



Century Farm Applications

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CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

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Name of Centennial Farm owner Fred W. BensonName(s) to appear on certificate Fred W. BensonAddress Rt. 1 Box 64 Cottonwood, Minn. 56229

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 28 Township Normania County Yellow MedicineNumber of acres in the farm at present 196.50Date of original purchase by member of your family Sept 1, 1875

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

10 1/2 20 1/4; E 1/2 20 1/4 28 114 41

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Fredrick Benson</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1875 to 1898	father
<u>Bennie F. Benson</u> next owner	from 1898 to 1937	father
from 1919 next owner	from 1919 to 1937	it was estate property
<u>Fred W. Benson</u> next owner	from 1937 to present	(Bennie F. Benson was father) ^{ditto in 1919}
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:

Flarence Benson
(Witness sign here)

Fred W. Benson
(Signature of present owner)

Date July 10, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Homestead Certificate #744 U.S. Grant
President
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? 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?
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? unknown (1800's)
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn, soybeans Cattle
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Clarkfield Advocate. Clarkfield, Minn. 56223

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 Virgil and Alvina Cole
Name(s) to appear on certificate Virgil and Alvina Cole
Address Harley Falls, Minn 56245 ^{Rh 2} _{Bx 18}
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 26 Township Sandrus County Yel. Medicine

Number of acres in the farm at present 198

Date of original purchase by member of your family Aug - 1965

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

SE 1-4, S60 A OF S 1-2 NE 1-4 Less 22 A
26 114 40

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Levi Larson</u> Name <u>Charles Lars Cole</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	<u>Homesteaded 1876</u> <u>Patent April 9</u> from <u>1881</u> to <u>1928</u>	<u>Father (Grandfather)</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	
<u>Albert L. Cole</u>	from <u>1928</u> to <u>1961</u>	<u>Son (Father)</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	
<u>Johanna Loe Cole</u>	from <u>1961</u> to <u>1965</u>	<u>Wife of Albert Cole (mother)</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	
<u>Virgil + Alvina Cole</u>	from <u>1965</u> to _____	<u>Son</u>
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. S. Code - title 43 -
County Land Record ☒ Chapter 7. You had to live on the land for 5 yrs prior
to date of patent 1881 - five yrs prior to that would be 1876

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

Violet Lemmon
(Witness sign here)

Virgil A Cole - Alvina L Cole
(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? Homesteaded under Code Title 43 Chapter 7
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Homesteaded
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?
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? 1922
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Row Crops and small grain
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Granite Tribune - Granite Falls, Minn. 56241
Cottonwood Current - Cottonwood, Minn. 56229

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

The Cole farm, has been in the family for three generations. Having been homesteaded by his Grandfather, Lewis Larson, who later changed his name to Lars Cole. According to the Homestead act of 1862, it was necessary to live on, and improve the land for 5 years. Virgil Cole's Grandfather, having met the necessary requirements, was given title to the land by the United States General Land Office, the 9th of April, 1881. The land has been lived on Continuously, by members of the family for 100 years. The farm is now being operated by Virgil Cole, third generation, and prior to that by his father, Albert Cole, who was born, raised, and lived his entire life on the farm.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Melford Halvorson
Name(s) to appear on certificate Melford and Dorothy Halvorson
Address Granite Falls, Minn. 56241 R¹ Box 113
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 36 Township STony Run County Yellow Medicine
Number of acres in the farm at present 160

Date of original purchase by member of your family Nov 3, 1876

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

North West Quarter (N.W¹/₄) of Section Thirty Six (36) in Township
One Hundred Sixteen (116) north of range forty (40) Wes of Fifth
principle Meridian

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Ole Enstad</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	<u>from 1876 to 1934</u>	
<u>Ole Enstad Estate</u> next owner	<u>from 1934 to 1943</u>	<u>Grand son</u>
<u>Melford Halvorson</u> next owner	<u>from 1943 to 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:

Violet Lemison
(Witness sign here)

Melford Halvorson
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 29, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? United States
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? Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Albert Lea, Minn.
6. Was this a homestead? Yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
No
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? No.
10. When was the present home built? Before ~~the~~ 1900
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn - Beans and Wheat
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Granite Falls Tribune - Granite Falls, Minn. 56241

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner MELVIN S. KVAM
Name(s) to appear on certificate MELVIN S. KVAM
Address ROUTE 1
GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 25 Township TWP 116 RANGE 40W STONY RUN County YELLOW MEDICINE

