



## Century Farm Applications

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner

Earl T. Anderson  
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address R 2 Box 199 Lake Crystal, Minn. 56055

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

Section

3

Township

Judson 108

County

Blochearth

Number of acres in the farm at present

249<sup>2</sup>

Date of original purchase by member of your family

June 1861

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

East  
half of Southwest Quarter Sec 34 Town  
108 Range 25

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME

YEARS OF OWNERSHIP

BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT

John Beckman

from 1861 to 1895

Husband

owner in 1877 or  
before

Mary Beckman

from 1895 to 1895

Mother-in-Law, Mother

next owner Sophia G. (His Wife)

H. Fred Anderson

from 1895 to 1935

Father

next owner Ronald H. Anderson

Earl T. Anderson

from 1935 to 1956

Brother

next owner

Earl T. Anderson

from 1956 to Present

next owner

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)

Quit Claim  
Deeds

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

Paul Anderson

(Witness sign here)

Earl T. Anderson

(Signature of present owner)

Date June 13/77

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From whom was the farm purchased? U.S. Gov't Homestead

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160

What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was the first owner born? Sweden

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Sailor before coming to U.S.

Was this a homestead? Yes

Did the first owner farm the land? Yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? no

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? Old Horse Barn Still

Standing

When was the present home built? 1910

What are the farm's major crops or products? Hog + Corn

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

Our farm has a rich and interesting history behind it. There were Indians in the area when Mr. John Beckman came here to settle and build a log cabin. They watched him build his log cabin and he would give them watermelons to eat. He had raised the melons. His grandchildren (the Anderson children) found many Indian relics such as arrow heads + other things.

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Century Farm Owner MARY E. and OTTO A. DEWITZ  
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address AMBOY MINN. 56010

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

Section 28 Township STERLING County BLUE EARTH

Number of acres in the farm at present 200<sup>③</sup>

Date of original purchase by member of your family May 1 - 1866

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

NW4 of SW4 and E2 of SW4 and W2 of SE4 EXC 3.70A County

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
	from	to	
owner in 1877 or before <u>ROBERT CURRY</u>	<u>1866</u>	<u>1913</u>	<u>father</u>
next owner <u>MAGGIE OLSON</u>	<u>1913 -</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>daughter</u> <sup>②</sup>
next owner <u>MARY &amp; OTTO DEWITZ</u>	<u>1963 -</u>	<u>present to time</u>	<u>daughter &amp; son in law</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 ( )

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:

Gerald F. Johansen  
(Witness sign here)

Mary Dewitz - Otto Dewitz  
(Signature of present owner)

Date May 27 - 1977

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From whom was the farm purchased? We bought farm from my mother

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 acres

What was the cost of land per acre? We (present owners) paid \$300.<sup>00</sup> per acre

Where was the first owner born? Pennsylvania

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Pennsylvania

Was this a homestead? yes

Did the first owner farm the land? yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? no

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

When was the present home built? 1967

What are the farm's major crops or products? Beans and Corn

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

My grandfather was in the Civil war, he came to Minnesota in the 1850's enlisted in the cavalry his horse was shot and fell on him hurting his back, then he was discharged. The government thru the army gave him this 160 acres if he stayed on it a certain length of time.



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no witness ✓

Century Farm Owner Mrs + Mrs George A. Foster  
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address Rt. Box 64, Mapleton, Minnesota 56065

Address of farm, if different from above Same

Section 20 Township Mapleton County Blue Earth

Number of acres in the farm at present 160 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family Entry on Abstract Nov 14 - 1863  
*Remained prior to that date - in 1858 son was born in log cabin by River*

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

From original abstract: 2 1/2, SE 1/4 + NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 + SE 1/4  
of NW 1/4 of Section 20. Range 105 - 26 - Consisting of 160 A.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Constant Hopkins Whitney</u> owner in 1877 or before	from <u>1863</u> to <u>1890</u>	<u>Daughter and Son in Law</u>
<u>Oscar Marmette Healy</u> next owner	from <u>1890</u> to <u>1939</u>	<u>Parents</u> (2)
<u>Harold M. Healy</u> next owner	from <u>1939</u> to <u>1951</u>	<u>Uncle</u>
<u>George + Frances Foster</u> next owner	from <u>1951</u> to <u>1977</u>	<u>Present Owners</u>
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 ( )	_____

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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George + Frances Foster

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From whom was the farm purchased? H. H. Haly

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 Acres

What was the cost of land per acre? 2.25 per acre (see present H. H. Haly) <sup>original owner</sup> <sup>part of 4 Congress 1862 settlement of Public Domain</sup>

Where was the first owner born? Freeman, Maine 4-17-1824

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Maine

Was this a homestead? Yes

Did the first owner farm the land? Yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? No

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? None One grainery - called Elevator

as it had inside elevator powered originally by horses

When was the present home built? 1975; using some Black Walnut from original

What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn & Beans <sup>Frame House Built Prior to 1860</sup>

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

Decedent of ~~Constant~~ Mr. Mrs. Constant H. Whitney have lived on the farm since it was homesteaded and at present some of the sixth generation live on an acreage.

The Land grant was signed by Pres U. S. Grant =



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Century Farm Owner Willard A. Voigtlander  
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address Minnesota Lake, Minn. 56068

Address of farm, if different from above Same as above

Section 2 Township Danville County Blue Earth

Number of acres in the farm at present 3/4 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1863 (1)

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

East half of section 2, Township One  
Hundred five, Range Twenty-five.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Henry Voigtlander owner in 1877 or before	from 1863 to 1895	Father
Charles Voigtlander next owner	from 1895 to 1924	Father (2)
William Voigtlander next owner	from 1924 to 1952	Father
Willard Voigtlander next owner	from 1952 to —	<del>Father</del>
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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Land Patent ( )  
Original Deed ( )  
County Land  
Record ( )

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

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

Ms. Elmore Lindeland  
(Witness sign here)

Willard Voigtlander  
(Signature of present owner)

Date May 12, 1977

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From whom was the farm purchased? Homesteaded

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160

What was the cost of land per acre?       

Where was the first owner born? Germany

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Wisconsin

Was this a homestead? Yes

Did the first owner farm the land? Yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? No

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

When was the present home built? 1880

What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn & Soybeans

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Willis W. + Rozella E. Ward  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Willis W. + Rozella E. Ward  
Address Mapleton, Minnesota 56065  
RR 2 BOX 220  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 19 Township Medo County Blue Earth  
Number of acres in the farm at present 240 (3)  
Date of original purchase by member of your family Aug. 5, 1869 (1)  
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
SW 1/4 Sec. 19-106-25

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	(Relationship to present owner)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
William E. Ward (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1869 to 1920	Grandfather	Father
and Mark E. Ward next owner	from _____ to _____	Father	
Myron M. Ward next owner	from 1920 to 1941	Uncle	Brother
Mark E. Ward next owner	from 1941 to 1959	Father	Father
Willis + Rozella Ward next owner	from 1959 to 1976		(2)
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:

Clark H. Ward  
(Witness sign here)

Willis W. Ward  
(Signature of present owner)

Date Aug 10, 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? United States
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 156.40
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? on an adjacent 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, But a granary built in 1885 and Barn built in 1888 are still used
10. When was the present home built? 1899
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, Soybeans, Beef cattle & Hogs
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Mapleton = Enterprise-Herald

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

William E. Stard came from England with his parents in 1850 and eventually settled in Medo Township. at the age of 18 he enlisted in Company M, First Regiment of Minnesota Heavy artillery and served in the Civil War. Upon his discharge he returned to his parents farm and then Homesteaded this present farm in 1866. In 1869 this farm was patented by William E. Stard which was signed by the president, U. S. Grant. William E. Stard along with his wife Emma, had nine children, and lived their entire life on this farm until his passing at age 91.

## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner D. E. Woods EST.  
 Name(s) to appear on certificate Hilda Woods, Doris Woods, MARGARET Schreyer, MARY Schweim, Daleene GRAHAM  
 Address R.R. 2 LAKE CRYSTAL, MINN.  
 Address of farm, if different from above 56055

Section Sec. 29 & 30 Township South Bend County Blue Earth

Number of acres in the farm at present 145 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1851 (1)

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

Lot 6 Sec 29 and E 1/2 SE 1/4 in Sec 30 all in T. 108  
R. 27 Blue Earth Co.

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
ISAAC Woods (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1856 to 1878	FATHER
next owner	from to	
WALTER Woods	from 1878 to 1903	HUSBAND (2)
next owner		
MRS. WALTER Woods	from 1903 to 1931	MOTHER
next owner		
DAVID E. & GRACE Woods	from 1931 to 1935	SISTER
next owner		
DAVID E. Woods	from 1935 to 1960	HUSBAND
next owner		
D. E. Woods ESTATE	from 1960 to 1976	
next owner		

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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:

Doris E. Woods  
 (Witness sign here)

Mrs. Hilda Woods  
 (Signature of present owner)

Date Aug. 27, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.



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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Joanna Wakefield, widow of Elias Wakefield
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 120
3. What was the cost of land per acre? This land was in payment
4. Where was the first owner born? to Elias Wakefield of The Hermit  
Milwaukee 1812
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Isaac Woods was born in Wales
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? over 100 years ago 1872
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn ~~other~~ beans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Mankato Free Press

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

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CENTURY FARMS  
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

FROM THE DESK OF  
JO ANN FRANK

This year received  
the sign + cert.  
last year, but were  
not mentioned

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner

(this name will 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 CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME

YEARS OF OWNERSHIP

BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT  
OWNER

John Jones

from 1862 to 1915

Great-Grandfather

owner in 1877 or  
before

Edwin S. Jones

from 1915 to 1966

Father

next owner

Donald E. Jones

from 1966 to Present

next owner

next owner

next owner

next owner

next owner

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Abstract of Title ( )

Land Patent (X)

Original Deed (X)

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:

Margie E. Ford

(Witness sign here)

Date

Aug. 11, 1977

Donald E. Jones

(Signature of present owner)

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From whom was the farm purchased? land grant

How many acres were in the original parcel? 640 acres

What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was the first owner born? Wales

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? New York State

Was this a homestead? Yes, Vol 5, p 44.

Did the first owner farm the land? yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? no

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

When was the present home built? no buildings on land

What are the farm's major crops or products? \_\_\_\_\_

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

The Homestead Certificate no., 2297 was made out to John Jones, 20 May, 1862 and signed in ink by Ulysses S. Grant. U. S. President.



August 12, 1977  
74 Burton Ave. S.E.  
Minneapolis, Minn 55414

Dear Sir,

I hope it is not too late to enter an application for the Century Farm Recognition. This application is late due to my recent hospitalization. My half-brother, Donald E. Jones, is qualified to receive a Bicentennial Farm Plaque. His farm, just outside Lake Crystal, the site of the 1976 Farm Fest, is a land grant farm and my brother has the land grant certificate signed by Ulysses S. Grant. It is dated 20 May, 1862.

There have been only three owners, Donald, his father, and his great-grandfather in 114 years.

Will you please send the plaque to: Donald E. Jones,



2112 So. W. 324<sup>th</sup> place, Federal City,  
Washington, 198002. If you prefer,  
you may send the plaque to  
me to forward. I have attached the  
necessary information to support the  
claim for his qualifications.

To date, the farm has been  
held by only three persons in 114  
years. They are Donald E. Jones,  
his father Edwin J. Jones, his great-  
grandfather, John Jones.

Donald has three sons, Dayl, Evan, and  
Loren, one daughter Jonel.

Hopefully the land will remain  
in the family another generation.

Sincerely,  
Marie E Ford

## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Martin Seidl dates '77 or '87? or what  
 Name(s) to appear on certificate Martin & Jan Seidl  
 Address Rte. 2 Sleepy Eye, Mn. 56085  
 Address of farm, if different from above 507-794  
7726

Section 34 Township 109 Stark County Brown  
 Number of acres in the farm at present 160 (3)  
 Date of original purchase by member of your family 1877 - Aug. 29  
 Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
W 1/2 of NW 1/4, Sec. 34, Twp. 109, Range 32

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Xaver Seidl (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1877 <sup>2</sup> to 1910	father
Joseph W. Seidl next owner	from 1910 to 1943	father
Harbert A Seidl next owner	from 1943 to 1976	father
Martin Seidl next owner	from 1976 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:

Harbert Seidl  
 (Witness sign here)

Martin Seidl  
 (Signature of present owner)

Date June 9, 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Leunis Slingerland
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Joseph \$40.00 Robert \$80.00
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Wisconsin
6. Was this a homestead? yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
no
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? yes - we live in the house, but it's completely remodeled
10. When was the present home built? 1870
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? dairy & grain
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Sleepy Eye Herald Dispatch

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

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CENTURY FARMS  
ST. PAUL, MN 55108



ownership - relationship  
what about after '67?

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner Roger Schneider  
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address R. 2 Sleepy Eye Minn 56085

Address of farm, if different from above 507-794-6780  
call - Reuben - 794-6770

Section 22 Township Sevenworth County Brown

Number of acres in the farm at present 190 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1967 1869

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement) Sec. 22 27

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Charles Schneider</u> owner in 1877 or before	from <u>1869</u> to <u>19</u>	
<u>Charles Schneider</u> next owner	from <u>1869</u> to <u>1938</u>	<u>Grandfather</u>
<u>William</u> next owner	from <u>1938</u> to <u>1967</u>	<u>owner of estate</u> <u>father - grandfather</u> <u>son of son to son</u>
<u>Roger - Reuben</u> next owner	from <u>1</u> to	<u>Homestead entry number</u> <u>4841 Sec 22 Sevenworth</u> <u>109-33; June 5 - 1969</u>
	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 <input type="checkbox"/>
Original Deed <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please explain) <u>Homestead 4841, Land</u>
County Land Record <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Office number 10841 June 5 - 1969</u>
	<u>County Brown Township 109 Sec 22</u>

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

Otto G. Kotten  
(Witness sign here)

Roger R. Schneider  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6/8/77

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160 ac.

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From whom was the farm purchased? \_\_\_\_\_

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160

What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was the first owner born? New York

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? same Township

Was this a homestead? yes

Did the first owner farm the land? yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? no

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

When was the present home built? 1875

What are the farm's major crops or products? grain, corn & beans

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner Ivan Radloff  
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address P.O. Box 511, Essig, Minnesota 56030

Address of farm, if different from above same

Section eighteen(18) Township One Hundred and Ten, North(110) County Brown

Number of acres in the farm at present 186 Acres (2)

Date of original purchase by member of your family April 17, 1873 (1)

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement) The Lots numbered Eleven, Twelve, Thirteen, Fourteen, Seventeen, and Eighteen in Section Eighteen all of it in Township One Hundred and Ten North of Range Thirty One West.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
	from to	
owner in 1877 or before Herman Radloff	from 1873 to 1910	original family purchase
next owner Gustav Radloff	from 1910 to 1944	son (2)
next owner Melvin Radloff	from 1944 to 1972	grand-son
next owner Ivan Radloff	from 1972 to 1977	great-grand son
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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Abstract of Title ( )	Court file in Registration
Land Patent ( )	Proceedings (X)
Original Deed ( )	Other (please explain) <u>Indenture and conveyance</u>
County Land Record ( )	<u>17 April 1873, witnessed by Charles Roos &amp; C. Lemke</u>

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

Herman Radloff  
(Witness sign here) Herman Radloff

Ivan Radloff  
(Signature of present owner) Ivan Radloff

Date June 8, 1977

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From whom was the farm purchased? John Graff, early colonist settling at New Ulm

How many acres were in the original parcel? 199 acres

What was the cost of land per acre? Lump sum of \$600.00, interest at 10 percent

Where was the first owner born? At Naugard, Pommerania, Germany

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? 1868 to 1872, employed in Green Bay, Wisc

Was this a homestead? This land was Indian Reservation until opened after 1862 massacre.

Did the first owner farm the land? Yes, and in due course, acquired two adjoining farms.

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? No.

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? Still in use. Originally one room, with two additions, the first in 1881.

When was the present home built? 1873

What are the farm's major crops or products? Diversified farming; dairy, grain, hogs.

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

Some journal notes were found within the past year, in which conditions of early planting of grove with evergreen trees is outlined. Grandfather served as road supervisor and supported drainage and ditching in improving the land up to the time of his retirement in 1910.

In acquiring two additional farms adjacent to the original purchase, grand-father succeeded in providing farms for each of his three sons, William, Ernst, and Gustav.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner George R. Munson

(this name will appear on certificate)

Address Hanska, Minn. R#1 56041

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

Section 33

Township Lake Hanska

County Brown

Number of acres in the farm at present 269<sup>(3)</sup>

Date of original purchase by member of your family Homestead Certificate Dec 1, 1876

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

W 1/2 of NW 1/4 Sec. 4 Twp 107 Rg. 31 Watonwan Co. Homestead  
E 1/2 of SE 1/4 + SW 1/2 of SE 1/4 Sec 32 + Lots 1, 2, 3 Sect 33, Brown Co.  
get from Railroad + State of Minn.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Frank Lee</u> owner in 1877 or before	from <u>1876</u> to <u>1912</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>George F. Lee</u> next owner	from <u>1912</u> to <u>1945</u>	<u>Father</u> <sup>(2)</sup>
<u>Clifford J. Lee</u> next owner	from <u>1945</u> to <u>1973</u>	<u>Uncle</u>
<u>George R. Munson</u> next owner	from <u>1973</u> to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	

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Abstract of Title ☒  
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:

Pattee Ohtad  
(Witness sign here)

George R. Munson  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 5/19/77

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From whom was the farm purchased?

Clifford Lee in 1973 (Frank Lee)

How many acres were in the original parcel?

78 A. Homestead <sup>1876</sup> Purchased Lots 1, 2, 3 <sup>"101A"</sup> <sup>33</sup>

What was the cost of land per acre?

120 A Sec. 32 State Patent NO. 11 <sup>from St. Paul & Sioux City Railroad 1882 price \$588.40</sup>

Where was the first owner born?

Norway

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm?

Chicago, Ill.

Was this a homestead?

Yes

Did the first owner farm the land?

Yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?

Carpentry

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

Yes, House

When was the present home built?

1870

What are the farm's major crops or products?

Corn - Soybeans - Wht - Oats &

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

Frank Lee came in fall of 1869 or 1870 got Homestead Cert. 1876

The Homestead was across the road in Watonwan Co. Frank Lee purchased Lots 1, 2, 3 across the road in Sec 33 Lake Hancock Twp Brown Co. in 1882 from Railroad & moved the House & Building 80 rods in Sec. 33, Lake Hancock Twp Brown Co. In 1976 George Munson sold 50 A of Lot 3 Sec. 33 to Brown Co. Park Commission to be used for Park & Wildlife Area.



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner Robert Lendt  
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address Route 1, Sleepy Eye, Minnesota 56085

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

Section 7 and 18 Township Sigel - 109 County Brown

Number of acres in the farm at present 221 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family July 10, 1868 (1)

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

Lot B of Lot 14, Lots 11, 12, 13, 17, 18 also Lot 4  
Range 7 109 31 also 18 109 31

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>United States of America</u> owner in 1877 or before	from _____ to 1868	
<u>John Lendt</u> next owner	from 1868 to 1878	<u>Uncle</u>
<u>Friedrich Lendt</u> next owner	from 1878 to 1909	<u>Father (2)</u>
<u>Willie Lendt</u> next owner	from 1909 to 1954	<u>Father</u>
<u>Robert Lendt</u> next owner	from 1954 to _____	
_____	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:

Jimmy Lendt  
(Witness sign here)

Robert Lendt  
(Signature of present owner)

Date May 17, 1977

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From whom was the farm purchased? \_\_\_\_\_

How many acres were in the original parcel? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was the first owner born? \_\_\_\_\_

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? \_\_\_\_\_

Was this a homestead? \_\_\_\_\_

Did the first owner farm the land? \_\_\_\_\_

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? \_\_\_\_\_

When was the present home built? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the farm's major crops or products? \_\_\_\_\_

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

My father was baptized  
August Wilhelm Hellnitz  
born May 10, 1875  
later went by the name of  
H. M. Hellnitz  
He passed away Jan. 9, 1939  
and we became the  
owners in 1939.  
Hope I done this all  
correctly.

