>1924</u> to <u>1957</u>	<u>Russell Feder</u> ^{SON}
next owner	from to	<u>Elah Robbins</u> ^{Daughter}
next owner	from to	<u>Dorothy Woodward</u> ^{Daughter}
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:

Esther Mutsaers
 (Witness sign here)

Russell Feder ^{1/3 ownership}
 (Signature of present owner)

Date 8-13-76

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Homestead President U.S. Grant
 2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 520 acres
 3. What was the cost of land per acre? Nothing Homestead
 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? Yes
 10. When was the present home built? 1898
 11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn + Beans
 12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Madelia Times Messenger
Madelia, Minnesota 56062
- Related information: (please feel free to use additional sheets of paper)

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

Watson Co.

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

Names to appear on 1976 Certificate Russell Feder
Ilah Robbins & Dorothy Woodard

ADDRESS 111-3rd Street S.W

Madelia, Minnesota 56062

FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION BY THE FAMILY

1857 By Great Grandfather
1957 By Present Owners Russell Feder Ilah Robbins
and Dorothy Woodard

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

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

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

thank you for your immediate attention.