Number of acres in the farm at present 240

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1875

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

NW 1/4 SECTION 25 AND W 1/2 NE 1/4 SECTION 25

TWP 116 RANGE 40 W.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>HENRIK KVAM</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1875</u> to <u>1884</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
<u>SIVERT H. KVAM</u> next owner	from <u>1884</u> to <u>1916</u>	<u>HUSBAND AND FATHER</u>
<u>BRIDT KVAM + CHILDREN</u> next owner	from <u>1916</u> to <u>1940</u>	<u>MOTHER</u>
<u>ELLEN, SOPHIE, OLIVER AND MELVIN KVAM</u> next owner	from <u>1940</u> to <u>1957</u>	<u>SISTER AND BROTHER</u>
<u>ELLEN AND OLIVER KVAM</u> next owner	from <u>1957</u> to <u>1975</u>	<u>BROTHER</u>
<u>ELLEN KVAM</u> next owner	from <u>1975</u> to <u>1976</u>	<u>SISTER</u>
<u>MELVIN S. KVAM</u> next owner	from <u>1976</u> 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:

Spencer O. Kvam
(Witness sign here)

Melvin S. Kvam
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 25, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? NO RECORD
4. Where was the first owner born? NORWAY
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? FREEBORN CO., MINN.
6. Was this a homestead? YES
7. Did the first owner farm the land? YES
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
NO
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? NO
10. When was the present home built? 1936
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? CORN, SOYBEANS, WHEAT
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
GRANITE FALLS TRIBUNE, GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA

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

Mr and Mrs Henrik Kvam and family moved to this farm in June 1972 when it was raw prairie and it has been lived on and farmed by the Kvam family ever since.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

(IRENE)

Name of Centennial Farm owner MR. & MRS. HENRY A. LEWISON

Name(s) to appear on certificate MR. & MRS. HENRY A. LEWISON

Address RT. #1, GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA 56241

Address of farm, if different from above SAME

Section 25 Township STONY RUN County YELLOW MEDICINE

Number of acres in the farm at present 156

Date of original purchase by member of your family NOVEMBER, 1876

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

S.W. 1/4 of SECTION 25 IN TOWNSHIP 116, NORTH RANGE 40,
WEST OF THE 5TH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>BENDIK LASSESSON</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1876</u> to <u>1907</u>	<u>ORIGINAL PURCHASER (NAMED ON PATENT ISSUED BY U.S. GOVT.)</u>
(*) <u>HENRY M. LASSESSON</u> next owner	from <u>1907</u> to <u>1968</u>	<u>SON OF BENDIK LASSESSON</u>
<u>Mr. & Mrs. HENRY A. LEWISON</u> next owner	from <u>1968</u> to <u>PRESENT</u>	<u>SON OF HENRY M. LEWISON</u>
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

(*) Also known as HENRY M. LEWISON

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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:

Carmen Carlson
(Witness sign here)

Henry A. Lewison
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 23, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? U.S. GOV'T (SIOUX INDIAN LANDS)
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$1.25 PER ACRE
4. Where was the first owner born? NORWAY
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? IOWA
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? ORIGINAL LOG CABIN NO LONGER EXISTS. PORTION OF FIRST PERMANENT HOME IS IN USE BUT HAS BEEN REMODELED
10. When was the present home built? APPROXIMATELY 1884
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? CORN, SOY BEANS, WHEAT
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
GRANITE FALLS TRIBUNE, GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA, 56241

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner STANLEY A. RACHE
Name(s) to appear on certificate STANLEY A. & AUDREY M. RACHE
Address R.R. # 1 BOX 121
GRANITE FALLS, MINN. 56241
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section S 1/2 of NE 1/4 Township STONY RUN (116-40) County YELLOW MEDICINE
SECTION 28
Number of acres in the farm at present 80 ACRES (HOMESTEAD) 160 ACRES RENTED FROM
BROTHER
Date of original purchase by member of your family DEC. 15, 1874
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
THE SOUTH HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER, SECTION TWENTY EIGHT,
TOWNSHIP ONE HUNDRED SIXTEEN NORTH, RANGE FORTY WEST,

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
(NAME CHANGED TO: LASSE CHRISTIANSEN RAKE) LASSE CHRISTIANSEN	from 1874 to 1903	FATHER TO MONS J.L. RACHE
(owner in 1876 or B4) MONS J. L. RACHE	from 1903 to 1943	FATHER TO MONROE RACHE & STANLEY RACHE
next owner MONROE H. RACHE	from 1943 to	BROTHER TO STANLEY A. RACHE
next owner (PURCHASED ON CONTRACT FOR DEED) STANLEY A. & AUDREY M. RACHE	from 1974 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 (X) 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:

Violet Lewison
(Witness sign here)

Stanley Rache
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 30, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? UNITED STATES
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 ACRES
3. What was the cost of land per acre? _____
4. Where was the first owner born? NORWAY
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? FARIBAULT
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 - THE HOUSE WAS DESTROYED
(IN 1973)
BY FIRE; IT HAD BEEN BUILT BEFORE 1900.
10. When was the present home built? 1973
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? CORN; BEANS; WHEAT
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
GRANITE FALLS TRIBUNE, GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA

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

THE BARN THAT WAS BUILT IN 1900 IS THE OLDEST BUILDING THAT REMAINS.