Mrs. Milton Kissner

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner Milton Kissner  
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address Morgan, Minn. R1 Box 176 56266

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

Section SE 1/4 of Sec 11 Township 111 Range 33 County Brown

Number of acres in the farm at present 80 acres (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family June 7, 1875 - (1)

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

E 1/2 of SE 1/4 of Sec. 11 Twp. 111 R 33 - 80 acres

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
	from	to	
owner in 1877 or before			
<u>August Hellnitz</u>	from 1875 to	1896	<u>Son</u>
next owner			
<u>August Hellnitz</u>	from 1896 to	1939	<u>Son-in-law</u>
next owner			
<u>Milton Kissner</u>	from 1939 to		
next owner			
	from	to	
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:

Wilma Hellnitz  
(Witness sign here)

Date June 11, 1977

Milton Kissner  
(Signature of present owner)

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From whom was the farm purchased? \_\_\_\_\_

How many acres were in the original parcel? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was the first owner born? \_\_\_\_\_

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? \_\_\_\_\_

Was this a homestead? \_\_\_\_\_

Did the first owner farm the land? \_\_\_\_\_

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? \_\_\_\_\_

When was the present home built? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the farm's major crops or products? \_\_\_\_\_

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner

(this name will 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 CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME

YEARS OF OWNERSHIP

BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER

owner in 1877 or before

next owner

next owner

next owner

next owner

next owner

next owner

from 1867 to 1873

from 1873 to 1912

from to

from 1912 to 1915

from 1915 to 1947

from 1947 to present

from to

father

son of Matthias

son of John J.

wife of Louis

niece of Elsie Penning

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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:

Carol J. Hengel, AR  
(Witness sign here)

Florence Jesh  
(Signature of present owner)

Date

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From whom was the farm purchased? Friedrich Frank & Joseph Trautmann

How many acres were in the original parcel? lots 13, 5 & 12

What was the cost of land per acre? \$200 & \$9.50 for lots about \$4.00 acre

Where was the first owner born? Germany

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Germany

Was this a homestead? yes

Did the first owner farm the land? yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? interested in all kinds of fruit trees & grafting new strains.

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? we tore down old brick house & built new on same site about 18 yrs. ago.

When was the present home built? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the farm's major crops or products? corn & soybeans & oats

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

raised hogs & had a dairy herd till 2 yrs. ago.  
would like to keep farm in our family.  
if possible. We didn't tile out sloughs  
& never had a crop failure as I believe  
water attracts rain water. I believe  
tiling just makes problems for farmers  
along driers.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner Mr + Mrs Richard H. Holm  
(this name will appear on certificate) → Richard + Dorothy Holm

Address Route 1 Box 67 Sleepy Eye Mn. 56085

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

Section 6-7 Township Sigel County ~~Crow~~ BROWN

Number of acres in the farm at present 220 ③

Date of original purchase by member of your family Nov 12, 1870 ①

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

Lots 9 and 16 of Sect. 6 and Lots 1 and 8  
of Sect 7 Twp 109 Range 31

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Peter Soukup</u> owner in 1877 or before	<u>from 1870 to 1907</u>	<u>Son</u>
<u>John Soukup</u> next owner	<u>from 1907 to 1934</u>	<u>Son</u> ②
<u>Victor J. Soukup</u> next owner	<u>from 1934 to 1959</u>	<u>Son-in-law</u>
<u>Richard H. Holm</u> next owner	<u>from 1959 to present</u>	<u>Son-in-law + daughter</u>
	<u>from to day</u>	<u>of Victor J. Soukup</u>
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:

Charles R. Kiecker  
(Witness sign here)

x Dorothy M. Holm  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-6-77

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From whom was the farm purchased? Arthur Bonwell + Exceene Bonwell

How many acres were in the original parcel? Lots 9 + 16 of Sect 6 + Lots 1-8 of Sect 7

What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was the first owner born? Czechoslovakia

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? \_\_\_\_\_

Was this a homestead? \_\_\_\_\_

Did the first owner farm the land? yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? \_\_\_\_\_

Not to our knowledge

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

When was the present home built? 1916

What are the farm's major crops or products? corn + soybeans + dairy

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner Mr + Mrs William Gluth  
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address Rt #1 Box 169 Morgan Minn 56266

Address of farm, if different from above Same

Section 22 Township Eden County Brown

Number of acres in the farm at present 80

Date of original purchase by member of your family March 15, 1875

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

N 1/2 of NE 1/4 Sec 22 Twp 111 Range 33 Brown County  
Minnesota

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Albert Pretzer</u> owner in 1877 or before	from <u>1875</u> to <u>1922</u>	<u>Husband + Father</u>
<u>Margaret Pretzer + children</u> next owner	from <u>1922</u> to <u>1942</u>	<u>+ Wife</u> <u>Mother in law + Brother in law</u>
<u>Ferd Gluth</u> next owner	from <u>1942</u> to <u>1953</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Allice Heckler + Liles Gluth</u> next owner	from <u>1953</u> to <u>1975</u>	<u>Aunts</u>
<u>Mr + Mrs William Gluth</u> next owner	from <u>1975</u> to <u>Present</u>	
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:

James Seckler  
(Witness sign here)

William Gluth Lucy Gluth  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 15, 1977

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From whom was the farm purchased? UNITED States of America

How many acres were in the original parcel? A Quarter Section

What was the cost of land per acre? ?

Where was the first owner born? Eukemeunde, Germany

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Winona, Minnesota

Was this a homestead? yes

Did the first owner farm the land? yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? \_\_\_\_\_

None after homesteading this land

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? None that is known

When was the present home built? 1886

What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, Soybeans, Canning Crops

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner Alice Heckler + Lilas Gluth  
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address Box 326 Morgan, Minn 56266

Address of farm, if different from above Rt #1

Morgan, Minn 56266

Section 22 Township Eden County Brown

Number of acres in the farm at present 80

Date of original purchase by member of your family March 15 1875

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

S 1/2 of NE 1/4 Sec 22 Twp 111 Range 33 Brown County  
Minnesota

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Albert Pretzen</u> owner in 1877 or before	from <u>1875</u> to <u>1922</u>	<u>Husband + Father</u>
<u>Margaret Pretzen + Child-rear</u> next owner	from <u>1922</u> to <u>1942</u>	<u>Mother in Law + Brother in Law</u> <u>Wife</u>
<u>Ferd Gluth</u> next owner	from <u>1942</u> to <u>1953</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Alice Heckler + Lilas Gluth</u> next owner	from <u>1953</u> to <u>Present</u>	<u>Present</u>
<u>[REDACTED]</u> next owner	from <u>[REDACTED]</u> to	
<u>[REDACTED]</u> next owner	from to	
<u>[REDACTED]</u> next owner	from to	
<u>[REDACTED]</u> 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:

James Heckler  
(Witness sign here)

Date 6-15-77

Alice Heckler Lilas Gluth  
(Signature of present owner)

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From whom was the farm purchased? United States of America

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160

What was the cost of land per acre? ?

Where was the first owner born? Eukemeunde, Germany

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Winona, Minnesota

Was this a homestead? yes

Did the first owner farm the land? yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? \_\_\_\_\_

None After Homesteading this Land

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? None that is known

When was the present home built? 1886

What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, Soybeans, Canning Crops

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner Howard E. Gluth  
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address Rt. 1 Morgan, Mn. 56266

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

Section 22 Township Eden County Brown

Number of acres in the farm at present 160 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family May 20 1874 (1)

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

NW 1/4 of Sec 22 Twp 111 Range 33

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Julius Gluth</u> owner in 1877 or before	<u>1874 - 1916</u> from to	<u>Father</u>
<u>Ernest E Gluth</u> next owner	<u>1916 - 1957</u> from to	<u>Father (2)</u>
<u>Howard E Gluth</u> next owner	<u>1957 present</u> from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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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:

Jeanne Hallenback  
(Witness sign here)

Howard E. Gluth  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-9-77

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From whom was the farm purchased? Home steaded

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160

What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was the first owner born? Prussia, Germany Sept. 29, 1884

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Germany then came to New Ulm

Was this a homestead? yes

Did the first owner farm the land? yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? no

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

When was the present home built? 1895 1895

What are the farm's major crops or products? corn, soybeans - cattle

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner Tom Anderson  
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address RR 2 Box 56 Springfield, Mn. 56087

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

Section 12 Township Burnstown County Brown

Number of acres in the farm at present 320 ③

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1874/①

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

N 1/2 of NW 1/4 section 12  
Township 109 N Range 34 W

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Ole Anderson</u> owner in 1877 or before	<u>from 1874 to 1891</u>	<u>uncle</u>
<u>Albert and Andrew Anderson</u> next owner	<u>from 1891 to 1921</u>	<u>same person ②</u>
<u>Andrew Anderson</u> next owner	<u>from 1921 to 1924</u>	<u>father</u>
<u>Thomas C Anderson</u> next owner	<u>from 1924 to 1967</u>	<u>father</u>
<u>Alan and Tom Anderson</u> next owner	<u>from 1967 to 1975</u>	<u>same person</u>
<u>Tom Anderson</u> next owner	<u>from 1975 to present</u>	
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:

Laurence P. Richi  
(Witness sign here)

Tom Anderson  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 14, 1977

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Minnesota State Fair  
St. Paul, MN 55108



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From whom was the farm purchased? government

How many acres were in the original parcel? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was the first owner born? Norway

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? \_\_\_\_\_

Was this a homestead? yes

Did the first owner farm the land? yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? \_\_\_\_\_

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

When was the present home built? 1926

What are the farm's major crops or products? corn and cattle

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner

(this name will appear on certificate)

Rueben K. Schneider

Address

600 3rd and SW Sleepy Eye, Minn 56085

Address of farm, if different from above

Rd Sleepy Eye, Minn

Section

14

Township

Levenworth

County

Brown

Number of acres in the farm at present

320 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family

1932

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

SW 1/4 of Sec. 4 Twp 109 - R33

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME

YEARS OF OWNERSHIP

BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER

owner in 1877 or

before

from to

from 1869 to 1932

My Grandfather's estate

next owner

from 1932 to 1939

My Mother

next owner

from 1939 to Still

My Grandfather homestead

next owner

from to

Certificate no 3480 application

next owner

from to

5951

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:

Otto G. Kotten  
(Witness sign here)

Date 6/8/77

Rueben K. Schneider  
(Signature of present owner)

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From whom was the farm purchased? My mother

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160

What was the cost of land per acre? \$75.

Where was the first owner born? Germany

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm?

Was this a homestead? yes civil War

Did the first owner farm the land? yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? later a

grain ~~by~~ buyer

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? no house built Feb 1880, barn 1883

grainery 1885 still used

When was the present home built? 1880

What are the farm's major crops or products? corn, peas, sweet corn

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary) beans



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner Henry B. and Ruth E. Krueger  
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address Cologne, Minnesota 55320

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

Section 23 Township Benton County Carver

Number of acres in the farm at present 146.18 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family June 1, 1861 (1)

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

SW 1/4 of Section 23 - 115 - 25

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Johann C. Harms owner in 1877 or before	from 1861 to 1890	Father
Henry Harms next owner	from 1890 to 1918	Husband (2)
Clara Harms next owner	from 1918 to 1924	Mother
Walter Harms next owner	from 1924 to 1961	Father & Father-in-law
Henry & Ruth Krueger next owner	from 1961 to —	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

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

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

Gene Drees  
(Witness sign here)

Ruth E. Krueger  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6/14/77

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From whom was the farm purchased? Land Office (see below)

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 acres

What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was the first owner born? Hannover, Germany

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Chicago, Ill. area

Was this a homestead? yes

Did the first owner farm the land? yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? No

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? No, Present Home was built in about 1875

When was the present home built? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, Alfalfa, Oats, & Dairying.

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

On original deed which we have in our possession it mentions the tract had been given to Catharine E. Ream a widow of Pvt. Ream. Ream Captain Walt's Co. Maryland Militia War 1812. She returned same to Land Office from whom my Great Grandfather homesteaded it. They <sup>move</sup> here in 1856 and received title to this land in 1861.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner HILLARDE & JANE B. BERG  
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address R.I. Box 138A - CARVER, MINN. 55315

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

Section 10 Township SAN FRANCISCO County CARVER

Number of acres in the farm at present 113<sup>(3)</sup>

Date of original purchase by member of your family 2-28-1958

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

~~1/2~~ S 1/2 of SE 1/4 of Sec. 10 - Twp 114 N Range 24 West.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Anders Swenson</u> owner in 1877 or before	from <u>1856</u> to <u>1860</u>	<u>Brother</u>
<u>Peter Swenson</u> next owner	from <u>1860</u> to <u>1900</u>	<u>Father</u> <sup>(2)</sup>
<u>Klara &amp; Adeline Swenson</u> next owner	from <u>1900</u> to <u>1941</u>	<u>Sisters</u>
<u>Adeline Berg &amp; Emil Swenson</u> next owner	from <u>1941</u> to <u>1943</u>	<u>Brother &amp; Sister</u>
<u>Adeline Berg</u> next owner	from <u>1943</u> to <u>1957</u>	<u>Mother</u>
<u>Hillard &amp; Jane Berg</u> next owner	from <u>1958</u> to <u>1977</u>	
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:

Jane B. Berg  
(Witness sign here)

Hillard E. Berg  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 5-31-1977

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From whom was the farm purchased? Andrew Svenson

How many acres were in the original parcel? 80

What was the cost of land per acre? consid. \$200.

Where was the first owner born? Sweden

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Sweden

Was this a homestead? yes

Did the first owner farm the land? yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? no

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? no, it was a log home, which

burned & was replaced in 1870, part of this is still standing

When was the present home built? 1975

What are the farm's major crops or products? Hay - Grain & Dairy

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner Walter and Mae Brueschoff  
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address Cologne, Minnesota 55322

Address of farm, if different from above Route 2

Section 27 Township Benton County Carver

Number of acres in the farm at present 215 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family We purchased it June 11-1962

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

CARVER County - Minnesota

Sections 27-34 and 35

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Joseph Bohrer owner in 1877 or before	from June 10 1869 to Filed	1869 ✓ John Heinrich Brueschoff
John Heinrich next owner Brueschoff	from June 8 1869 to -	To son again ✓ Henry F. Brueschoff
next owner	from to	To son again (2)
Henry F. Brueschoff next owner	from Oct 10 1903 to	To Walter & Mae Brueschoff
Walter & Mae Brueschoff next owner	from June 11-1962 to	and still own it & live on the farm
Walter & Mae Brueschoff next owner	from June to 1997 to	are still the owners of this same farm
next owner	from to	

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Register of Deeds X  
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:

Carl W. Hanson  
(Witness sign here)

Walter and Mae Brueschoff  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 7-1997

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St. Paul, MN 55108



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From whom was the farm purchased? \_\_\_\_\_

How many acres were in the original parcel? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was the first owner born? \_\_\_\_\_

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? \_\_\_\_\_

Was this a homestead? \_\_\_\_\_

Did the first owner farm the land? \_\_\_\_\_

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? \_\_\_\_\_

When was the present home built? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the farm's major crops or products? \_\_\_\_\_

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner Herbert Domjahn  
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address New Germany 55367

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

Section 16 Township Carver County Carver

Number of acres in the farm at present 80 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family April 18, 1873 (1)

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement) The North  
half of North East Quarter of Section No. 16, in Township No. 116, Range 26

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
State of Minnesota to August Domjan	from 1857 to 1907	Patent
owner in 1877 or before August Domjahn to Emil Domjahn	from 1907 to 1946	Emil Domjahn was a son of August Domjahn (2)
next owner Emil Domjahn to Herbert Domjahn	from 1946 to present	Herbert Domjahn was a son of Emil Domjahn
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 (X)  
Original Deed (X)  
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:

Care W. Hanson  
(Witness sign here)

Herbert Domjahn  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 13 - 1977

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CARE W. HANSON  
COUNTY RECORDER  
CHASKA, Carver, County, Minn.

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From whom was the farm purchased? State of Minnesota on a Patent

How many acres were in the original parcel? 80

What was the cost of land per acre? \$225.00 for 80 Acres

Where was the first owner born? 1835

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? West Prussia

Was this a homestead? yes

Did the first owner farm the land? yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? no

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

When was the present home built? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn and oats

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner JOHN H. AND RUTH EKLUND  
Name(s) to appear on certificate JOHN H. AND RUTH EKLUND  
Address ROUTE ONE - BOX 100 WATERTOWN, MINNESOTA 55388

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

Section 21 Township Watertown County Carver

Number of acres in the farm at present 88 acres (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1859 (1)

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

N1/2 of SE1/4 of Section 21 in Township 117 Range 25 containing 80 acres more or less

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
DeLos Iustus (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1859 to 1864	Brother
Peter Iustus	from 1864 to 1910	Father of Adelaide Eklund
next owner John & Adelaide Eklund	from 1910 to 1960	Father & Mother of John H. Eklund
next owner John & Ruth Eklund	from 1960 to present	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

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

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

Mrs. Barbara Olson  
(Witness sign here)

John H. Eklund  
(Signature of present owner)

Date August 30, 1976



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1. From whom was the farm purchased? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_
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? Around 1865
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn - Hay - Oats
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Carver County News - Watertown, Minnesota 55388

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

DeLos Iustus owned the farm and died in the Civil War down South. From there the farm went to Peter Iustus in 1864. DeLos and Peter Iustus were sons of Daniel Iustus who homesteaded next to this parcel of land by Swede Lake now owned by Dick Windsperger. Daniel Iustus was the first white settler in Watertown Township. Daniel Iustus was the Grandfather of Adelaide Eklund.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner Dale W. Hever (operator) <sup>Next owner</sup>  
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address Norwood Minn 55368

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

Section 7 and 8 Township Young America County Carver

Number of acres in the farm at present 160 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family Jan 8, 1877

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

SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 8-115-26 (40 Acres)  
NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 8-115-26 (40 A.) S 1/2 of NE 1/4 (80 A.)

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Christoph Hever</u> owner in 1877 or before	<u>1873</u> from to <u>1913</u>	<u>Father</u> (40 years)
<u>Wm. F. Hever</u> next owner	<u>1913</u> from to <u>1950</u>	<u>Father</u> (37 years)
<u>Herbert A. Hever</u> next owner	<u>1950</u> from to <u>1977</u>	<u>Father</u> (27 years)
<u>Dale Hever</u> next owner	from to	(Now Estate, Dale to be Next Owner)
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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Chaska, Minn.

