



Century Farm Applications

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CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

CENTURY FARMS
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

Name of Centennial Farm owner Donald and Mary
 Name(s) to appear on certificate Donald & Mary Bennett
 Address Route 3 Rockville Minn. 55901
 Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 9-Rang 13 Township Pleasant Grove County Almsted

Number of acres in the farm at present 110 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1862 (1)

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

N 1/2 - SSE 1/4 - SEC-9 - Town-105 -
Rang 13- and other Land

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Laura Bennett</u> owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1862</u> to <u>1918</u>	(2)
<u>Fred Bennett</u> next owner	from <u>1918</u> to <u>1966-67</u>	<u>son</u>
<u>Donald</u> next owner	from <u>1966</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 ()	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:

(Witness sign here)

Donald P. Bennett
 (Signature of present owner)

Date _____

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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? yes we are living
in the main portion of the original home
10. When was the present home built? _____
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn & Soy
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Rochester Post Bulletin, Stewartville Star, Goodhue Co. Tribune

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

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner Arne Severin Brenden and Bennie Renhold Brenden
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address Route 1, Box 90, Rothsay, Minnesota 56579

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 19 Township TRONDHJEM County OTTERTAIL

Number of acres in the farm at present 240 ACRES (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family Acquired under Homestead Act in 1871

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

SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 19-135-44

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Arne Syverson Brenden owner in 1877 or before	from 1871 to 1911	Father
Syver A. Brenden next owner	from 1911 to 1953	Father (2)
Arne Severin Brenden and next owner Bennie Renhold Brenden	from 1953 to present	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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Abstract of Title (✓)
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:

Olya B. Nelson
(Witness sign here)

Arne Severin Brenden and
Bennie Renhold Brenden
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 13, 1977

Please return to: Century Farms
Minnesota State Fair
St. Paul, MN 55108

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From whom was the farm purchased? Acquired under Homestead Act

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160

What was the cost of land per acre? _____

Where was the first owner born? Dokka, Nord Torna, Norway

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

Was this a homestead? blank

Did the first owner farm the land? Yes

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

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? Original home is still a part of the enlarged present home.

Original granary is still in use as a part of an enlarged granary.

When was the present home built? original log house built in 1872

What are the farm's major crops or products? Wheat, oats, corn, flax, barley,
dairy cattle and beef cattle.

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary) (sheets attached)

The original owner of this farm started dairy farming with one cow in 1871. Dairying has been an important source of income from this farm for over one hundred years.-(1871 thru 1975).

(see attached sheets)

The following information is taken from The Brenden Family History book compiled by descendants of Arne Syverson Brenden in 1971 for the centennial celebration of his homesteading this farm:

"Upon arriving in America, Arne Syverson Brenden went to Argyle, Wisconsin. There he attended English school for two weeks. This completed his formal education begun in Norway. He worked on farms for several years to earn money to pay a loan made for his passage to America. He later opened a shoe-shop in Argyle, having learned the shoemaker's trade working with his father and making shoes for people in the Brenden neighborhood in Norway.

It was at Argyle that he met Olaug Mikkelsdatter Sorlie who had emigrated to America in 1869. Arne and Olaug were married at Argyle, February 20, 1871. In the spring of that year, they set out for the prairies of Minnesota in a covered wagon drawn by a team of three-year old colts named Dolly and Nell, with a cow following behind. Among the possessions brought with them, were a Norwegian chest and spinning wheel.

At the Government Land Office in Alexandria, Minn., they secured a grant of land in Trondhjem Township, Otter Tail County. This land grant was made under the Homestead Act of 1862 signed by President Lincoln. Under this Act, any citizen twenty-one years or over, or any foreigner who declared his intention of becoming a citizen, could acquire one hundred sixty acres of government land by living on it for five years.

Arne and Olaug Brenden's first home was a dug-out located a short distance southeast of the present house. A board served as a door. Their first son, Syver, was born in this home. The second year, Arne built a one-room long cabin. Their second son, Syver, was born in this cabin. It had a small attic with a roof made of dirt and moss. The logs for this cabin were cut and hauled from the Erhard vicinity about twelve miles away. Wood for fuel was obtained in the same way. Indians roamed about on the prairies and often came near the homes. They did no harm but often frightened people.