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

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

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

Mrs Roland Zehnder  
(Witness sign here)

(Personal Representative)  
Miss Gertrude Hever  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6/1/77

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St. Paul, MN 55108

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From whom was the farm purchased? \_\_\_\_\_

How many acres were in the original parcel? 80

What was the cost of land per acre? \$6.00

Where was the first owner born? \_\_\_\_\_

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? \_\_\_\_\_

Was this a homestead? Yes

Did the first owner farm the land? Yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? No

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

When was the present home built? 80 to 90 years ago

What are the farm's major crops or products? Dairy, Soybeans, Corn

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

This farm passed ~~from one~~  
father to son. Dale would be the  
fourth generation. Herbert was  
accidentally killed and it is now  
an estate. Dale will be the  
next owner.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner Mrs Gertrude Heuer  
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address Norwood Minn 55368

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

Section 17-18 Township Young America County Carver

Number of acres in the farm at present 162<sup>(3)</sup>

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1868<sup>(1)</sup>

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

86 1/2 A in NE 1/4 exc 18 115 26

5 1/2 of NW 1/4 exc r. 17 115 26 162.00

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
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Henry Dammann	1868 from to 1905	Father
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owner in 1877 or before		
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Henry Dammann Jr	1905 from to 1937	Father (to Esther B)
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next owner		
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Herbert & Esther Bussmann	1937 from to 1970	(Esther Bussmann is a)
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next owner		
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Bussmann	from to	First Cousin to
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next owner		
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Herbert & Gertrude	1970 from to 1977	Herbert Heuer
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next owner		
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Heuer	from to	
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next owner		
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Gertrude Heuer	1977 from to	Wife
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next owner		
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Herbert Heuer died Feb 1977

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Abstract of Title (✓)

Land Patent ( )

Original Deed ( )

County Land

Record ( )

Court file in Registration

Proceedings ( )

Other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Mrs Roland Zehnder  
(Witness sign here)

Mrs Gertrude Heuer  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6/1/77

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From whom was the farm purchased? United States

How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 Acres

What was the cost of land per acre? No record

Where was the first owner born? Germany

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? \_\_\_\_\_

Was this a homestead? Yes

Did the first owner farm the land? Yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? No

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

When was the present home built? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the farm's major crops or products? Milk, Wheat, Hogs

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Theodore F. W. Johnson, Lillie Johnson

Name(s) to appear on certificate Theodore F. W. Johnson & Lillie Johnson

Address Rt. 1 Box 151 Watertown, Minnesota 55388

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

Section 5. W. 1/4 <sup>21</sup> section Township Watertown County Carver

Number of acres in the farm at present 220<sup>(3)</sup>

Date of original purchase by member of your family 3-4-1959 By Ted Johnson

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

The South West quarter (S.W. 1/4) of Section 21 In Township One Hundred and Seventeen (117) North, of Range Twenty-Five (25) West; Containing 160 Acres

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>United States</u>	<u>9-21-1859</u> from to	<u>Phillip O. Johnson</u>
(owner in 1876 or B4) <u>Phillip O. Johnson</u>	<u>9-21-1859</u> <u>2-20-1889</u> from to	<u>Frederick N. Johnson (Son) (2)</u>
next owner <u>Frederick N. Johnson</u>	<u>2-20-1889</u> <u>12-3-1920</u> from to	<u>Mary C. Johnson (Wife) By Terms of last will</u>
next owner <u>Mary C. Johnson</u>	<u>12-3-1920</u> <u>4-29-1941</u> from to	<u>Daughters: Evelyn Borg, Violet Grife, Lillian Barr, Inez Borg, Viola McCreary,</u>
next owner	<u>from</u> <u>to</u>	<u>Delores Johnson, and Son Theodore F. W. Johnson an undivided one-seventh part thereof fee simple.</u>
next owner <u>Above Estate</u>	<u>4-29-1941</u> <u>4-29-1959</u> from to	<u>to Present</u>
next owner	<u>from</u> <u>to</u>	<u>Theodore F. W. Johnson Son of Frederick N. Johnson and Mary C. Johnson</u>
next owner	<u>from</u> <u>to</u>	

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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:

Melvern H. Johnson Son of Theodore Johnson (Witness sign here)  
Theodore F. W. Johnson wife Lillie Johnson (Signature of present owner)

Date August 13, 1976

## 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 Acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Not sure here see attached paper
4. Where was the first owner born? Not sure here I think Sweden
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Pennsylvania moved here in 1857
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 original cabin was torn down in 1973 by Great Grand-son Melvern Johnson However the original logs have been saved and may possibly be reassembled at the Web of life historicle farm at the Watertown public School. Watertown, Minn. There are two homes here. The older of the two
10. When was the present home built? we don't know at this time. The main house was built in 1910. 15 large rooms and full basement
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, Hay, Wheat, Soy beans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Carver County News Watertown, Minnesota

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



MELVERN H. JOHNSON, GENERAL AGENT  
Rt. 1, Box 152, Watertown, Minn. 55388  
Phone 612-955-2149



Additional Information: Taken From Our Family History compiled and  
Edited by Dr. Roy E. Hendricks  
Janesville, Minnesota  
1967-1968

Excerpts pertaining to the Phillip O. Johnson family.

Phillip O. Johnson arrived in Carver, Minnesota some time in 1857 and continued on to Swede Lake. The trip from Pennsylvania was made mostly by ox cart.

The first wedding performed in the area was on Dec. 25, 1857. The participants in the ceremony were Josephine Brown and Phillip O. Johnson. The Swede Lake Church had not been built yet so they were married in the Little Swedish Baptist Church at the Scandia settlement on the east shore of Lake Waconia. The Scandia settlement church was the 2nd Swedish Baptist Church to be built in America. A Rev. Fredrick Neilson performed the ceremony. Those in attendance were J.P. Akins, J. P. Miller and Mathilda Justus. Her wedding gifts were one overall dress, a pair of wooden shoes and a hoe. They walked to and from the church. A distance of about six miles cross country. When the wedding couple arrived at their little log cabin, the Peter Browns were there. Mrs Brown had a rabbit dinner prepared for them and scolded them for being so long and late for dinner. Phillip Johnson had bought this farm for a squatter's claim of \$150.00. Just 3/4 of an acre was cleared and this was where he built the cabin. Much work was put into this farm and they proved to be equal to the task. This farm is being farmed now by grandson Ted Johnson.

Phillip O. Johnson and wife Josephine were original members of the Gotaholm Church, Swede Lake 1859.

Some of the members of Co. L, 1st Minnesota Heavy Artillery regiment were J. P. Akins, John Oberg, A. J. Brown, Phillip O. Johnson, and J. P. Hendricks. They traveled to Chattanooga, Tennessee and fought in the battle of Missionary Ridge and Lookout Mountain.

#### Directory of Peter Brown Family

Brown, Josephine H. ( 1837-1906 ) Married Phillip O. Johnson Dec. 25, 1857  
Farmer Watertown

#### Son of this Marriage

Johnson, Frederick N. ( 1868-1919 ) married Christina Lovisa Monson Hendricks on July 27, 1892. Farmed at Watertown. Their children are recorded under the family of Mrs Carl Swanson. Christina died in 1896 he then remarried to Mary C. Swanson Dec. 23, 1897.

#### Only Surviving Son of this marriage

Johnson, Theodore F. W. Johnson ( 3-5-1909 - Living ) currently retired and owner of the original farm. Also still living on the farm.

Theodore F. W. Johnson had one son Melvern and one daughter Mary. Melvern Johnson his wife Connie and Daughter Cindy and son Michael are currently operating the farm with a crop and beef operation.

8-13-1976

*Melvorn H. Johnson*



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Light  
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address R.Rt. 1, Box 435 Delano Minnesota 55328

Address of farm, if different from above same as above

Section 2 Township Watertown 117 County Carver

Number of acres in the farm at present 59 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family ENTREE Oct. 16, 1860 PATENT July 1, 1861

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

S65 A of W 85 A of SW 1/4 Exc. 6 A. 2 117 25 59.00

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Benjamin and Esther Light owner in 1877 or before	from 1860 to 1896	Father and Mother (2)
Joel and Mary Light next owner	from 1896 to 1943	Fater and Mother
Wilbur and Dorothy Light next owner	from 1943 to current owners	they are present owners
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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Land Patent ( )	Proceedings ( )
Original Deed ( )	Other (please explain)
County Land Record ( )	

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

Wilbur David Light  
(Witness sign here)

Wilbur B. Light  
(Signature of present owner)

Date May 16, 1977

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Minnesota State Fair  
St. Paul, MN 55108

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From whom was the farm purchased? United States

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160

What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was the first owner born? Frederick County Virginia

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Indiana

Was this a homestead? Yes

Did the first owner farm the land? Yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? \_\_\_\_\_

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

When was the present home built? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the farm's major crops or products? Grains

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

Benjamin and Esther Light came to Minnesota in 1856, they traveled in a covered wagon pulled by ox teams. They lived in a log cabin until 1861 when they built one of the first frame homes in the area. They gave land to Carver County to build a school on- Benjamin was a member of this school board- District #31. Benjamin was a township supervisor, was a delegate to the first county convention and a member of the first jury in the district court. He joined the Second Minnesota Cavalry in 1865, discharged at Fort Snelling, Minnesota. Benjamin served as a representative from Carver County in the twenty-fifth Legislature 1887.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner Michael & Martin Murphy - Murphy Bros  
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address Mayer, Minnesota 55360

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

Section 15 Township Hallwood County Carr

Number of acres in the farm at present 160 acres (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1946

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

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Thos Spain</u> owner in 1877 or before	from <u>1865</u> to <u>1909</u>	<u>father</u>
<u>Edward &amp; Johanna Spain</u> next owner	from <u>1909</u> to <u>1946</u>	<u>Daughter</u> (2)
<u>Murphy Bros.</u> next owner	from <u>1946</u> to <u>1972</u>	<u>present date same</u>
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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Land Patent ( )  
Original Deed ( )  
County Land Record ( )

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

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

Mrs. Joe Scheiber (sister)  
(Witness sign here)

Michael and Martin Murphy  
(Signature of present owner)

Date May 10 - 1977

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Minnesota State Fair  
St. Paul, MN 55108

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From whom was the farm purchased? \_\_\_\_\_

How many acres were in the original parcel? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was the first owner born? \_\_\_\_\_

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? \_\_\_\_\_

Was this a homestead? \_\_\_\_\_

Did the first owner farm the land? \_\_\_\_\_

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? no \_\_\_\_\_

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? \_\_\_\_\_

When was the present home built? Summer of 1929 \_\_\_\_\_

What are the farm's major crops or products? corn, wheat, oats, soybeans, hay

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)



Winsted Minn  
May 10 - 19

Dear Sir;

I am enclosing  
all information I was able  
to obtain from Chaska  
County Seat Court House, years  
back records were destroyed by  
fire. They acknowledged  
the present own<sup>er</sup>ship and we  
can truthfully say this 160  
acres has been in family from  
1865 to present date.

I attach  
grandfather to daughter and  
grand sons. We have their  
signatures.

Sincerely Mrs Joe Scheiber

Box 202 - 55395 Winsted Minn

our grandfather served in  
the Civil War. Had other  
family brother which he lost  
track of after war, and  
purchased those 16 a acres  
from a man name Sexton  
for \$600 and was a  
real pioneer clearing land  
and settling there, Hollywood  
town ship. And going  
~~thru~~ many hard ships. Having  
lost one eye due to the  
horse flaring up and kicking  
him in head.

# CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Mrs. Luella Olsen  
 Name(s) to appear on certificate Mrs. Luella Olsen  
Vernon A. Olsen  
Lyle A. Olsen  
 Address 637 W-1st St. Chaska, Minn. 55318  
 Address of farm, if different from above Route 2 - Chaska, Minn.

Section 13 Township Dahlgren County Carver  
 Number of acres in the farm at present 80 (3)  
 Date of original purchase by member of your family Oct 9 1860 (5)  
 Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
E 1/2 7 S E 1/4 Sec-13-115-24

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
(owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1857 to 1860	U.S. to Olson
next owner	from to	
<u>Son</u>	from 1860 to 1894	<u>Louis Olson to Andrew A Olson</u>
next owner	from 1894 to 1927	<u>Andrew A Olson to Alvin H Olson</u>
<u>Son to Son</u>	from 1927 to 1967	<u>Alvin H Olson to Luella I Olsen and wife</u>
<u>Affidavit Certy Death</u>	from 1927 to 1967	<u>Contract for Deed</u>
next owner	from 1967 to 1972	<u>Vernon + Lorraine Olsen</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	(✓)		

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

Carl W Hansen Regd Deed  
 (Witness sign here) Carver

Mrs. Luella Olsen  
 (Signature of present owner)

Date June 2 1977 CO

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
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? California
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? 1860
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn & Farm Crops
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Carver Co Herald Chasba Minn

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

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CENTURY FARMS  
ST. PAUL, MN 55108



If the answer on the number of acres in this farm should be 104.87 acres, then place it that way which is the present acreage! My Reg. of Deeds man Mr. Hanson classed it 80 acres as the "Original Homestead Deed" in 1860<sup>2nd</sup> which answer is correct on no. 2 back of sheet.

This farm is operated by my son Vernon and wife and my son Lyle Olsen. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> generation in the Olsen name, now a farm of 117 years. Alvin & Luella Olsen farmed this land from 1921 to 1958. From 1958 to 1977 2 sons, Vernon and Lyle, are farming. Alvin & Luella Olsen rented this land from 1921 to Mar. 28, 1938 which date we bought this farm.

Thank-you so much. Its a great honor to me and my sons to take part in this manner.

Mrs. Luella Olsen  
637 West 1<sup>st</sup> St.  
Chaska, Minn. 55318.

Tel. 448-4812

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner

(this name will 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 CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME

YEARS OF OWNERSHIP

BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER

Anthony Cramer

1866 from 1874 to

owner in 1877 or before

John Schmidt

1874 from 1903 to

next owner

Frank Schmidt

1903 from 1967 to

next owner

Roylan G Schmidt

1967 from Present time to

next owner

next owner

next owner

next owner

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Abstract of Title (X)

Land Patent ( )

Original Deed ( )

County Land

Record ( )

Court file in Registration

Proceedings ( )

Other (please explain)

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

Leola Schmidt  
(Witness sign here)

Roylan G Schmidt  
(Signature of present owner)

Date May 5 - 77

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Minnesota State Fair  
St. Paul, MN 55108

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From whom was the farm purchased? Railroad's own ~~first~~ it first then Cramer then my Grandfather

How many acres were in the original parcel? 40 acres

What was the cost of land per acre? Don't know

Where was the first owner born? Germany

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Don't know

Was this a homestead? yes

Did the first owner farm the land? yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? no

Don't know for sure

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? yes Part of House & Barn

as Log, still being used

When was the present home built? 1912

What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn Oats Hay

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner Harold & Esther Schrupp  
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address Hamburg, Minn. 55339

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

Section 22 Township Young America County Carver

Number of acres in the farm at present 113 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family June 20, 1864 (1)

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

South West Quarter and Lots Number Five and Six in Section Number Twenty-two in Township

Number One Hundred and fifteen North of Range Number Twenty-Six, more or less.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT
James Smith, Jr. to Henry Drier	from 1864 to 1900	Henry Drier was OWNER Grandfather of Anna Drier Templin
owner in 1877 or before Henry Drier, Sr. to William Drier	from 1900 to 1940	William Drier was the Father of Anna Drier Templin (2)
next owner William Drier to Arthur Drier	from 1940 to 1946	Arthur Drier was a Brother to Anna Drier Templin
next owner Arthur Drier to Ernst & Bertha Zum Hofe	from 1946 to 1947	Bertha Zum Hofe was a Sister to Anna Drier Templin
next owner Ernst & Bertha Zum Hofe to Otto Templin	from 1947 to 1961	Otto Templin is married to Anna Drier Templin
next owner Otto & Anna Templin to Harold H. & Esther	from 1961 to present	Esther Schrupp is a Daughter of Anna Drier Templin
next owner Schrupp	from to	

next owner

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Abstract of Title (X)  
Land Patent ( )  
Original Deed (X)  
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:

Carl W. Hanson  
(Witness sign here)

Harold & Esther Schrupp  
Otto by Templin  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 14, 1977

CARL W. HANSON  
COUNTY RECORDER  
CHASKA, Carver, County, Minn.

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Minnesota State Fair  
St. Paul, MN 55108



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From whom was the farm purchased? James Smith, Jr.

How many acres were in the original parcel? 113

What was the cost of land per acre? -

Where was the first owner born? Germany

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Hanbury

Was this a homestead? yes

Did the first owner farm the land? yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? no

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

When was the present home built? 1932

What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner MELVIN AND PEARL SCHRUPP  
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address R.R. Box 138 YOUNG AMERICA, MINNESOTA 55397

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

Section 35 Township CAMDEN County CARVER

Number of acres in the farm at present 145<sup>(3)</sup>

Date of original purchase by member of your family OCTOBER 3, 1868<sup>(1)</sup>

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

E $\frac{1}{2}$  OF SW $\frac{1}{4}$  AND GOV. LOTS 1 AND 2 SEC. 35-116-26

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
William SCHRUPP owner in 1877 or before	from 1868 to 1904	FATHER
FREDERICK J.W. SCHRUPP next owner	from 1904 to 1946	HUSBAND <sup>(2)</sup>
AUGUSTA SCHRUPP next owner	from 1946 to 1951	MOTHER
MELVIN & PEARL SCHRUPP next owner	from 1951 to Present	OWNER
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:

Charles Schrupp  
(Witness sign here)

Melvin Schrupp  
(Signature of present owner)

Date May 16, 1977

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Minnesota State Fair  
St. Paul, MN 55108

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From whom was the farm purchased? MINNESOTA VALLEY RAILROAD CO.

How many acres were in the original parcel? 151.40

What was the cost of land per acre? \$5000.00

Where was the first owner born? ?

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? ?

Was this a homestead? YES

Did the first owner farm the land? YES

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? NO

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

When was the present home built? 1875

What are the farm's major crops or products? ALFALFA, CORN, DAIRY

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

This has been a family farm for 109 yrs. It is in the 3rd generation of ownership. God willing it will be passed on to the 4th generation.

It is located on the East edge of Eagle Lake about 4 miles north of Young America.

There are none of the original buildings left because of the many changes and improvements that have been made over the years; but there are many antiques around, which probably were used by the first owners.

Melvin Schrupp



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner Silas & Lorraine Tesch  
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address Watertown, Mn. 55388

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

Section 29 Township Watertown County Carver

Number of acres in the farm at present 80 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family March 1, 1871 (1)

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

N 1/2 of NE 1/4 29 117 25 80

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Julius Tesch</u> owner in 1877 or before	<u>from 1871 to 1904</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Herman Tesch</u> next owner	<u>from 1904 to 1944</u>	<u>Father (2)</u>
<u>Erwin Tesch</u> next owner	<u>from 1944 to 1967</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Silas Tesch</u> next owner	<u>from 1967 to</u>	
	<u>from to</u>	
	<u>from to</u>	
	<u>from to</u>	
	<u>from to</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:

Henry Lange  
(Witness sign here)

Silas Tesch  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-13-77

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St. Paul, MN 55108



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From whom was the farm purchased? \_\_\_\_\_

How many acres were in the original parcel? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was the first owner born? \_\_\_\_\_

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? \_\_\_\_\_

Was this a homestead? \_\_\_\_\_

Did the first owner farm the land? \_\_\_\_\_

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? \_\_\_\_\_

When was the present home built? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the farm's major crops or products? \_\_\_\_\_

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner PHILLIP & GERALDINE AAMOT ✓  
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address RT 1 WATSON, MINN 56295

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

Section 6 Township TUNSBURG County CHIPPEWA

Number of acres in the farm at present 186.3

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

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement) N 1/2 NE 1/4  
EX 8.37 A + NE 1/4 NW 1/4 EX FRAC + ex tract - N 13.8 A OF E 1/2 A OF  
SE 1/4 NW 1/4 + SW 1/4 SE 1/4 EX 8.64 A + E 1/2 SW 1/4 EX FRAC + EX 21.54 A

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>NILS &amp; INGA AAMOT</u>	from <u>1875</u> to <u>1904</u>	
owner in 1877 or before		
<u>JOHN &amp; BERTHA AAMOT</u>	from <u>1904</u> to <u>1964</u>	<u>SON</u> (2)
next owner		
<u>PHILLIP &amp; GERALDINE AAMOT</u>	from <u>1964</u> 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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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:

Harold Beam  
(Witness sign here)

Phillip Aamot  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 15, 1977

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From whom was the farm purchased? \_\_\_\_\_

How many acres were in the original parcel? 320

What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was the first owner born? Norway

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? WISCONSIN

Was this a homestead? yes

Did the first owner farm the land? yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? No

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? \_\_\_\_\_

yes

When was the present home built? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, Beans + Oats

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

*Zion Luth. Church was built on this property and celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary Sept. 1976.*

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY Donald and Archie Haugland

Century Farm Owner

(this name will appear on certificate)

Address Watson, Minnesota 56295 Box 24

Address of farm, if different from above Watson, Minnesota

Section 27 Township Tunsberg County Chippewa

Number of acres in the farm at present 227 (b)

Date of original purchase by member of your family Homesteaded in 1867 (1)

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

W  $\frac{1}{4}$  ex 3.68 A W  $\frac{1}{2}$  SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  ex 15.35 A and ex 2.85 A Laq Proj.

W  $\frac{1}{2}$  SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  ex 17.88A and SL 1 22-118-41

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Ole Haugland	from 1867 to 1914	Father
owner in 1877 or before		
G. O. Haugland	from 1914 to 1931	Father (2)
next owner		
Palmer J. Haugland	from 1931 to 1976	Father
next owner		
Donald and Archie Haugland	from 1976 to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

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

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

Jarvis Blom  
(Witness sign here)

Donald Haugland  
Archie St. Haugland  
(Signature of present owner)

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From whom was the farm purchased? Not purchased - It was homesteaded

How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 acres

What was the cost of land per acre? don't know

Where was the first owner born? Norway

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Hillmore County

Was this a homestead? yes

Did the first owner farm the land? yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? no

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

When was the present home built? 1890

What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, soybeans & grain

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner CHARLES AND JANETTE SYLTE  
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address MILAN, MINNESOTA 56262

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

Section 10 Township ~~KROGER~~ KROGER County CHIPPEWA

Number of acres in the farm at present 160 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family MARCH 3 1873 (10)

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

QUARTER CNE 4) OF SECTION TEN (10) IN TOWNSHIP ONE HUNDRED NINETEEN (119)  
NORTH, RANGE FORTY TWO (42) WEST OF THE FIFTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>John K. SYLTE</u> owner in 1877 or before	<u>from 1873 to 1922</u>	<u>Husband</u>
<u>Ingeborg SYLTE</u> next owner	<u>from 1922 to 1933</u>	<u>Mother (2)</u>
<u>George SYLTE, Minnie Eidem</u> next owner	<u>from 1933 to 1935</u>	
<u>Theodore SYLTE, John J. SYLTE</u> next owner	<u>from 1933 to 1935</u>	
<u>Thora Kamdula, Veto Handle</u> next owner	<u>from 1933 to 1935</u>	<u>BROTHERS &amp; SISTER'S</u>
<u>Minnie Eidem</u> next owner	<u>from 1935 to 1961</u>	<u>AUNT</u>
<u>CHARLES &amp; JANETTE SYLTE</u> next owner	<u>from 1961 to 1977</u>	

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Land Patent (X)	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. Elda Sylte  
(Witness sign here)

Charles & Janette Sylte  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-14-77

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From whom was the farm purchased? Minnie Eiden

How many acres were in the original parcel? 200

What was the cost of land per acre? \$100

Where was the first owner born? Norway

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? ?

Was this a homestead? Yes - it was a Tree Claim Farm

Did the first owner farm the land? yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? Yes

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

When was the present home built? 1911

What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, Soybeans & small grain

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

The eleven (11) acres of Timber that was required to be planted to fulfill the land patent is still standing.

When we bought the Farm in 1961 we named it "Timber Claims"



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner Eugene R. and Alice M. Anderson  
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address Bx 577 LINDSTROM, MINNESOTA 55045

Address of farm, if different from above 612-257-4251

Section 27 Township Chisago Lake County Chisago

Number of acres in the farm at present 140

Date of original purchase by member of your family Oct 24, 1853

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

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>John Smith</u> owner in 1877 or before	from <u>1853</u> to <u>1892</u>	<u>Husband</u>
<u>Maja Lena Smith</u> next owner	from <u>1892</u> to <u>1901</u>	<u>Mother</u>
<u>Peter and Anna S. Anderson</u> next owner	from <u>1901</u> to <u>1930</u>	<u>Parents</u>
<u>R. M. Anderson</u> next owner	from <u>1930</u> to <u>1960</u>	<u>Husband</u>
<u>Violet Anderson</u> next owner	from <u>1960</u> to <u>1966</u>	<u>Mother</u>
<u>Eugene R. and Alice M. Anderson</u> next owner	from <u>1966</u> to <u>present</u>	
next owner	from to	

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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:

Ralph W. Berglund  
(Witness sign here)

Eugene Anderson  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 4/15/77

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From whom was the farm purchased? United States

How many acres were in the original parcel? 53

What was the cost of land per acre? \$ 1.25

Where was the first owner born? Sorby, Lingspingen, Sweden

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? ..

Was this a homestead? yes

Did the first owner farm the land? yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? local preacher  
in Methodist Church.

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

When was the present home built? 1976

What are the farm's major crops or products? hay and corn, feed cattle and pigs

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

193-P-*about*  
BIOGRAPHY OF JOHN SMITH

John Anderson was born on April 16, 1825, in Sorby, Orntona Socken, Linkoping San, Sweden. He was the seventh son in a family of seven boys; he had no sisters. When he was four years old his father died. At the age of eight he had to work on farms to make a living. When he became of age he decided to go to America where he hoped eventually to be able to get a home of his own.

It was an adventure to undertake to go to a country so unknown and only sailing vessels crossed the ocean. Regardless of warnings not to leave their native land and kindred three brave young men decided to go together to the United States.

On January 11, 1851, John Anderson, Jonas Anderson, and Gustaf Peterson signed a contract before an official binding themselves to be ever true to each other. They left Sweden in May, 1851, in a sailboat and arrived in the United States on June 27, 1851. They only had enough money for their railroad fare to Buffalo, New York. Gustaf Peterson found work in Pennsylvania and decided to stop there. The other two wished to go to Minnesota. They worked and saved money to pay for the trip.

There was no railroad west of Chicago, Illinois, so from Chicago they had to go by boat down the Illinois River to St. Louis, Missouri, then up the Mississippi River to Fort Snelling, Minnesota, then on the St. Croix River to Taylors Falls, Minnesota.

The United States Government was building a state road at that time from Stillwater, Minnesota, to Taylors Falls. John and Jonas worked in the construction gang.

The Federal Land Office was located in Taylors Falls; here John Anderson was told that some Swedish men had bought land near a lake eight miles away. He followed an Indian trail through dense woods to the beautiful Chisago Lake, where he bought land from the Government for \$1.25 an acre. He cut down trees and built a log cabin on a peninsula which belonged to his land. Jonas Anderson made his home with him and lived there until he died in 1878. Only five white men had settled along this lake when John arrived.

The Indian trading post was located in Taylors Falls, where the Chippewa Indians got their supplies. They were friendly enough although they took what they liked of what the white men raised.

On August 6, 1852, John Anderson applied for his first citizenship papers and at this time he changed his name to John Smith. Minnesota was at that time only a Territory of the United States. St. Paul had a population (in 1849) of 1,540 inhabitants.

John Smith walked the forty miles to St. Paul to buy a large clock and a broad-axe; he carried these on his back all the way home along the forty-mile Indian trail.



Maja Lena Johanson was born June 17, 1834, in Elmboda, Sweden. She was brought up in a comfortable farm home with five brothers and two sisters. Her parents John and Inga Johanson, left Sweden with their family in May, 1854. Their destination was Minnesota. They were sixteen weeks on the Atlantic Ocean. The weather was very unfavorable as their sailing vessel was driven back and forth. They had to bring their own food with them on the trip. They went by train to Chicago, then by rivers to Taylors Falls, Minnesota. An epidemic of cholera was raging in this country at that time. The father, one son, a daughter and her small son, fell victims to the plague. They were buried along the banks of the St. Croix River--only God knows where!

The stricken family finally reached Taylors Falls where they were met by an older son who had come to America the year before and had bought land and built a log cabin beside Chisago Lake.

Maja Lena worked in a boarding house in Taylors Falls for a few months. Her sister Johanna married John Smith in the fall of 1854. One month after her marriage she fell ill and died. It was a hard land and a survival of the fittest.

In 1855 Maja Lena married John Smith. They started house-keeping in the log cabin he had first built. Beautiful oaks, maples, basswoods, butternuts, hickory trees, ironwoods, and other trees were cut down to make a field where they planted corn, potatoes, and vegetables between the stumps. Of fruits the woods furnished them with wild plums, grapes, choke cherries, blackberries, raspberries and strawberries; also cranberries which grow in the marshy land near the lake. These together with butternuts, hickory nuts, and hazel nuts were relished in due season.

Deer abounded in the woods and the lake was full of fish. Mrs. Smith could put her kettle of water on the stove, go down to the lake to catch fish knowing for sure she could get enough for dinner in a few minutes. The saying, "The woods is the poor man's coat" proved true.

After some years a large log house was built on the hill a few rods east of the present "Old Farm Home". It had two large rooms and a hall downstairs and two large rooms upstairs. The kitchen was located in a lean-to.

South of the house a large barn was built on the crest of a hill. In the western part was a basement where the cows, sheep, and chickens were kept. In the eastern part was the stable for the horses; above was the hay-loft. The horses and the cattle were watered at the lake. In the winter large holes had to be kept open for them from which they drank. The water to be used in the house had to be carried in buckets from the lake--some work!

Flax was raised and from the sheep wool was secured which was carded and spun into yarn. Mrs. Smith had a loom on which she wove her own towels and sheets from the flax. From the wool she wove cloth for clothing for the family; also carpets. She knitted stockings and mittens from the woolen yarn.

To a flour mill in Franconia John Smith hauled his wheat which was ground into flour from which bread was made for the family. The cows gave milk for butter and cheese. As no glass fruit jars were invented, Mrs. Smith canned plums, apples, and berries in stone jars which were sealed with sealing wax. Fish was dried in the sun for use during the winter. The cellar was filled in the autumn with potatoes, rutabagas, carrots, cabbages, beets, parsnips, and squashes. A steer, a cow, a sheep, a hog, or a calf would be butchered. The meat in the winter could be frozen or else salted. From the hog they made bacon and ham which was smoked in a smokehouse built for that purpose. From sorghum they made syrup and from the maple trees they secured sap which was boiled into syrup and sugar. No need of starvation.

In 1862 there was a Sioux Indian outbreak in Kandiyohi county. Mrs. Smith's two brothers, Elias and Gustaf Johnson, lived there. Several white people were massacred by the Indians. Gustaf Johnson fled with his wife and a babe one month old and a girl of two years. They came to John Smith's home where they stayed until 1866; then they returned to Kandiyohi.

Mrs. John Smith became the mother of:

EMMA, who later became the wife of Andrew Falk and moved to Marine  
CHARLES, who never married

ANNA, who became the wife of P. J. Anderson and moved to Minneapolis  
in 1883. In 1888 they returned from Minneapolis and settled on  
the farm near Lindstrom

MINNIE, who became the wife of Robert G. Smith, resided in Center  
City for twelve years and then moved to Kingsburg, California

In 1881 John Smith built a new house just west of the old home; August Bergquist was the carpenter. The nearest railroad station was in Wyoming; another in North Branch. A stage carried passengers and mail between Taylors Falls and Wyoming. The St. Paul & Duluth Railway built a branch line from Wyoming to Taylors Falls in 1881. It went through Daniel Lindstrom's farm; a platform was built where the train stopped and later a village sprang up which was called "Lindstrom".

John Smith and his wife were very active in church work. John Smith was a local elder in the Methodist Church and a gifted speaker. Mrs. Smith had an outstanding voice to sing--she led the singing at the meetings. With the proper training she could easily have been a Madame Schumann-Heink.

John Smith died at his home on January 25, 1888, and was buried in the Methodist cemetery near Center City. Mrs. John Smith died on November 20, 1914, at Kingsburg, California, and was buried in the Kingsburg Cemetery. Two useful lives were ended and have gone to their reward.



Bis. of  
John Smith - (Anderson)  
Mrs. P. J. Anderson's  
father

Written by  
Minnie Smith - daughter

...

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner

(this name will appear on certificate)

Vernon M. Gertner

Address

Westbrook, Minnesota 56183

R#2 Box 140

Address of farm, if different from above

Section

28

Township

Rosehill

County

Cottonwood

Number of acres in the farm at present

160 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family

1877 (1)

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

deed

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME

YEARS OF OWNERSHIP

BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT

owner in 1877 or  
before

from 1877 to 1907

Grandfather

next owner

from 1907 to 1945

Father

next owner

from 1945 to 1952

Mother

next owner

from 1952 to 1977

Present Owner

next owner

from to

next owner

from to

next owner

from to

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Land Patent ☒

Original Deed ( )

County Land

Record ( )

Court file in Registration

Proceedings ( )

Other (please explain)

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

(Witness sign here)

Date

Vernon M. Gertner  
(Signature of present owner)

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From whom was the farm purchased? \_\_\_\_\_

How many acres were in the original parcel? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was the first owner born? \_\_\_\_\_

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? \_\_\_\_\_

Was this a homestead? \_\_\_\_\_

Did the first owner farm the land? \_\_\_\_\_

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? \_\_\_\_\_

When was the present home built? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the farm's major crops or products? \_\_\_\_\_

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

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Century Farm Owner

(this name will appear on certificate)

Address

Walnut Grove Minn 56180

Address of farm, if different from above

Section

18

Township

Ann

County

Cottonwood

Number of acres in the farm at present

240 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family

Homestead Patent in 1873 (1)

Title signed by President Garfield did not come until 1881

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

NE 1/4 18-108-38-160

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
	from	to	
owner in 1877 or before			
Emabriet E. Heggerston	1873	1927	Father (2)
next owner			
Adner Heggerston et al.	1927	1935	Brothers
next owner			
Mary Heggerston et al.	1935	1948	Mother & brothers & sister
next owner			
Harry C. Heggerston	1948	to	
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:

Conrad Steen  
(Witness sign here)

Harry C. Heggerston  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6/13/77

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From whom was the farm purchased? Homestead - Tree Chain

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 A

What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was the first owner born? Norway

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Norway

Was this a homestead? Yes

Did the first owner farm the land? yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? No

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

When was the present home built? 1888 - addition 1903 & 1904 - rebuilt 1954

What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, grain, hogs, cattle, beans

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

Part of the house was a school house and meeting house purchased from the Old Westbrook Church and moved to present site in about 1888.  
The rest of the house was built about 1903 & 1904

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner

(this name will appear on certificate)

Mrs. Neal O. Swenson, Sr.

Address

Westbrook, Minnesota 56183

Address of farm, if different from above

Section

12

Township

Westbrook

County

Cottonwood

Number of acres in the farm at present

200 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family

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

E 1/2 NW 1/4 Section 12, Township Block 107, Range 38  
80 acres

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME

YEARS OF OWNERSHIP

BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT

Niels Engebretson

3-1-1876 to 1924

Anne Engebretson

9-19-24 to 1927

wife

Inga Caroline  
Swenson and Heirs

Randa Anderson

1927 to 1930

children

Engebret Engebretson

Ole Swenson

1930 to 1946

son-in-law, husband of Inga Caroline  
Swenson

Neal O. Swenson Sr.

Lillian Swenson

1946 to 1975

son and daughter-in-law

Lillian Swenson

1975 to present  
time.

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 (X)

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:

Robert Swenson  
(Witness sign here)

Mrs. Lillian Swenson  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-10-77

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From whom was the farm purchased? U.S. Government

How many acres were in the original parcel? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was the first owner born? Aal, Hallingdahl, Norway

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Carver County

Was this a homestead? Yes

Did the first owner farm the land? Yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? No

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? Present house built in 1889-

Remains of "dugout" or first home are still evident

When was the present home built? 1889

What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, beans

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

Homestead Certificate No. 2823

Application 4759

~~Nets Engebretson homesteaded~~

Typical of the early homesteaders who came to Westbrook township is Niels Engebretson, who came in 1869, just before the organization of the township. He secured a homestead on Dutch Charlie Creek, being the E1/2 of the NW1/4 of Section 12. On New Year's Day of 1873, he married Anna Marie Mathison. Their first home was a dugout in a hillside. Mr. Engebretson had made it with logs, boards, and sod on top. The dugout measured 18'x 24' and remained their home till 1875, when he built a log cabin. In 1889 he built the framehouse which is still being used as a dwelling place today.

Of the seven children born to the Engebretsons four died in infancy. The three growing to adulthood were Caroline (Mrs. Ole Swenson, Westbrook), Randi (Mrs. Henry Anderson, Storden), and Niels Engebretson who married Nora Anderson and lived in Storden. Mr. and Mrs. Engebretson were numbered among that group of pioneer settlers that made up the congregation of Old Westbrook Church. Their daughter, Caroline, was an early teacher in School No. 30.

Niels Engebretson died on his homestead in 1924 at the age of 79. His wife died in 1927, attaining the age of 85 years. The homestead is presently owned by Mrs. Neal O. Swenson Sr., widow of Neal O.

Swenson, a grandson. The Robert Swenson family now occupies the frame house on the original homestead. Robert Swenson is the son of Neal Swenson, Sr., making his the fourth generation to live in the framehouse built by Niels Engebretson. This information has been taken from the Cottonwood County History Book published in 1970. The Robert Swenson family are now farming the land.



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner GALE C. SHIRLEY  
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address Route 1, Box 303, FARMINGTON, MINNESOTA 55024

Address of farm, if different from above same

Section 18 Township CASTLE ROCK County DAKOTA

Number of acres in the farm at present 76.3 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family Nov. 13, 1875 (1)

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

Section 18 Twn 113 Range 19

S 1/2 of NW 1/4 Ex RR Sec lot 18, Town Blk 113, Range 19

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
OLE OLSON owner in 1877 or before	from 1875 to 1880	SAME PERSON/ CHANGED NAME
OLE OLSON SHIRLEY next owner	from 1880 to 1918	brother (2)
ALBERT SHIRLEY next owner	from 1918 to 1918	uncle
CARL O. SHIRLEY next owner	from 1918 to 1962	father
GALE C. SHIRLEY next owner	from 1962 to present	
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:

Kurt Shirley  
(Witness sign here)

Gale Shirley  
(Signature of present owner)

Date JUNE 13, 1977

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St. Paul, MN 55108

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From whom was the farm purchased? \_\_\_\_\_

How many acres were in the original parcel? 80

What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was the first owner born? OLE OLSON SHIRLEY born in Elverum, Norway

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Norway, then to Northfield, MN 1866

Was this a homestead? bought from Horace Banes

Did the first owner farm the land? OLE SHIRLEY farmed land, later rented it from his brother Albert Shirley.

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? OLE SHIRLEY worked as logger, farm hand and mason after coming to U.S. ALBERT SHIRLEY WAS twin brother of OLE SHIRLEY, worked as logger and miller at Waterford, MN.

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? House converted to grainery, to be torn down this year.

Has hand-hewn beams, square nails, etc.

When was the present home built? 1919

What are the farm's major crops or products? soybeans

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner ELEANOR L. MELSON  
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address 4204 240th St. W, FARMINGTON, MINNESOTA 55024

Address of farm, if different from above same

Section 18 Township CASTLE ROCK County DAKOTA

Number of acres in the farm at present 76.3 acres (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family Nov. 13, 1875 (1)

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

Section 18 Twn 113 Range 19

N 1/2 of NW 1/4 EX RR SectLot 18, Town Blk 113, Range 19

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>OLE OLSON</u> owner in 1877 or before	from 1875 to 1877	SAME PERSON/CHANGED NAME
<u>OLE OLSON SHERLYE</u> next owner	from 1877 to 1933	father (2)
<u>NELS A. SHIRLEY</u> next owner	from 1933 to 1933	son
<u>THEA N. SHIRLEY</u> next owner	from 1933 to 1933	mother
<u>EMMA LEINE</u> next owner	from 1933 to 1945	sister
<u>OSCAR SHIRLEY</u> next owner	from 1945 to 1945	brother
<u>CARL O. SHIRLEY</u> next owner	from 1945 to 1962	father
<u>ELEANOR L. MELSON</u> next owner	1962 to present	present owner

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Original Deed ( )  
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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:

Kari J. Shirley  
(Witness sign here)

Eleanor L. Melson  
(Signature of present owner)

Date JUNE 13, 1977

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From whom was the farm purchased? \_\_\_\_\_

How many acres were in the original parcel? 80

What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was the first owner born? Ole Olson Shirley born in Elverum, Norway

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Norway, then to Northfield, MN 1866

Was this a homestead? bought from Orena H. Barnes

Did the first owner farm the land? Ole Shirley farmed land.

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? After coming to U.S., Ole Shirley worked as logger, farm hand and mason.

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? Portion of present home was original building (house) believed to now be 100 or more years old.

When was the present home built? Middle part of present home built 1876-77  
2 additions added at later dates.

What are the farm's major crops or products? corn

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner Raymond A. and Agnes May Black  
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address R.R. 3 Cannon Falls, Minn. 55009

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

Section 1 Township 112 County Dakota

Number of acres in the farm at present 163 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1867 (1)

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement) SE 1/4 of Sec One

(1) Township 112 Dakota Co

24 Acres Lot 10 Sec. 6 Township 112 Goodhue Co.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Charles S. Smith</u> owner in 1877 or before	from <u>1867</u> to <u>1922</u>	<u>son</u> , <u>granddaughter</u>
next owner	from <u>1922</u> to <u>1940</u>	<u>Charles S. Smith Jr. + Anna wf.</u>
next owner	from <u>1940</u> to <u>1968</u>	<u>Mrs. Charles S. Smith + Agnes May daughter</u>
next owner	from <u>1968</u> to	<u>Mr. + Mrs. Raymond Black</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 ☐

Court file in Registration Proceedings ☒  
Other (please explain) Doc. 214172  
Book 5 - 10 of Deeds  
Page 497-498  
Dakota Co.

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

Eva Chrometer  
(Witness sign here)

Raymond A. and Agnes May Black  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 13, 1977

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From whom was the farm purchased? Thomas Ryan and wife Mary July 5, 1871

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 acres

What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was the first owner born? Forfarshire, Scotland

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Wheatland, Rice Co. Minn.

Was this a homestead? yes

Did the first owner farm the land? yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? Hauled produce with team of horses, drove teams on a railroad grade, trapper

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? Wall of our breezeway made of stone.

When was the present home built? 1934

What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, oats, soybeans, sheep, Angus cattle.

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

Article about my grandfather in the Aug. 12, 1916  
p. 1178 of The Farmer.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner KENNETH + VIVIAN BRAGE  
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address Cannon Falls R.3 55009

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

Section 25 + 26 Township Douglas County Hickory

Number of acres in the farm at present 240<sup>3</sup>

Date of original purchase by member of your family March 14 - 1873<sup>1</sup>

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement) W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

Sec 25 T113 R17 - 80 acres Also E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> Sec 26

Total 160 acres

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Axel BRAGE</u> owner in 1877 or before	from _____ to _____	
<u>Axel BRAGE</u> next owner	from <u>1873</u> to <u>1914</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>ROBERT T. BRAGE</u> next owner	from <u>1914</u> to <u>1949</u>	<u>Father Son</u>
<u>ELLEN C.</u> next owner	from _____ to _____	<u>Son</u> <sup>2</sup>
<u>Kenneth + Vivian Brage</u> next owner	from _____ to _____	
<u>Brage</u> next owner	from <u>1949</u> to <u>1977</u>	<u>Son</u>
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.

Dorothy Stradt  
(Witness sign here)

Kenneth + Vivian Brage  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 5/23/77

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From whom was the farm purchased? Robert & Ellen C. Brage (parents)

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160

What was the cost of land per acre? unknown

Where was the first owner born? Sweden

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Goodhue Co.

Was this a homestead? No.

Did the first owner farm the land? Apel Brage did farm the land

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? No.

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

When was the present home built? 1920

What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn - oats - livestock

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

The first entry on abstract is dated Dec 5-1855  
I do not believe the first few entries did farm  
the land

Apel Brage purchased the land from a John Estergren  
in 1873



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner s The Gallagher Family  
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address 3 Mrs. Bertram Gallagher - Rt. 2 - Lakeville - 55044

Address of farm, if different from above Burnsville, Minn.

Section 22-23-26 Township Burnsville County Dakota

Number of acres in the farm at present 78.3 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family Inclosed 1876

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

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
	from	to	
owner in 1877 or before			
	from	to	
next owner			
	from	to	
next owner			
	from	to	
next owner			
	from	to	
next owner			
	from	to	
next owner			
	from	to	

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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. Bertram Gallagher  
(Witness sign here)

Joseph M. Gallagher  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 11, 1977

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From whom was the farm purchased? United States

How many acres were in the original parcel? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was the first owner born? Ireland

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? \_\_\_\_\_

Was this a homestead? Yes

Did the first owner farm the land? Yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? No

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

When was the present home built? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the farm's major crops or products? \_\_\_\_\_

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

## Century Farm Owners

## The Gallagher Family

John S. Gallagher Lakeville, Minn R2  
 Joseph M. Gallagher Lakeville, Minn. R2  
 Mary Gallagher Nilsson 1047 South Howell St. St. Paul, Minn  
 Elizabeth Gallagher Kane 1918 Juliet Ave. St. Paul, Minn  
 Catherine Gallagher Oxborough 11013 Stanley Curve, Bloomington, Minn

Address of Farm Savage, Minn.

Sections 22-23-26 Burnsville, Minn.

Number of acres at present 78.3

Date of original purchase by member of your family

Sec. 22 1860 S $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  120 acres

Sec. 23 1869 SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  40 "

Sec. 26 1876 NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  40 "

Proof of continuous ownership

Sec. 26 Patent from Land Office at Red wood Falls Mar. 1 1876

Thomas Gallagher Sr. from 1876 to 1880 Father to son

Michael Gallagher " 1880 to 1898 to son

Joseph Gallagher " 1898 to 1943 to brother

William Gallagher " 1943 to 1956 to son

Bertram Gallagher " 1956 to 1970 to family

Bertram Gallagher Family 1970 to 1977

Sec. 23 Warranty deed Hastings Oct. 7, 1869 filed Feb. 8, 1874

Thomas Gallagher Sr. 1869 to 1875 to son

Thomas Gallagher Jr. 1875 to 1876 to son

Michael Gallagher 1876 to 1898 to son

Joseph Gallagher 1898 to 1946 to brother

William Gallagher 1946 to 1956 to son

Bertram Gallagher 1956 to 1970 to family

Bertram Gallagher family 1970 to 1977

Sec. 22

Original Patent from Land Office James Buchanan President

Michael Gallagher 120 acres Feb. 10, 1860

Michael Gallagher 1860 to 1898 to son

William Gallagher 1898 to 1959 to son

Wallace Gallagher 1959 to 1966 to brother

Bertram Gallagher 1966 to 1970 to family

Bertram Gallagher family 1970 to 1977

Sections 22-23-26 all join and were farmed as one farm, 200 acres  
 Family still owns 78.3 acres

The Gallagher family settled on Section 22, on New Year's Day 1855

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner

(this name will appear on certificate)

Address 10024 - 230<sup>th</sup> ST. E., HASTINGS, MINNESOTA

55033

Address of farm, if different from above

Section 7 Township DOUGLAS County DAKOTA

Number of acres in the farm at present

198 acres (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family

Oct 16, 1865 (1)

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

N.E. 1/4.  
S.E. 1/4 of N.W. 1/4, N.E. 1/4 of N.W. 1/4.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Barney Bergen</u> owner in 1877 or before	<sup>1857</sup> <del>1865</del> 1900 from to	<u>Grandfather</u>
<u>Mathias Bergen</u> next owner	1900 1936 from to	<u>Father</u>
<u>Mathias Bergen</u> next owner	1936 1951 from to	(2)
<u>Children</u> next owner	from to	
<u>Sylvester Bergen</u> next owner	1951 Present from to	<u>Son</u>
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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Land Patent ( )  
Original Deed ( )  
County Land Record ( )

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

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

Betty Bergen (Wife)  
(Witness sign here)

Sylvester A. Bergen  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 5-30-77

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From whom was the farm purchased? \_\_\_\_\_

How many acres were in the original parcel? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was the first owner born? \_\_\_\_\_

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? \_\_\_\_\_

Was this a homestead? \_\_\_\_\_

Did the first owner farm the land? \_\_\_\_\_

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? \_\_\_\_\_

When was the present home built? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the farm's major crops or products? \_\_\_\_\_

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner  
(this name will appear on certificate)

*Be sure to spell correctly.*  
Romuald, Milan

ROMUALD MILAN  
10222 215TH ST. W.  
LAKEVILLE, MINN.  
55044



Address 10222 215th W. Lakeville, Minn., 55044

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

Section 31 Township 114 Lakeville County Dakota

Number of acres in the farm at present 100 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family Dec. 10, 1874 (1)

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

E 1/2 of SW 1/4 Section 31 Township 114 Range 20

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Denis Milan</u> owner in 1877 or and before	from <u>1874</u> to <u>1919</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Alice Milan</u> next owner	from <u>1874</u> to <u>1919</u>	<u>Mother (2)</u>
<u>Patrick Milan</u> next owner	from <u>1919</u> to <u>1954</u>	<u>Son</u>
<u>Margaret Milan</u> next owner	from <u>1954</u> to <u>1958</u>	<u>Mother</u>
<u>Romuald Milan</u> next owner	from <u>1958</u> to <u>present</u>	<u>Son</u>
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) Dec 1, 1874 recorded  
Jan 19, 1876 in book 0-2 - of deeds  
page 234

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

Rene M. Mogush  
(Witness sign here)

Romuald Milan  
(Signature of present owner)

Date May 21, 1977

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From whom was the farm purchased? The original homesteader by my grandfather

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160

What was the cost of land per acre? I don't know

Where was the first owner born? Ireland

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Credit River

Was this a homestead? No

Did the first owner farm the land? Yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? No

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? The brick house that is on here

now was built by my grandfather in 1885.

When was the present home built? 1885

What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn. soybeans

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

The farm was purchased by my grandfather Denis Milan from the original homesteader in 1874. The name is misspelled sometimes on the deed. but Denis Moylan and Denis Milan are the same person. Please let me know if this information is enough. Continuous owner ship ~~and now~~ has been in the family since 1874

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner Eugene F Slater  
(this name will appear on certificate)

Rodger Slater

Address ~~So. back of farm~~ 3290 Heritage Ln - Eagan 55121

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

Section 19 Township Eagan 27 County Dakota

Number of acres in the farm at present 65 (2)

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1864 (1864) (1)

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

Dakota County Abstract book at county Courthouse

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
	from	to	

- |                                    |                 |                |
|------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. James Slater Sr.                | 1864 to 1893    | (2)            |
| 2. James Slater Jr.                | 1893 to 1941    | Son            |
| 3. Eugene F. Slater                | 1941 to 1976    | Son            |
| 4. Rodger E. Slater + Rita Winkler | 1976 to Present | Son + Daughter |

FROM ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING RECORDS, DO NOT SIGN IN RECORDS, JUST  
by check marks those which apply.

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

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

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

Mrs Darlene Slater  
(Witness sign here)

Rodger E Slater  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 10 1977

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From whom was the farm purchased? Thomas B. Campbell (Feb. 19, 1864)

How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 acres

What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was the first owner born? Ireland

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? \_\_\_\_\_

Was this a homestead? yes

Did the first owner farm the land? yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? No

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? original house was torn down in 1956 when new house was built next to it.

When was the present home built? 1956

What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn oats Soybeans

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

our farm is located just south of the Twin Cities at Cedar Ave & Hwy 13. The State of Minnesota is in the process of taking some of this land for highway purposes. I would like one of these certificates because in a year or so the farm will possibly be sold. Also because my father passed away in Sept of '76 and he would have liked to have this certificate in his name. Eugene F Slater. My address is 3290 Heritage La. Eagan Mn. 55121. The farms address is 4150 Sibley Memorial Hwy. Eagan Mn 55122  
Thank you. Rodger E Slater

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner Thomas L. O'Connor  
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address Rt. 3 - Box 150  
Blooming Prairie, Mn. 55917

Address of farm, if different from above R#1

Section 22 + 21 Township Westfield County Dodge  
Blooming Prairie, Mn. 55917

Number of acres in the farm at present 195 A (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1864 (1)

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement) S 1/2 of SE 1/4  
+ S 5/8 A of N 1/2 of SE 1/4 + S 1/2 of NE 1/4 SW 1/4 + W 1/2 of SW 1/4  
of SW 1/4 + W 1/2 NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 of sect 22

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
	from	to	
owner in 1877 or before <u>Thomas O'Connor</u>	from	1864 to 1912	wife
next owner <u>Anne O'Connor</u>	from	1912 to 1915	son (2)
next owner <u>Edward O'Connor</u>	from	1915 to 1924	son
next owner <u>Thomas S. O'Connor</u>	from	1924 to 1974	son
next owner <u>Thomas L. O'Connor</u>	from	1974 to present	
next owner	from	to	
next owner			

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

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

Thomas O'Connor SR  
(Witness sign here)

Thomas L. O'Connor  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-11-77

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St. Paul, MN 55108

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From whom was the farm purchased? Amanda Severnburne

How many acres were in the original parcel? 80

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

Where was the first owner born? Ireland, Tipperary

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Chicago - Railroad man

Was this a homestead? no, it was bought

Did the first owner farm the land? Yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? No

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? Log house was torn down, and a frame house was built which is still in use.

When was the present home built? 1878

What are the farm's major crops or products? corn and beans

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

more land was purchased later and added to the original 80. Twenty five acres of the 80 were taken out but 55 acres of the original 80 still remain in the 195 Acres. Original 80 is in section 21 N  $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE  $\frac{1}{4}$ .



## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

ST. PAUL, MN 55108

now called by name

Partnership of

Name of Centennial Farm owner

"Heritage Farms" owned by Donald & wife Doris Fiegel

Name(s) to appear on certificate

Dean Fiegel, Three Rivers Michigan, Dawn Fiegel, Kasson, Minnesota, R#2 Box 113

Address

Address of farm, if different from above

"Heritage Farms" R#2, Box 113, Kasson, Minnesota

Section

Two

Township

Canisteo

County

Dodge55944

Number of acres in the farm at present

293 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family

May, 31<sup>st</sup> 1873 (1)

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

Canisteo Township - S53 3/4 of NW 1/4 & N19A SW 1/4 &S35A of N43 1/2 A of E74A SW 1/4 & SW 1/4 SE 1/4 } also NW 1/4 SE 1/4  
also S66A SW 1/4 & S40A of N50 1/2 A of W86A SW 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Henry Lenn</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	<u>Possible from Homestead 1873</u>	<u>Jonah Fiegel (Father)</u>
<u>Fredrick Fiegel</u> next owner	<u>from 1873 to 1879</u>	<u>Emanuel Fiegel (Father)</u>
<u>Emanuel Fiegel</u> next owner	<u>from 1879 to 1890</u>	<u>Father (2)</u>
<u>Harry G. Fiegel</u> next owner	<u>from 1890 to 1922</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Donald H. Fiegel</u> next owner	<u>from 1922 to 1962</u>	<u>Present owner</u>
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 Register of Deeds  
Office of Dodge County, Mantoville  
Minnesota 55955)

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

Doris E. Fiegel  
 (Witness sign here)

Donald H. Fiegel  
 (Signature of present owner)

Date Aug. 27, 1974

See reverse side for additional information.



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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Henry Linn, 5/31/1873
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? Possibly 320 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? unknown
4. Where was the first owner born? unknown
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? unknown
6. Was this a homestead? unknown
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
unknown
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? no
10. When was the present home built? 1941
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn & soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Dodge County Independent Kasson, Minnesota 55944

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

Mail form to  
Mr. State Fair  
Century Farms  
St. Paul, Mn. 55108

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner OLAF B. and ELVA L. HILLSON  
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address BLOOMING PRAIRIE MINNESOTA 55917

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

Section 32 and 33 Township WESTFIELD County DODGE

Number of acres in the farm at present 236 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family MAY 2, 1857 (1)

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

North-east quarter (NE 1/4) of Section Number Thirty-two (32),  
of Township one-hundred-five (105) North, of Range Eighteen (18)  
West

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Guttorm HILLSON owner in 1877 or before	from 1857 to 1914	Father
next owner	from to	(2)
Thomas B. HILLSON next owner	from 1914 to 1949	Father
OLAF B. HILLSON 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 ☒  
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.

Allan E. Peterson  
(Witness sign here)

Olof G. Hillson  
Elva L. Hillson  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 7, 1977

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Minnesota State Fair  
St. Paul, MN 55108

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From whom was the farm purchased? Railroad Grant

How many acres were in the original parcel? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was the first owner born? Norway

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Dane County, Wisconsin

Was this a homestead? \_\_\_\_\_

Did the first owner farm the land? yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? \_\_\_\_\_

When was the present home built? 1883

What are the farm's major crops or products? \_\_\_\_\_

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

(Deceased)

Name of Centennial Farm owner Arnold and Myrtle HimleName(s) to appear on certificate Myrtle HimleAddress RR1 Hayfield, MinnAddress of farm, if different from above 55940Section 10 Township Vernon County DodgeNumber of acres in the farm at present 120 (3)Date of original purchase by member of your family 1938

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

VERNON TOWNSHIP NW 1/4 SE 1/4 E W 1/2 NE 1/4

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Erick C Himle</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1857</u> to <u>1893</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
next owner	from to	to <u>SON</u>
<u>OLE Himle</u>	from <u>1893</u> to <u>1938</u>	<u>FATHER</u> (2)
next owner	from to	to <u>SON</u>
<u>Arnold + Myrtle Himle</u>	from <u>1938</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 type="checkbox"/>	Proceedings <input type="checkbox"/>
Original Deed <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please explain)
County Land Record <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>DODGE COUNTY HISTORICAL RECORDS</u>

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

W R Gilderhus  
(Witness sign here)

Myrtle Himle  
(Signature of present owner)

Date Aug 16 - 1976

See reverse side for additional information.



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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Winona St. Peter Railroad
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? Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? DANE COUNTY WISCONSIN
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?

Supervisor, assessor & justice, District Representative, Director of Vernon EDPA Mutual Ins

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? 1893
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn - oats - Hay + Beef
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Hayfield Herald & Rochester Post Bulletin

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

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

HON. ERIC C. HIMLE was born October 19, 1830, in Voss Bergen-Stift, Norway, where he spent his youth and received his education. He sailed on the vessel North Light May 16, and landed in New York city July 5, 1850. He was married to Susan Thronson September 25, 1851. She was born in Saangdel, Bergen-Stift, September 22, 1834. Their first child, Claus E., was born July 8, 1855; Gertrude, April 10, 1857, married Lars M. Lellehaugen June 28, 1878; Ellend

E., June 14, 1858; Ole E., November 24, 1860; Dorthia E., April 1, 1863; Heline Louise, December 22, 1865; Marthe Henriette, July 8, 1871. All are at home except Gertrude, and all are members of the Lutheran church. Mr. Himle first lived in Dane county, Wisconsin, for seven years. He came to Vernon in 1857, camped under an oak tree, and lived in his wagon all summer on section 10. He then took up one-fourth of that section, and built a house near the oak tree, which is still standing as a remembrance of old times. He has always been one of the leading men in town affairs, at first supervisor, assessor and justice. From 1862 to 1865 Mr. Himle was in Rochester most of the time, hiring recruits for the town of Vernon. In 1864 Mrs. Himle went to Rochester with three thousand dollars of town money for him. On her arrival there she could not find Himle, and the bank being closed, she put her money in an old sachel, then bought some soap and notions, put them in the sachel, and the store-keeper, Mr. Kellogg, by her request, threw the sachel upon a back shelf. In the morning she found Himle and gave him the money. At another time she carried him twenty-five hundred dollars and put it between two slices of bread in an old barrel in the hotel kitchen. All the money the town trusted to her care was safe. Mr. Himle is a republican, and was elected representative from his district by that party in 1879. Through his influence the Vernon Edda Mutual Insurance Company was organized March 1, 1877. He is now director of the company. He is the owner of six hundred and forty acres of farming land in Vernon, and raises grain and stock. He has some fine Norman horses and short-horn cattle. When Mr. Himle first came to Wisconsin he saw many hard times. In 1851 (before he had learned to speak English) he went, on foot, a distance of one hundred and forty miles, only having one dollar and seven cents to pay his way with. Ere he had reached the pine forests of northern Wisconsin his money was exhausted, and he was obliged to continue his journey through the deep snow and water, the last day without anything to eat, but reached the camp safely at last, and worked through the winter for ten dollars per month. He has seen better times since then, and is now about to retire from active life.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner Clayton L. Osborn  
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address West Concord, Minnesota 55985

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

Section 16 Township Concord County Dodge

Number of acres in the farm at present 3 1/2 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1866

It was before this but this is earlist proof we have

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement) Concord township  
tract Des in Bk 43 PG 286 in W 1/4 NW 1/4 AS MOD BK 95 PG 545  
and NE 1/4 NE 1/4 and that PT of NW 1/4 NE 1/4 S of RD and S 1/2  
AE 1/4 and N 1/2 SE 1.4 and E 1/2 SE 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Luther Osborn</u> owner in 1877 or before	1866 from to <u>1899</u>	Father
next owner	from to	(2)
<u>Nat Osborn</u> next owner	from <u>1899</u> to <u>1959</u>	Father
<u>Clayton Osborn</u> next owner	from 1959 to today	
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) tax duplicate  
from Treasurer's Office of Dodge County

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

Mrs Betty Osborn  
(Witness sign here)

Clayton L. Osborn  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 7, 1977

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Minnesota State Fair  
St. Paul, MN 55108

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From whom was the farm purchased? \_\_\_\_\_

How many acres were in the original parcel? 120

What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was the first owner born? New York state

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Wisconsin

Was this a homestead? yes

Did the first owner farm the land? yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? \_\_\_\_\_

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

When was the present home built? 1872

What are the farm's major crops or products? hay for angus cattle, beans and oats

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

The Dodge county court house has records beginning in 1970. This farm was in the Osborn name at that time. We know that children born in the early 1960's were born here. We have no proof so we are putting 1966 as the date on our record.



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner Edna Mrs (Albert E.) Baisness  
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address R#2 Box 12 Brandon Minnesota 56315

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

Section 12+13 Township 21 N 1 E S S County Douglas

Number of acres in the farm at present 268 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1904 7-1-1894 (1)

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement) Government  
Lots 7 & 8 in section 12; and the N 1/2 of N 1/4 in section 13,  
all in Township 128 N; Range 40 W.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Oliver C. Wre</u> owner in 1877 or before	from <u>1874</u> to <u>1890</u>	<u>Great Grandfather</u>
<u>Albert Baisness</u> next owner	from <u>1890</u> to <u>1904</u>	<u>Grandfather (2)</u>
<u>Oscar Baisness</u> next owner	from <u>1904</u> to <u>1954</u>	<u>father</u>
<u>Albert E. Baisness</u> next owner	from <u>1954</u> to <u>1964</u>	<u>son</u>
<u>Mrs Albert E. Baisness Edna</u> next owner	from <u>1964</u> to <u>1977</u>	<u>wife</u>
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:

A Eugene Baisness  
(Witness sign here)

Date 5-28-77

Edna Mrs (Albert E.) Baisness  
(Signature of present owner)

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From whom was the farm purchased? U. S. Land patent

How many acres were in the original parcel? ~~120~~ 151.60 acres

What was the cost of land per acre? \$500.00 for all the land

Where was the first owner born? Norway

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? farm

Was this a homestead? yes

Did the first owner farm the land? yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? When moved off farm was a Hardware dealer

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

When was the present home built? 1912

What are the farm's major crops or products? Small Grain & corn

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner BERNHARD O. & HELEN J. JOHNSON  
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address RT. 1 - BOX 6  
BRANDON, MINNESOTA 56315

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

Section 31 Township BRANDON County DOUGLAS

Number of acres in the farm at present 151 A. (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1869 (1)

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

E 1/2 SW 1/4 Sec. 31-129-39 SW 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 31-129-39 NE 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec. 1-128-40

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Samuel Johnson</u> owner in 1877 or before	from <u>1869</u> to <u>1885</u>	<u>Brother</u>
<u>Olaf S. Johnson</u> next owner	from <u>1885</u> to <u>1942</u>	<u>Father (2)</u>
<u>Bernhard O. Johnson</u> next owner	from <u>1942</u> to <u>present</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 ( )  
Land Patent ( )  
Original Deed (X)  
County Land Record ( )

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

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

Helen J. Johnson  
(Witness sign here)

Bernhard O. Johnson  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6/10/77

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Minnesota State Fair  
St. Paul, MN 55108

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From whom was the farm purchased? United States Gov. by U.S. Grant, Pres.

How many acres were in the original parcel? <sup>cost not stated → July 20, 1869</sup> NE 1/4, SW 1/4, Sec. 31, Twp. 129, Rge 39.

What was the cost of land per acre? <sup>added - Sept 1, 1877 - SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 Sec. 31 Twp. 129, Rge. 39 and the</sup> 300 N.E. 1/4 of the N.E. 1/4 Sec. 1, Twp. 128, Rge. 40.

Where was the first owner born? Norway

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Norway

Was this a homestead? yes

Did the first owner farm the land? yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? no

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? no - log house - then 2nd house built

in 1903

When was the present home built? 1960

What are the farm's major crops or products? corn, wheat (general farming)

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner Paul F. Johnson

(this name will appear on certificate)

Address R.R. 2 Evansville, Minnesota 56326

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

Section 3-4-10

Township Urness

County Douglas

Number of acres in the farm at present 315 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family homesteaded 1869 (1)

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

W $\frac{1}{2}$  of N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 3-128-40 and E $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  + 1.97 acres of SW $\frac{1}{4}$   
of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 4-128-40 and NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 10-128-40

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME

YEARS OF OWNERSHIP

BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT

Paul Johnson

from 1869 to 1896

OWNER  
to son, Emil Johnson

owner in 1877 or  
before

Emil Johnson

from 1896 to 1940

to son + daughter-in-law

next owner

Paul F. & Lucy G. Johnson

from 1940 to 1977

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)

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:

Lamora Johnson  
(Witness sign here)

Paul F. Johnson  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 5, 1977

Please return to: Century Farms  
Minnesota State Fair  
St. Paul, MN 55108

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From whom was the farm purchased? \_\_\_\_\_

How many acres were in the original parcel? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was the first owner born? \_\_\_\_\_

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? \_\_\_\_\_

Was this a homestead? \_\_\_\_\_

Did the first owner farm the land? \_\_\_\_\_

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? \_\_\_\_\_

When was the present home built? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the farm's major crops or products? \_\_\_\_\_

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner E. ORION SWARD  
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address R#1 Box 82A, NELSON, MINNESOTA 56355

Address of farm, if different from above -

Section 5, 8, + 9 Township OSAKIS County DOUGLAS

Number of acres in the farm at present 237.02 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family FEBRUARY 10, 1875 (1)

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement) 5 1/2 SE 1/4, SEC. 5; GOV. LOT 7, SEC. 9; GOV. LOTS 1 + 2, SEC. 8; SUBLOTS 28, 32, + 33 OF AUD. SUBD. OF CROOKED + HANFORD LAKES IN SEC. 8 + 9, + ALL THAT PART OF GOV. LOT 3 + OF SUBLLOT 34 OF AUD. SUBD. OF CROOKED + HANFORD LAKES LYING NORTH OF THE MAIN DITCH OF JUDICIAL DITCH NO. 2, ALL IN SECTION 8, ALL BEING IN TWP. 128, RANGE 36. ALSO W 1/2 AC OF GOV. LOT 2, + THAT PART OF LOT 3 + OF AUD. SUB. OF LOT 34 OF AUD. SUB. OF C + H LAKES, LYING NORTH OF DITCH, ALL IN SEC. 8, TWP. 128, RANGE 36.  
PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>OLE N. SWARD</u> owner in 1877 or before	from <u>2/10/1875</u> to <u>4/26/1883</u>	<u>HUSBAND - FATHER (ALL PROPERTY)</u>
<u>CHRISTINA SWARD + CHILDREN</u> next owner	from <u>4/26/1883</u> to <u>3/5/1894</u>	<u>MOTHER (MOTHERS SHARE)</u>
<u>SWARD CHILDREN ONLY</u> next owner	from <u>4/26/1883</u> to <u>7/8/1893</u>	<u>BROTHERS + SISTERS (BRO. + SIS. SHARE)</u>
<u>JOHN SWARD</u> next owner	from <u>7/8/1893</u> to <u>8/4/1917</u>	<u>FATHER (PART OF FARM - 80 ACRES)</u>
	from <u>7/8/1893</u> to <u>12/4/1928</u>	<u>FATHER (BALANCE OF FARM)</u>
<u>JOHN A. SWARD</u> next owner	from <u>8/4/17</u> + <u>12/4/28</u> to <u>7/24/73</u>	<u>UNCLE (ALL PROPERTY)</u> (2)
<u>E. ORION SWARD</u> next owner	from <u>7/24/73</u> to <u>PRESENT</u>	<u>-</u>

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

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

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

Robert M. Pesola, Jr.  
(Witness sign here)

E. Orion Sward  
(Signature of present owner)

Date April 21, 1977

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St. Paul, MN 55108

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From whom was the farm purchased? LAND GRANT - UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

How many acres were in the original parcel? 153.02 ACRES

What was the cost of land per acre? FREE - HOMESTEAD

Where was the first owner born? SWEDEN

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? SWEDEN

Was this a homestead? YES

Did the first owner farm the land? YES

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? \_\_\_\_\_

NOT TO MY KNOWLEDGE

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

When was the present home built? 1928

What are the farm's major crops or products? GRAIN + HAY

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

ORIGINAL OWNER (GREAT GRANDFATHER) KILLED IN HUNTING ACCIDENT IN 1883 LEAVING WIFE AND SEVEN CHILDREN, ONE CHILD ONLY MONTHS OLD. CURRENT FAMILY STILL MAINTAIN ORIGINAL FAMILY RECORDS AND RELICS/ ANTIQUES. SON CURRENTLY HOLDS RIFLE HIS GREAT-GREAT GRAND FATHER WAS CARRYING WHEN HE WAS KILLED (.44 BALLARD SINGLE SHOT RIM FIRE ISSUED BY GOVERNMENT). HAVE WOODEN SEA CHESTS USED IN TRAVEL FROM SWEDEN TOGETHER WITH HAND CARVED WOODEN LOOM, SPINNING WHEEL, CRADLES, ETC. HOPEFULLY FARM WILL PASS ONTO SON(S) AND THEIR CHILDREN AND WILL REMAIN IN FAMILY INDEFINITELY.



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner MELVIN BJURLIN  
Name(s) to appear on certificate MR + MRS MELVIN BJURLIN  
Address FARWELL, MINNESOTA 56327  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 32-127-39 Township Holmes City County DOUGLAS

Number of acres in the farm at present 80 ①

Date of original purchase by member of your family ~~4-1-58~~ 1873 ②

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

Sec 32 - Township 127 - Range 39

S - E 1/2 SE 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
MAGNUS MATISON	from 1873 to 1894	FATHER - IN - LAW ③
(owner in 1876 or B4)		
ANDREW BJURLIN	from 1894 to 1958	FATHER
next owner		
MELVIN BJURLIN	from 1958 to	
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 ( )	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:

Charles W. Bjurlin  
(Witness sign here)

Melvin Bjurlin  
(Signature of present owner)

Date August 15, 1977

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? HOMESTEADED IN 1873
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? 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? \_\_\_\_\_
10. When was the present home built? 1894
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? SMALL GRAIN
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
LAKE  
~~LAKE~~ REGION ECHO, ALEXANDRIA, MN.

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

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner Harlan Maland  
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address 745 N. Main Blue Earth, Minn. 56013

Address of farm, if different from above Frost, Minnesota

Section 22 Township Emerald County Caribault

Number of acres in the farm at present 120 acres (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family Dec. 30, 1873 (1) patent

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

nor 1/4 of SE 1/4 + SW 1/4 SE 1/4 - NE 1/4 of SE 1/4  
all in Sec 22-102-26

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>John Johnson Maland</u> owner in 1877 or before	<u>1870</u> from <u>1873</u> to <u>1906</u>	<u>father</u>
<u>John Marius Maland</u> next owner	from <u>1906</u> to <u>1952</u>	<u>father</u> (2)
<u>Henry M. Maland</u> next owner	from <u>1952</u> to <u>1955</u>	<u>father</u>
<u>Harlan Maland</u> next owner	from <u>1955</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 (X)  
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:

Marius Maland  
(Witness sign here)

Harlan Maland  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-8-77

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St. Paul, MN 55108



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From whom was the farm purchased? United States of America

How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 acres by patent  
40 acres by sale

What was the cost of land per acre? 40 acres for \$250<sup>00</sup> or approx \$6<sup>00</sup> per acre

Where was the first owner born? Strup, Nordfjord, Norway

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Norway immigrated 1866

Was this a homestead? yes

Did the first owner farm the land? yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? \_\_\_\_\_

Carpentry and blacksmithing

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? Log Cabin is still standing - part of the

House that was added on has been torn down.

When was the present home built? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn - Soybeans

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner Reuben C. Miller and wife Dorine  
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address R.R. 3 Box 60 Wells, Minnesota 56097

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

Section 8 Township Foster County Faribault

Number of acres in the farm at present 67 acres (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1864 (1)

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

S 26 A of W 1/2 of NW 1/4 ex 16.81 A for I-90  
and lot 1 ex 9.31 A and 38.04 A on W side of lot 2

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Jason C Easton</u> owner in 1877 or before	Land agent from to	
<u>Henry Miller</u> next owner	from <u>1864</u> to <u>1891</u>	<u>Son</u>
<u>August Miller</u> next owner	from <u>1891</u> to <u>1928</u>	<u>Son</u>
<u>Clarence Miller</u> next owner	from <u>1928</u> to <u>1946</u>	<u>Son</u> (2)
<u>Reuben C and Dorine Miller</u> next owner	from <u>1946</u> to <u>1977</u>	<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 (X)	Other (please explain) _____
County Land Record (X)	_____

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

Walter W Miller  
(Witness sign here)

Reuben C. Miller  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 9, 1977

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St. Paul, MN 55108

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From whom was the farm purchased? Jason C. Easton and wife Sarah

How many acres were in the original parcel? 218

What was the cost of land per acre? Total of 21 dollars paid for farm

Where was the first owner born? \_\_\_\_\_

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? \_\_\_\_\_

Was this a homestead? \_\_\_\_\_

Did the first owner farm the land? Easton was a land agent and Henry Miller purchased and homesteaded the farm.

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? No

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? One part of the house 1897

When was the present home built? Remodeled 1967

What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, oats and hay - hogs and sheep

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

Henry Miller and a number of families came by covered wagon from Chicago, Illinois, where the city was expanding and they sold their land and struck out for new territory. They encountered Indians when they arrived but gave them food and soon become friendly.

Highway I-90 cut through the farm and the balance on north side was purchased by Highway Dept. (1976)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner MAYNARD PASSER  
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address Rt. 1 BOX 125 WELLS, MINNESOTA 56097

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

Section 2 Township FOSTER County FARIBAULT

Number of acres in the farm at present 280 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1875 (1)

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

N 1/2 of N 1/2 of SW 1/4 + S 1/2 of NE 1/4 + N 1/2 of SE 1/4 SECTION 2  
TOWNSHIP 102 RANGE 24

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
WILLIAM PASSER owner in 1877 or before	from 1875 to 1880	UNCLE
JOHN G. PASSER next owner	from 1880 to 1882	UNCLE
JOHN PASSER next owner	from 1882 to 1890	GRANDFATHER (2)
ERNEST PASSER next owner	from 1890 to 1935	FATHER
PASSER ESTATE next owner	from 1935 to 1943	ERNEST'S WIFE & CHILDREN
MAYNARD PASSER next owner	from 1943 to	
next owner	from to	
next owner		

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

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

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

James A. Deutch  
(Witness sign here)

Date June 10, 1977

Maynard Passer  
(Signature of present owner)

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From whom was the farm purchased? \_\_\_\_\_

How many acres were in the original parcel? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was the first owner born? \_\_\_\_\_

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? \_\_\_\_\_

Was this a homestead? \_\_\_\_\_

Did the first owner farm the land? \_\_\_\_\_

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? \_\_\_\_\_

When was the present home built? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the farm's major crops or products? \_\_\_\_\_

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner Raymond Skinner  
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address Kristen, Minn. 56051

Address of farm, if different from above Wells, Minn

Section 7 Township 102-24 County Harcourt

Number of acres in the farm at present 140 acres (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family Sept. 1, 1869 (1)

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

S. E. 1/4 of Section 7 - 102-24

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Dewey McKristen owner in 1877 or before	from 1869 to 1908	grandfather
A. Skinner, J. S. next owner	from 1908 to 1932	parents
Skinner estate next owner	from 1932 to 1936	heirs of Skinner
Raymond Skinner next owner	from 1936 to present time	
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 all proceedings in  
Other (please explain) City Blue Earth Court House

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

Martin W. Nelson - County Recorder  
(Witness sign here)

Raymond Skinner  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-13-77

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From whom was the farm purchased? Government

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160

What was the cost of land per acre? 8.<sup>00</sup> an acre

Where was the first owner born? unknown

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Waseca, Minn

Was this a homestead? yes

Did the first owner farm the land? yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? no

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? Barn & Granary

When was the present home built? 1902

What are the farm's major crops or products? corn beans - stock

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

My children have always lived on the farm until Oct. 20, 1976, when we moved to Kiester, but we <sup>still</sup> own the farm.  
- Raymond Skinner

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

*Mrs. Reta Willett Zimmerman  
wife of T. G. Zimmerman and daughter of Alexander Willett*

Century Farm Owner  
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address 111 - N. Holland Blue Earth Minn 52012

Address of farm, if different from above Blue Earth Minn R. 12

Section 26 Township Frederick County Fairfax

Number of acres in the farm at present 160<sup>3</sup> acres now in farm. Pt. in 1880

Date of original purchase by member of your family with sixty bottles

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
original eighty boht in 1866. The east 1/2 of the N. W. one fourth of section 26. Range 2 T. Township 10 B no.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<i>Joseph Birdsall</i> <i>Wilmer Willett</i> owner in 1877 or before	<i>1866</i> from <i>1875</i> to	<i>father of Alexander Willett</i>
<i>Wilmer Willett</i> next owner	<i>1866</i> from <i>1875</i> to	<i>" " (2)</i>
<i>Celia Willett</i> next owner	<i>1875</i> from <i>1880</i> to	<i>Mother of Alexander Willett</i>
<i>Alexander Willett</i> next owner	<i>1880</i> from <i>1926</i> to	<i>son of Wilmer Willett</i>
<i>Amelia Willett</i> next owner	<i>1926</i> from <i>1989</i> to	<i>widow of Alex Willett</i>
<i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. T. G. Zimmerman</i> next owner	<i>1946</i> from <i>1977</i> to	<i>Mrs. Reta Willett Zimmerman</i>
next owner	from to	<i>daughter of Alex Willett</i>

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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:

*Marvin W. Nelson* - County Recorder *Mrs. T. G. Zimmerman*  
(Witness sign here) (Signature of present owner)

Date 5-5-77  
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Minnesota State Fair  
St. Paul, MN 55108

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From whom was the farm purchased? \_\_\_\_\_

How many acres were in the original parcel? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the cost of land per acre? \$ 900.00 or 11.25 per acre

Where was the first owner born? We don't know where Jesse Bridgall was born

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? \_\_\_\_\_

Was this a homestead? no. Jesse Bridgall held it as a 3rd party

Did the first owner farm the land? \_\_\_\_\_

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? center part of the original is still used.

what is to be the large log house on north side was

When was the present home built? we do not know, not preserved.

What are the farm's major crops or products? peas & sweet corn & also corn & soy beans

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)



Blue Earth, Minn  
May 20, 1977

Century Farms  
Minnesota, State Fair

St. Paul, Minn. 55108

Dear Sirs,

The abstract shows Jesse Birdall sold Vilmer Willett the East one half of the No. 20,  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 26 in 1866 for \$900.00. Then the grand father died in 1875 when his widow Celia Willett inherited this 80 acres. Later Celia quit claimed this farm to her son Alexander Willett. The Willetts were French-Canadians coming from eastern Canada. About twenty miles north of the state of Vermont. The Willetts was an very large family consisting of three girls and 9 boys. Most were born in Canada but some were born after they got to Minn. in 1866. It is a fact that the family came by way of covered wagon to Orem, in 1866. Six Willett Bros. are buried at Blue Earth

He was nine when he came to Minn.  
Alexander Willett lived on the same  
place for 60 years from 1964 to 1926  
when he died. Then his widow farmed  
the farm until 1938 when she died.  
Assuming that some candles were  
used in the early years, then they went  
to kerosene lamps and lanterns after  
1917 a carbide plant was installed  
so gas lights were used. In the late  
twenties a Delco plant was put in  
and was still in operation when I  
bought the farm Mar. 1, 1940. I then  
had the buildings rewired and hooked  
on to R. C. A. So five different systems  
of lights were used. The 18' by 50' ~~timber~~  
timber framed barn, mounted on a  
stone wall 2 ft thick by six ft high  
is still standing. In the Alexander  
Willett family there were 13 children,  
six are still living, three boys & three  
girls, my wife is one the girls.

Very sincerely Mr. & Mrs. J. Zimmerman

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Ernest S. + Irene N. Austin  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Ernest S. Austin + Irene N. Austin  
Address Lanesboro, Mn. 55949  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 12 Township 102 County Hillmore

Number of acres in the farm at present 245(3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family May 26, 1865(1)

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

The S.E.-1/4 also S.E.-1/4 N.W.1/4 also South 25 acres of  
- S.W.-1/4 N.E.-1/4 all in Section 12, Township 102, Range 10

Proof of 100 years of Continuous Family Ownership

Name	Dates (Years) of Ownership	Blood Relationship to Next owner
<sup>Moger</sup> Peter Amundson (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1865 to 1894	<sup>Moger</sup> Father of Mrs. Ned Pauline Austin
Geo. G. Austin next owner	from 1894 to 1957	Father + mother of Ernest Austin
Ernest S. Austin next owner	1957-1977 —	(2)
next owner		
next owner		
next owner		
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:

David L. Schmidt  
(Witness sign here)

Ernest Austin  
(Signature of present owner)

Date May 4, 1977

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Alexander Cathcart
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$10
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? Yes
10. When was the present home built? Log cabin-1860-rooms or additions added since that time
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Wheat, corn, oats, beef, pork
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation: Preston Republican, Preston, Mn.

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



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Robert Earley

Name(s) to appear on certificate Robert and Craig Earley

Address Preston, Minn. 55965

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

Section 20 Township Fountain County Fillmore

Number of acres in the farm at present 225 acres 40 acres original homestead

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

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

SW 1/4 SW 1/4 20-103-11

Proof of 100 years of Continuous Family Ownership

Name	Dates (Years) of Ownership	Blood Relationship to Next owner
<u>James Earley</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1858</u> to <u>1894</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Ed Earley</u> next owner	from <u>1894</u> to <u>1953</u>	<u>Father</u> (2)
<u>Robert &amp; James Earley</u> next owner	<u>1953</u> to <u>1968</u>	<u>Bros.</u>
<u>Robert Earley</u> next owner	<u>1968</u> to <u>----</u>	
next owner		
next owner		
next owner		

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

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 5-1-77

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Homestead
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? yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? \_\_\_\_\_  
no
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? no
10. When was the present home built? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn, oats, hay
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation: \_\_\_\_\_

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

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner

Geneva Bell Hagen  
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address

Mabel, MN RR #2 55954

Address of farm, if different from above

Section

25-101-8 Township Newburg County Fillmore  
19-101-7 Spring Grove Fillmore

Number of acres in the farm at present

340 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family

Nov. 28, 1854 (1)

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

E-71E-25-101-8

Nov 28 1854

E-SE 24 101-8

Nov 17 1855

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME

YEARS OF OWNERSHIP

BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT  
OWNER

Harvey Bell  
owner in 1877 or  
before

from 1854 to 1867

Brother of Grandfather

Edmund Bell  
next owner

from 1854 to 1901

Grandfather (2)

Charles Bell  
next owner

from 1901 to 1946

Father

Geneva Bell Hagen  
next owner

from 1946 to 1977

Daughter

next owner

from to

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:

Charles Hagen

(Witness sign here)

Mrs Geneva Hagen

(Signature of present owner)

Date

6/24/77

Please return to: Century Farms

Minnesota State Fair  
St. Paul, MN 55108

There is a tomb stone & Bible record indicating the death  
and burial on the farm of a child and the date is 1851.  
They had a residence in Brownsville & sawmill before the purchase  
of the farm & setting up the store & Post Office known as  
Bellville, Mn.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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Farm certification, will be most valuable to future historians. The questions  
below are offered only as a guide, so please feel free to add any other data,  
especially family or pioneer stories concerning the farm and the area around it.

From whom was the farm purchased? From government

How many acres were in the original parcel? approximately 80 acres by each brother

What was the cost of land per acre? Not known

Where was the first owner born? Oil City, Penn.

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Mercer Co. Ohio

Was this a homestead? purchase

Did the first owner farm the land? yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? \_\_\_\_\_

General store on farm sawmill (In Brownsville, Mn)

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

When was the present home built? 1909

What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, grain, hay, pasture,

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

As they entered into the activity of building up the pioneer  
country, a store & Post office was established on the farm.  
This town was named Bellville, <sup>Mn.</sup> in honor of the brothers.  
There were 4 brothers all to gather namely Wilson & Jesse Bell  
besides those afore mentioned. Edmund Bell was the Post  
master for 9 years prior to the coming of the railroad &  
the establishment of the town of Mabel, Mn.

There are certificates of purchase of more tracts of land signed  
by Pres James Buchanan & Pres Franklin Pierce.  
Many travelers found accommodations at this point as they traveled  
west.



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner LAVONNE M HEUSINKVELD CLEON  
Name(s) to appear on certificate LAVONNE Y CLEON HEUSINKVELD  
Address SPRING VALLEY, MINN. 55975  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 28 Township Forestville County Fillmore

Number of acres in the farm at present 160 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1859 (1)

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

NW 1/4 28-102-12

Proof of 100 years of Continuous Family Ownership

Name	Dates (Years) of Ownership	Blood Relationship to Next owner
CONRAD GRALING (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1859 to 1864	FATHER
JOHN GRALING next owner	from 1864 to 1893	BROTHER (2)
CHARLES GRALING next owner	1893 - 1904	FATHER
WILLIAM GRALING next owner	1904 - 1969	FATHER
LAVONNE M. HEUSINKVELD next owner	1969 -	
next owner		
next owner		

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

Lavonne M. Heusinkveld  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 8-10-76

See reverse side for additional information.

Additional Information

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? By Patent - U.S.
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? 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? —
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? 1931
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? GENERAL
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation: SPRING VALLEY TRIBUNE

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner HENRY W. and Marjorie F. HOCKEMA

Name(s) to appear on certificate AS ABOVE

Address SPRING VALLEY, MINN. 55975

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

Section 14 Township SUMNER County FILLMORE

Number of acres in the farm at present 180 acres (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family ~~5-20-1867~~ -5-20-1867 (1)

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

W 60 A OF N 1/4 OF SW 1/4 OF Section-14

W-120 A OF N W 1/4 OF Section-14

Proof of 100 years of Continuous Family Ownership

Name	Dates (Years) of Ownership	Blood Relationship to Next owner
Elizabeth A. Hockema (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1867 to 1909	Mother
Horace C. Hockema next owner	from 1909 to 1945	Father
HENRY W. HOCKEMA next owner and Marjorie F. Hockema	1945 to Present	(2)
next owner		
next owner		
next owner		
next owner		

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

Court File in Registration Proceedings ( )  
Other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Arthur J. Ellis  
(Witness sign here)

Henry W. Hockema  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 8-13-76

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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: \_\_\_\_\_

Chatfield News - Chatfield, Minnesota

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



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner HENRY T. HOLMEN

Name(s) to appear on certificate " "

Address LANESBORO, MINN 55949

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

Section 34 Township Carleton County Dellmore  
35 103-10

Number of acres in the farm at present 235 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1863 (1)

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

W 1/2 SW 1/4, Sec 35  
W 1/2 SE 1/4, E 1/2 SE 1/4, 34 of Sec. 103-10

Proof of 100 years of Continuous Family Ownership

Name	Dates (Years) of Ownership	Blood Relationship to Next owner
HALVOR OLSEN (LAASTUEN) (owner in 1876 or B4)	From 1863 to 1907	FATHER
NETTIE L. HOLMEN next owner	From 1907 to 1948	MOTHER
NETTIE L. HOLMEN EST next owner	1948 - 1957	(2)
HENRY T. HOLMEN next owner	1957 -	
next owner		
next owner		
next owner		

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Abstract of Title ☒ Court File in Registration Proceedings ( )  
Land Patent ( ) Other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_  
Original Deed ( )  
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)

Henry T. Holmen  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 5-11-77

See reverse side for additional information.

## Additional Information

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Christopher G. Ripley
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$ 2.81
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway
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? YES - BUT REMODELLED
10. When was the present home built? Prior to 1863
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? GENERAL
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation: PRESTON REPUBLICAN, PRESTON, MINN.

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

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner Matthew and Beulah Hongerholt  
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address Whalan, Minnesota 55986

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

Section 14 Township Holt County Fillmore

Number of acres in the farm at present 160 ③

Date of original purchase by member of your family April 9, 1949

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

14 103 9 80 AL 232 | 15 103 9 80 AL 232  
W 1/2 OF SW 1/4 | SE 1/4 NW 1/4 +  
SW 1/4 NE 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Thomas Johnson owner in 1877 or before	Nov. 27 ① Oct. 31 from 1866 to 1890	Husband
Ingebor Johnson next owner	from 1890 to 1908	Wife
Isaac T. Johnson next owner	from 1908 to 1949	Son ②
Matthew + Beulah Hongerholt next owner	from 1949 to 1977	Niece
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner		

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

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

Lave Hongerholt  
(Witness sign here)

Matthew + Beulah Hongerholt  
(Signature of present owner)

Date May 20, 1977

Please return to: Century Farms  
Minnesota State Fair  
St. Paul, MN 55108

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From whom was the farm purchased? Isaac T. Johnson

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160

What was the cost of land per acre? \$80.00

Where was the first owner born? On this farm in Holt township

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? On this farm

Was this a homestead? No

Did the first owner farm the land? Yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? No

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? The original home and all

original buildings are still

When was the present home built? Part of the house was built before 1877 and addition have been added through the years

What are the farm's major crops or products? oats, corn, hay, beef cattle

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Myron S. and Ilene M. Larson

Century Farm Owner

(this name will appear on certificate)

Myron S. Larson and Ilene Larson

Address

RR#2 Mabel, Minn. 55954

Address of farm, if different from above

Section 10-102-8

Township

Preble

County

Fillmore

Number of acres in the farm at present

160<sup>③</sup> (555 acres is Total acres owned)

Date of original purchase by member of your family

80 acres in 1861<sup>July 1,</sup> 80 acres on Oct. 21, 1864

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

10-102-8 160 AL 234

W  $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  and E  $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW  $\frac{1}{4}$ 

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME

YEARS OF OWNERSHIP

BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT

OWNER

Ole Richardson

1861<sup>②</sup>  
from 1864 to 1903

Father of Helen Larson

owner in 1877 or  
before

Oliver J. + Helen Larson

from 1903 to 1943

Parents of Myron Larson

next owner

Myron + Stella Larson

from 1943 to 1967

Parents of Myron S. Larson

next owner

Myron S. Larson + Ilene

from 1967 to

②

next owner

from to

next owner

from to

next owner

from to

next owner

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Abstract of Title (X)

Land Patent ( )

Original Deed ( )

County Land

Record ( )

Court file in Registration

Proceedings ( )

Other (please explain)

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

Ilene M. Larson

(Witness sign here)

Myron S. Larson

(Signature of present owner)

Date

5-31-77

Please return to: Century Farms

Minnesota State Fair

St. Paul, MN 55108

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From whom was the farm purchased? 80 acres from Richard W. Appleton July 1, 1861  
80 acres from Samuel B. Bushnell Oct. 21, 1864

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 acres

What was the cost of land per acre? \$ 7.80 / acre

Where was the first owner born? Norway

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Norway

Was this a homestead? yes

Did the first owner farm the land? yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? No

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

When was the present home built? 1948

What are the farm's major crops or products? Beef, Hogs, Corn, alfalfa Hay

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

395 acres have been added to the original 160 acres. The present 555 acres farm consist of 210 acres tillable and the balance in pasture, woodland, and buildings.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner NORMAN + ETHEL OLSON

Name(s) to appear on certificate IA

Address R#1 SPRING VALLEY-MINN. 55975

Address of farm, if different from above R#1 SV-MINN

Section \_\_\_\_\_ Township BLOOM FIELD County FILLMORE

Number of acres in the farm at present 80 (2)

Date of original purchase by member of your family OCT. - 1 - 1864 (1)

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

~~21-102-13~~ 15 102 13 80AL 237  
W 1/2 OF NW 1/4

Proof of 100 years of Continuous Family Ownership

Name	Dates (Years) of Ownership	Blood Relationship to Next owner
(owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1864 to 1918	GRANDFATHER OLE OLSON
next owner	from 1918 to 1974	FATHER - THEODORE OLSON
next owner	1974 - (2)	ME - NORMAN OLSON
next owner		
next owner		
next owner		
next owner		

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

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

Ross Rathbun  
(Witness sign here)

Norman Olson  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 9-1977

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Elika Bibber
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80
3. What was the cost of land per acre? 20<sup>00</sup>
4. Where was the first owner born? NORWAY
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? 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? 1928
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? CORN - BEANS
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation: SPRING VALLEY TRIBUNE - 55975

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



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Julian Sikkink

Name(s) to appear on certificate " "

Address R.R. 3 Box 90 Preston, Mn. 55945

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

Section E 1/2 NW 1/4 Sec 8-101-12 Township York County Fillmore

Number of acres in the farm at present 78.24 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family 6-3-1863 (1)

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

E 1/2 NW 1/4 of Sec 1-101-12

Proof of 100 years of Continuous Family Ownership

Name	Dates (Years) of Ownership	Blood Relationship to Next owner
U.S. to Wm Brizian (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 6-3-1863 to 11-25-65 Entry	This one & This one
Reuben Wells next owner	from 1865 to 1866 <sup>Tax</sup> Deed	? / are same person
William Brize next owner	1866 G.C.D.	Father
Wesley Brize next owner	1898 W.D.	Grandfather in law
Benjamin Sikkink next owner	1915 W.D.	Father
Ben Sikkink est. to Julian Sikkink	1957	(2)
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:

Marvin Rindels  
(Witness sign here)

Julian Sikkink  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 2-18-77

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? United States Gov't
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? 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? nearly 100 yrs. ago
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Hay, corn + Pasture for dairy herd
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation: Preston  
Republican, Preston, Mn. 55965

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

*William Frizian was evidently the Dutch spelling for Vrieze as the Homestead was by the present owners Great Grandfather.*

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

SANDRA

Name of Centennial Farm owner MAYNARD O. Thompson

Name(s) to appear on certificate \_\_\_\_\_

Address PETERSON, MINNESOTA 55962

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

Section 7 Township 10 3 County Pillmore

Number of acres in the farm at present 160 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1862 (1)

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

5 1/2 SW 1/4 + 5 1/2 SE 1/4

Proof of 100 years of Continuous Family Ownership

Name	Dates (Years) of Ownership	Blood Relationship to Next owner
Margaret Mickelson (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1862 to 1871	Mother of Martina Vaaler
Engelbert L. Vaaler next owner	from 1871 to 1920	Father
Ole L. Thompson next owner	1920 to 1946	Mother of Lizzie Thompson
Walter O. Thompson next owner	1946 to 1974	Father of Walter Thompson
Maynard O. Thompson next owner	1974	Father of Maynard Thompson
next owner		(2)
next owner		

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

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

(Signature)  
(Witness sign here)

Maynard Thompson  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 5/16/77

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? 80
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$2.50 per acre
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? unknown
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? 1937
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, livestock, hay, beans, grain
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation: Iris County Record Rushford, Minn.

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



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner KENT A. & JULIA G. JACOBSON  
 Name(s) to appear on certificate KENT A. & JULIA G. JACOBSON  
 Address Rushford, Minnesota 55971  
 Address of farm, if different from above Same

Section 12 Township NORWAY County FILLMORE

Number of acres in the farm at present 140 (1)

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1856 (2)

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

NW 1/4 of SE 1/4; E 1/2 SW 1/4 NE 1/4 & SE 1/4 NE 1/4; Tract SW 1/4 NW 1/4  
Sect. 7 Houston County.

Proof of 100 years of Continuous Family Ownership

Name	Dates (Years) of Ownership	Blood Relationship to Next owner
Elef Halvorson (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1856 to 1917	Father (3)
Annie & Bergina Halvorson next owner	from 1917 to 1944	Aunts
Kent A. & Julia G. Jacobson next owner	1944	
next owner		
next owner		
next owner		
next owner		

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

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

Kenneth Holger  
(Witness sign here)

Kent A. & Julia G. Jacobson  
(Signature of present owner)

Date Aug. 1, 1977

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Annie Bergine Halvarsson
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? \_\_\_\_\_
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? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn soybeans hay
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation: Tri County Record, Rushford Mn.

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

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner Irvin W. Armstrong & *Silma M. ARMSTRONG*  
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address Hartland, Minnesota 56042

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

Section 10 Township 104N County Freeborn

Number of acres in the farm at present 160 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family August 20th, 1874 (1)

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

~~SW1/4 & NW1/4~~ S1/2 of NE1/4; ~~NE1/4 & NW1/4~~

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Hugh Armstrong owner in 1877 or before 8/20/1874	from 8/20/74 to 12/2/13	Grandfather
next owner	from to 12/2/1913	(2)
Wallace & Bruce Armstrong next owner	from 1913 to 1957	Father & Uncle
Irvin W. Armstrong next owner	from 1957 to present	son
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:

*Silma M. Armstrong*  
(Witness sign here)

*Irvin W. Armstrong* *Silma M. Armstrong*  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 14, 1977

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Minnesota State Fair  
St. Paul, MN 55108

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From whom was the farm purchased? \_\_\_\_\_

How many acres were in the original parcel? \_\_\_\_\_

What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was the first owner born? \_\_\_\_\_

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? \_\_\_\_\_

Was this a homestead? \_\_\_\_\_

Did the first owner farm the land? \_\_\_\_\_

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? \_\_\_\_\_

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? \_\_\_\_\_

When was the present home built? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the farm's major crops or products? \_\_\_\_\_

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)



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Century Farm Owner

(this name will appear on certificate)

Address

Anton and Josephine Ceck  
Glenville Minn. RR #1 56036

Address of farm, if different from above

Section

30

Township

102

Oakland

County

Freeborn

Number of acres in the farm at present

80 1/2

Date of original purchase by member of your family

August 31, 1876 ①

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

N 1/2 of N  
W 1/4 of section 30, Township 102, Range 19, west of the 5th  
P.M. containing 81.10 acres of land more or less according to Government  
survey thereof.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
	from	to	
owner in 1877 or before			
<u>Joseph Ceck</u>	<u>1876</u>	<u>1893</u>	<u>father</u> ②
next owner			
<u>Anton Ceck</u>	<u>from 1893</u>	<u>to 1913</u>	<u>father</u>
next owner			
<u>Joseph &amp; Frank Ceck</u>	<u>from 1913</u>	<u>to 1921</u>	<u>sons</u>
next owner			
<u>Anton Ceck Sr.</u>	<u>from 1921</u>	<u>to 1939</u>	<u>father</u>
next owner			
<u>Anton Ceck Jr.</u>	<u>from 1939</u>	<u>to-day</u>	
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:

Robert E. Nelson  
(Witness sign here)

Anton and Josephine Ceck  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 7, 1977

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St. Paul, MN 55108

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From whom was the farm purchased? John Schredel

How many acres were in the original parcel? 80

What was the cost of land per acre? \$1,000.00 for the 80 acres

Where was the first owner born? Czechoslovakia

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? \_\_\_\_\_

Was this a homestead? no

Did the first owner farm the land? yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? no

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

When was the present home built? 1941

What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn and beans

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner

(this name will 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 CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME

YEARS OF OWNERSHIP

BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER

owner in 1877 or before

from to

next owner

next owner

next owner

next owner

next owner

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

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From whom was the farm purchased?

United States of America

How many acres were in the original parcel?

160 acres

What was the cost of land per acre?

per acre, can find out - 1/2<sup>00</sup> an acre

Where was the first owner born?

Norway

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm?

New York

Was this a homestead?

yes

1855

Did the first owner farm the land?

yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?

not after

homesteading

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

log house standing but not in use

When was the present home built?

1964

What are the farm's major crops or products?

Corn, beans, logs

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner LARS O. & ALPHA O. GRASDALEN  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Don't know what this means - (\$) <sup>please let me know</sup>  
Address ALBERT LEA MN R2-Box 178- 56007  
Address of farm, if different from above no

Section 1-103-22 Township MANCHESTER County FREEBORN  
Number of acres in the farm at present 160 (3)  
Date of original purchase by member of your family Inherited in 1934  
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
E 1/2 S 6 1/4, & S W 1/4 S E 1/4 & S E 1/4 S W 1/4 - 1-103-22

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
JOHN JOHNSON HELGEN (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1861 to 1888	Husband
MRS ASLAUG HELGEN next owner	from 1888 to 1916	Mother
MRS BERTENA IVERSON next owner	from 1916 to 1926	Mother (2)
MRS ALPHA O. GRASDALEN next owner	from 1926 to date	ALPHA IVERSON GRASDALEN
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:

Virginia Grasdalen  
(Witness sign here)

Alpha O. Grasdalen  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 10, 1977

See reverse side for additional information.

Over

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? The NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 Sec 1. Homestead - No price given  
The other 2-40 was purchased from Charles Olsen 1961
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 120 & 40 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Homestead - May 20 - 1862 - 40 acres
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? From In Wisconsin
6. Was this a homestead? Yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
No.
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? Yes  
We just added a living Room & Bed Room to the Log House Jan 1975
10. When was the present home built? I think in 1864 or 65
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, Soy Beans, alfalfa, & Grain
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
The Evening Tribune Albert Lea, Tex. - 56007

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

(Over)

Note.

Mrs & Mrs John Johnson helped when they first came here they lived in a cellar or dug out the 1st year, till they got their log house built then in 1877 they build a grainery which is still in use and in good shape. They build a 44 x 100 long barn in 1888. In 1949 we tore down and used the lumber in our new barn 1949

I still hold the original Instrument  
for this 40 acres North East  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the  
South West  $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec 1 - Twp 103 - Range 22

It is a very unique Instrument  
showing the Homestead Certificate and  
application No. Sign By the President of U.S.

Ulyses S. Grant.

Alpha O. Grasdalen

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner

Norman Jr & Irene Johnson  
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address

RR1 - Box 143 Clarks Grove, Mn 56016

Address of farm, if different from above

Section

27

Township

Beth

County

Freeborn

Number of acres in the farm at present

159.53

Date of original purchase by member of your family

April 27, 1874

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

The S 1/2 of the N. W 1/4 and W 1/2 of the NE 1/4  
of Sec 27 - Bock twp 104 - North of Range 21

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
John C. Johnson owner in 1877 or before	from 1874 to 1950	Grandfather
Norman A Johnson next owner	from 1950 to 1968	Father (2)
Norman Johnson Jr next owner	from 1968 to date	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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Abstract of Title ( )

Land Patent ( )

Original Deed ( )

County Land

Record (4)

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:

RB Johnson

(Witness sign here)

Date

JUN 14 1977

Norman A. Johnson Jr

(Signature of present owner)

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St. Paul, MN 55108



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From whom was the farm purchased? \_\_\_\_\_

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160

What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_

Where was the first owner born? Aug 2, 1846 - in Norway

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Dane Co. Wisconsin

Was this a homestead? \_\_\_\_\_

Did the first owner farm the land? yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? \_\_\_\_\_

State legislator in 1907

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? \_\_\_\_\_

When was the present home built? \_\_\_\_\_

What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, soybeans, alfalfa, dairy

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner

(this name will 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 CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME

YEARS OF OWNERSHIP

BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER

Kittel Knudson owner in 1877 or before	June 29 from 1868 to 1914	
Ingeborg Knudson next owner	from 1914 to 1925	Widow and Wife
Carl J. Knudson next owner	from 1925 to 1941	son (2)
Clara T. Knudson next owner	from 1941 to 1965	Wife & Widow
Kennel C. Knudson next owner	from 1965 to	son
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:

(Witness sign here)

Date

(Signature of present owner)

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From whom was the farm purchased? Peter Noland

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160

What was the cost of land per acre? unknown

Where was the first owner born? Norway

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? He came up the Mississippi River

Was this a homestead? Not to Kittel Gundersen 1 owner before

Did the first owner farm the land? yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? No

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

When was the present home built? 1906

What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn Soybeans & Hogs

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

My grandfather was on the high seas for many years until he could get enough money so he could go farming in America. Some have said he was a captain I don't know if this is sure.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Freeborn

See back \*

Century Farm Owner Phaidor Randall Trezise and Betty Randall Nesterud  
(this name will appear on certificate) 3232 Eldorado Street 112 3rd Street, S.W.  
Address Torrance, Calif. 90503 Madelia, Minn. 56062

Address of farm, if different from above Rural Route  
Clarks Grove, Minn. 56016

Section 26 Township Bath County Freeborn

Number of acres in the farm at present 157 (original 160 acres except 3 acres of railroad)  
March 1, 1862

Date of original purchase by member of your family U.S.A. Assignment of Warrant No. 96791 by Thomas L. Craft to Solfest Monson signed by the President: Abraham Lincoln by W. O. Stoddard, Sec. s/name, Recorder of the General Land Office. Recorded June 9, 1862, Freeborn County, Minn.

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
The North Half (1/2) of the Northeast Quarter (1/4) and the North Half (1/2) of the Northwest Quarter (1/4) Section 26, Township 104 North, Range 21 West Freeborn County, Minnesota

#### PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Solfest Monson aka Sylfest/Solfast Munsen owner in 1877 or before Bertha Monson/Munsen and Ellen Monson/Munsen next owner	deceased 3/1/1862 to 10/29/1876 from 1876 to 11/3/1906	** Husband of Bertha and father of Ellen (2) *** Mother of Ellen Monson/Munsen Nyborg
Ellen Carrine Monson/Munsen next owner	Nyborg from 1906 to 8/20/1954	**** Mother-in-law of Cecil E. Randall
Cecil Eber Randall next owner	deceased from 1954 to 5/25/1976	Father of Phaidor Randall Trezise and Betty Randall Nesterud
Phaidor Randall Trezise and Betty Randall Nesterud next owner	from 1976 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>U.S.A. Assignment to Solfest Monson; Final decrees in Probate Court; Contract of Sale; Last Will and Testament; Final Account and Petition for Settlement and Distribution and Minnesota Inheritance Tax Return</u>
County Land Record ( )	

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

Mabel H. Lehman  
(Witness sign here)

Phaidor R. Trezise Betty R. Nesterud  
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 6, 1977

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St. Paul, MN 55108



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From whom was the farm <sup>assigned</sup> purchased? Thomas L. Craft

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160

What was the cost of land per acre? unknown

Where was the first owner born? Norway

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Norway until 1855; Wisconsin until 1860

Was this a homestead? unknown

Did the first owner farm the land? we assume he did

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? blacksmith

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? Yes. Log house was on the farm in 1862 (in disrepair; used for storing junk). Living room of log house was moved and used as a summer kitchen and presently as back entry and storage area on the present home.

When was the present home built? 1904

What are the farm's major crops or products? milk, corn, soybeans, oats, hay

### Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

\* Estate of Cecil E. Randall still in probate. Said farm given by will share and share alike in fee simple to daughters (Phaidor Randall Trezise and Betty Randall Nesterud); but sons of Cecil E. Randall are involved in the estate although not in this farm (Ralph Nyborg Randall, Route 1, Box 109, Ellendale, MN 56026--Representative of the Estate-- and Oliver Duane Randall, 751 East School Street, Owatonna, MN 55060)

\*\* Final Decree in Probate Court April 8, 1908 established the persons entitled to all of the estate of Solfast Munsen, deceased, to be: Bertha Munsen, widow, and Ellen Nyborg, daughter

\*\*\* Final Decree in Probate Court April 8, 1908 established Ellen Nyborg, daughter of Bertha Munsen, deceased, as the person entitled to all of the estate of the deceased

\*\*\*\*Sale by Ellen Nyborg to Cecil E. Randall, son-in-law, 8/20/54

Enclosed: United States of America Assignment to Solfest Monson, March 1, 1862 (copy)  
Photo of log house and present home (former living room of log house attached to present home shows slightly in the back)  
Information dated July, 1973, written by Alma Nyborg Randall (granddaughter of Sylfest and Bertha Monson; daughter of Ellen Monson Nyborg; wife of Cecil E. Randall; and mother of Phaidor Randall Trezise and Betty Randall Nesterud) (copy)  
Freeborn County 1968 Crop Year aerial map (copy)



11A cabin & house 10-9-76  
Trezise and Western





Bertha Monson, ~~and her~~ wife of original owner  
(10-6-1825 to 11-3-1906)  
and her granddaughter  
Alma Nyborg Randall (7-6-1901 to 1-15-  
1975)  
Wife of Cecil E Randall and  
mother of Phaidor and Betty  
Randall  
Trize Randall  
Hesterud

(Individual)

TITLE INSURANCE  
AND TRUST

A TICOR COMPANY

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF Los Angeles

} SS.

On June 6, 1977 before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said  
State, personally appeared phaidor R. Trezise and  
Betty R. Nesterud

\_\_\_\_\_, known to me

to be the person S whose name sare subscribed  
to the within instrument and acknowledged that they  
executed the same.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Signature



OFFICIAL SEAL  
MABEL H. SCHOMAKER  
NOTARY PUBLIC - CALIFORNIA  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
My comm. expires JUN 20, 1979

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Typed or Printed)

2409 Arlington Ave., Torrance, CA 90501

(This area for official notarial seal)

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INFORMATION WRITTEN BY ALMA NYBORG RANDALL (granddaughter of Sylfest and Bertha Monson; daughter of John Peter and Ellen Monson Nyborg; wife of Cecil Eber Randall; and mother of Phaidor Randall Trezise and Betty Randall Nesterud) Bertha Ericson Munson Born 10-6-1825 Soevde, Norway Died 11-3-06

father Eric)

Bertha and Annie Ericson of Soevde, Norway lived with their parents. They learned to card, weave and dye the wool from sheep. Bertha had several wool woven coverings, 27"x5", in two sections sewed together, that she had made in Norway. In the summer they would herd cattle higher up in the mountains, called the Satre, where the grass was good. They milked the cows, knew how to make cheese and butter, and when it was cooled and kept it in a little house that was over a cold mountain stream. They had no clocks to keep the time. It seems one time Bertha thought it was night time and it was a total eclipse of the sun. So in 1854, at the age of 28 or 29, she decided to go to America-her younger sister Annie also went. They had a cousin who had gone over and had procured work in Madison, Wisc. in homes of the people who were considered the elite. So their destination was Madison, Wis. They packed wooden chests with their belongings. They also had to provide their own food for the trip over on the ship. I don't remember anything being told of the ship or anything until the trip inland. They got to Chicago by train, were to go to Madison by stagecoach, but having language troubles they ended up in Priairie Du Chein, Wis., before they knew they were on the wrong stagecoach. Winter was setting in and could go no farther until spring. They were a couple of very lonesome girls. They got work at St. Anskar, Iowa until spring. In the spring, a Norwegian Lutheran pastor came there and heard their plight. He was going to Madison, Wis.; He made many stops along the way to baptize babies and have funerals. They finally got to Madison, got work in homes of the wealthy, earned money that they thought was high wages, and learned the American ways. They brought their bibles with them. In 1859, Bertha was married to Sylfest Munson. He was about 2 years younger, and had left Norway a year later. They were acquainted in Norway, in fact I think they were second cousins. Sylfest was a blacksmith by trade learned in Norway. In 1860, Sylfest and Bertha came to Minnesota-making a Ferry Crossing at Prairie Du Chein, Wis., where the girls had spent the lonely winter of 1854. They were a part of a caravan

of twelve families. They found homes in Freeborn County near what is known as Clarks Grove now. In 1860, The camp caravan set up on July 4, where the Good Samaritan center is now. Sylfest and Bertha found this farm with a small log house and perhaps a cattle shed and a well with 6 acres of land cleared. During the first years other freinds and relatives came here and resided with them until t ey found their homes. Civil war broke out and some of the young men went to war. I remeber tell of a neighbor man that was a soldier, and in my day, he marched in the Decoration Day Parade., in Albert Lea. During this time, there were Indian skirmishes, and Sylfest at one time was called to go, but it was settled. They only Indian they ever saw was one who came to ask for food, whien he did by asking for it by putting his finger in his mouth. There were no fences so the cows had cow bells on them. They had to know the tone of their bell. Grandma Bertha quite often went as far as Geneva to find her cattle. The main trail went through the farm, so Grandpa built a blacksmith -it was still right below our house on the farm when I was a child. I remember the building and the remains of quite a large bellows for his forge. He raised oxen, and made a business of breaking them to be driven, outfitted them with yokes and whatever needed. He also worked for John Schad's father at Geneva, helped out in this blacksmith shop. Mr. Schad was probably the first blacksmith in Geneva. During the first years, they took wheat to Winona, traded for necessities. The houses were built of logs, but bought some lumber for finishing. Their log house was built in 1867. By the time the barn was built, in 1875, they could buy lumber in Owatonna.

One time Grandpa Sylfest had been gone to Winona for quite some time. He came home in a terrible blizzard. His dog met him about three miles from the farm.

Grandpa died when my mother, Ellen, was 11 years old. She found life hard without a father. He made a trip to Albert Lea, and had become very ill. Some neighbors had driven him home. Ellen thought it was kidney trouble.



Ellen's sister Annie, died at the age of 6. Both ~~grandparents~~ <sup>father and sister Annie</sup> are interred in Central Lutheran Church Cemetery. <sup>Grandmother at North Lutheran Church cemetery.</sup> When Ellen was confirmed, she took instruction here from Rev. Walfsberg. She walked about 10 miles from the farm. One time a neighbor who was giving her a ride, decided to take in a house dance. He became intoxicated and didn't get her home until day break. Ellen at sometime during girlhood contracted tuberculosis. There was a doctor who prescribed cod liver oil and bed rest and she recovered, but had scar tissue, which showed up on a TB test that was taken when she stayed with Cecil and I after my father died. A second test showed it was dormant.

As Ellen grew older, she had to take the responsibility of business. Renting out the land was one problem. They built an extra large room, also storerooms onto the log house, where she and her mother lived and the renters had the log part. One time thieves loaded a whole wagon of wheat and drove off with it. They were never apprehended. One time, they had sold wheat, the money was hidden in the house. Ellen woke thinking the cat was stalking around, and before she knew what, some one put a hand over her mouth and had a rope and was going to tie her up, but she got loose and screamed; The prowler escaped. She had an idea it was a neighbor man who had just moved in, so the next day, she went down and questioned his wife about his whereabouts the night before. Other neighbors also took a hand in this-and they got him out the country-pronto. Ellen kept some cows and chickens on her own.. It was quite a hard thing to get to market, but Ellen often drove to Geneva with a horse and buggy to sell butter and eggs. Of course, the people who farmed for them also helped get wood prepared for <sup>winter</sup> and harvested the crops. Also in the early days, the mail came in on the stage coach road to Albert Lea, and post office was where Dr. Clayton Nelson lives now. I think the original family were Nelson's. This was before Clarks Grove. Creameries were then built in all small towns. There were no trains until I was born in 1901. Train went through Clarks Grove, Ellendale, so Geneva was left out.

Ellen in her teens, had German Measles, afterward she had extreme inflammation in her face, either bad case of acne as we know it or exzema. She

began to look for cures. Someone recommended Colfax, Iowa. There was supposed to be spring of healing water, but it did not help. I think it helped her in this way as she got out among people who were not necessarily of her own faith and origin. She looked for cures- a girl friend in Minneapolis heard of a doctor up there, so she got to the city. Here she learned about pretty clothes. I know by pictures she really dressed up for those days. She looked for ways to learn dress making. Millinery shops were probably the only way of learning, so she went to Ellendale to take lessons in dress making. They had a board that you could cut your own patterns. I remember this board, but Ellen didn't become a dressmaker, but learned to do her own sewing, and could sew for her own family. Her cousins, Susie and Lena Monson, learned millinery work and set up a shop in New Richland. Lena and a girl friend set up a shop in Ellendale. I bought my hats there as a child.

Ellen also got an organ. A friend, Mary Hanson, drove her around to teach music. Mary, Mrs. Sam Torgerson, <sup>grand</sup>mother of Warren Torgerson. She still was teaching music when I was 6. She gave me my first lesson on the organ.

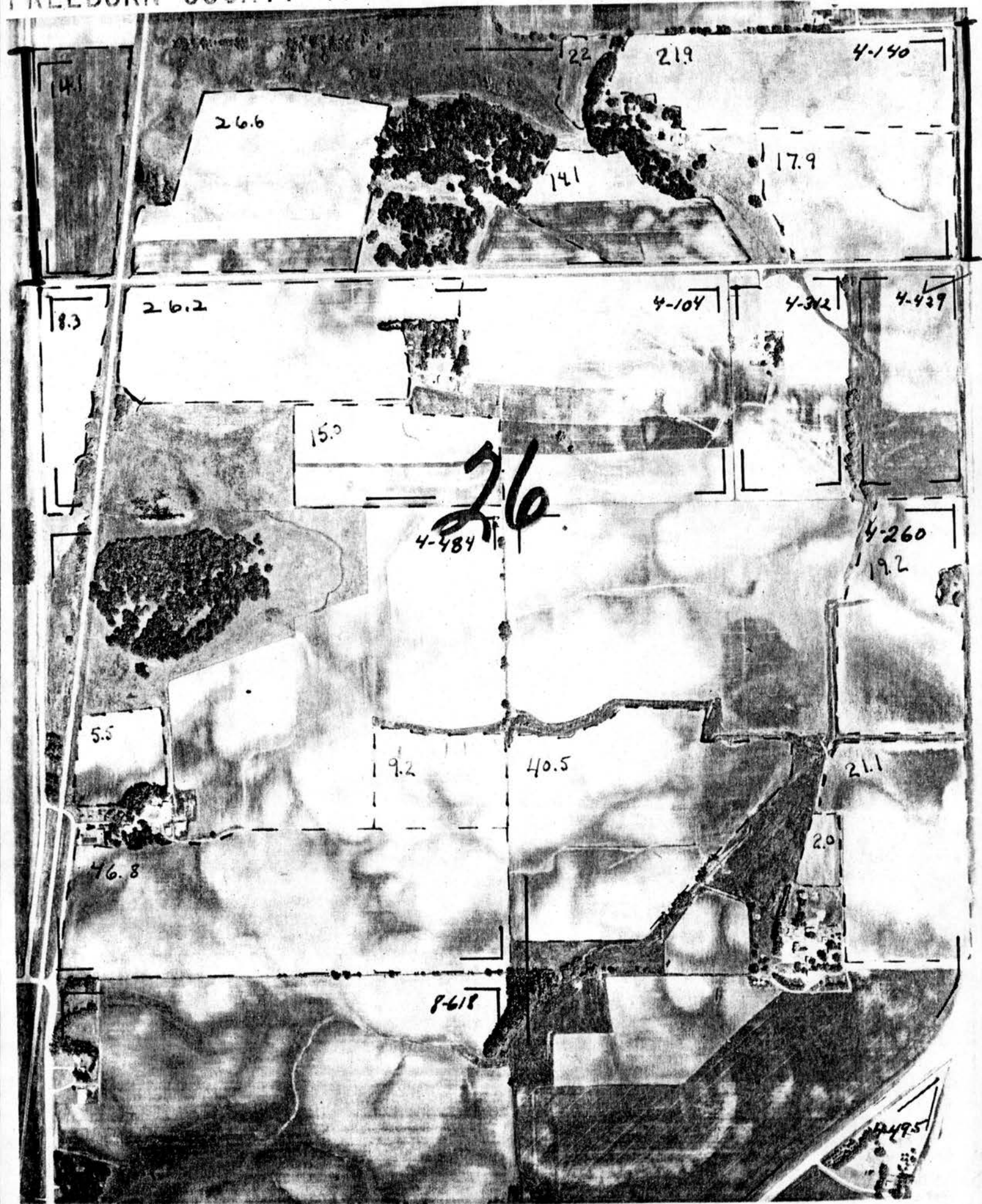
Ellen lived this way, taking care of her mother, handling the business of the farm. When she was 32, she married Peter Nyborg. He was brought up 5 miles from where she lived, but everyone east of the Monson farm were Danes and Baptist, everything west was Norwegian and Lutheran, and never the twain did meet. He lost his mother when 4 years old. His father found homes for his 3 sisters amongst the Lawson families. Peter lived with the Johnson's until 18 years old. Then went to his father in Mankato. His father took him to Brown County where he got employment. The farmers were nice people,; He worked there several years, then returned to Clarks Grove where his sister lived. Then he was hired by a neighbor of Ellen's, who rented Ellen's land. So that's the way the romance began and it ended in marriage, May 25, 1899.

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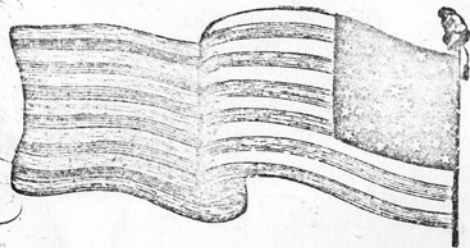
Alma Nyborg Randall July, 1973

Typed for her by Betty Randall Nesterud

(Alma also said that her Grandpa Nyborg was druggist in Denmark. Did a little here and then became vet and horsetrader)







# THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

Whereas, In pursuance of the Act of Congress, approved MARCH 3, 1855, entitled "An Act in addition to certain Acts granting Bounty Land to certain Officers and Soldiers who have been engaged in the Military Service of the United States," there has been deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE, Warrant No. 96,791 for 160 acres, in favor of Thomas L. Craft Yeomanster U. S. Quarter Masters Department War with Mexico, with evidence that the same has been duly located upon the North half of the North West Quarter and the North half of the North East Quarter, of Section twenty-six, in Township one hundred and four North, of Range twenty-one West, in the District of lands formerly subject to sale at Chatfield, now Minnebago city Minnesota, containing one hundred and sixty acres—according to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said Land returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the SURVEYOR GENERAL the said Warrant having been assigned by the said Thomas L. Craft to Solfest Monson in whose favor said tract has been located—

Now know ye, That there is therefore granted by the UNITED STATES unto the said Solfest Monson as assignee as aforesaid and to his heirs the tract of Land above described. To have and to hold the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said Solfest Monson as assignee as aforesaid and to his heirs and assigns forever.

In Testimony Whereof, I, Abraham Lincoln

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these Letters to be made Patent, and the SEAL OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE to be hereunto affixed.

GIVEN under my hand, at the CITY OF WASHINGTON, the First day of March in the YEAR OF OUR LORD one thousand eight hundred and Sixty-two and of the INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES the eighty-sixth  
BY THE PRESIDENT:

Abraham Lincoln

By M. Stoddard, Sec'y.

Recorder of the General Land Office.



United States

To

Salisbury, Mass.

My dear Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst.

and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,

Wm. B. Cogswell

Salisbury, Mass.

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

1. From whom was the farm purchased? Albert Martenson & family
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 1600
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$16.00
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm?
6. Was this a homestead? don't know
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
Cattle buyer
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? no  
Cattle buyer
10. When was the present home built? 1895
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, beans, oats, peas
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Albert Lea Tribune & Messing Lake Tribune

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