The cow brought from Wisconsin provided much of the food. Candles were made in the home. Homespun clothing was worn. Arne made shoes for his family as well as for his neighbors. A pair of boots made for Gunder Nordrum is still preserved in the Brenden Brothers' home.

The first crop of grain was cut by a hand cradle, picked up by hand, and tied into bundles. Arne and Olaug had just finished stacking their first crop into two stacks when a storm came. They had as yet, no shelter for the horses so Arne drove the wagon between the two stacks and tied the horses behind. This done, they sought shelter in their dugout home. Soon after when Arne stepped out to see how things looked, he saw the two stacks of grain had been struck by lightning and were burning. He ran to them and pulled the wagon out with the horses following. He saved the horses, but the entire first crop burned.

Dolly and Nell had the distinction of being the first horses brought into the community. During the first winter, Arne hauled passengers and supplies between Fort Abercrombie and other forts to make a little money.

When hauling wood from Erhard one day, Arne was caught in a blizzard. He did not know where he was nor where he was going so decided to let the horses take their own course. After a terrifying trip, the horses stopped at the door of the dug-out. After putting the horses into their shelter, Arne entered the dug-out. Olaug was not there. He immediately set out for the home of neighbors. When he reached this home, he was able to distinguish the shed for the cattle and the neighbor's wagon but could see no trace of the dug-out. After walking around for a while, he stepped into soft, loose snow and landed at the door of the neighbor's dug-out. There he found Olaug safe with friends.

Arne and a neighbor worked together to break the land for cultivation. Each year, about ten acres were broken up and seeded in addition to what was already under cultivation. As Arne and Olaug prospered and as their family grew, other rooms were added to the original log cabin. The present living room is the original log cabin."

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner Mr. & Mrs. Philip G. Burseth
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address Fergus Falls, Minn. Route No. 1 56537

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 16 Township Dane Prairie County Otter Tail

Number of acres in the farm at present 490 acres (3)

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

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement) Lots 1,2,3,
and SW1/4 NE 1/4, NW1/4 of SE 1/4, and Sublots, 1,2,5,6,7,8, and 9 of
the State Subdivision of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 16 Town 132 Range 42

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Peder Anderson Burseth</u> owner in 1877 or before	<u>1871- 1899</u> From to	<u>Father</u>
<u>Peter P. Burseth</u> next owner	<u>1899 to 1931</u> from to	<u>Husband</u> (2)
<u>Karen Burseth</u> next owner	<u>1931 to 1951</u> from to	<u>Mother</u>
<u>Philip G. Burseth</u> next owner	<u>1951 to 1977</u> 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) Grandparents settled place in 1871 but patent was not recorded until 1881, was school lands

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

Norma M. Cogorno
(Witness sign here)

Philip G. Burseth
(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? State Of Minn. , School Lands

How many acres were in the original parcel? 233 Acres

What was the cost of land per acre? Have heard \$2.00 per acre, but not sure.

Where was the first owner born? Norway, around Trondhjem.

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Came to this country in 1865
Spent 5yrs. in Goodhue county

Was this a homestead? School Lands

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? around 1940, purchased and moved 1963

What are the farm's major crops or products? Beef calves, Grain, Corn and Hay

~~Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)~~

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Name of Centennial Farm owner JOSEPH B. FEHRENBACH
Name(s) to appear on certificate Frances J. Fehrenbach
Address Perham Minn. R.R. #2 B4148
Address of farm, if different from above 56573

Section 12 Township Rush Lake County Otter Tail
Number of acres in the farm at present 2 80 acres
Date of original purchase by member of your family 16 May 1877 ①
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
E 1/2 NW 1/4 W 1/2 NE 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 <u>1877</u> to <u>1898</u>	<u>WENDELIN FEHRENBACH</u> Father ②
next owner	from <u>1898</u> to <u>1958</u>	<u>JOSEPH P. FEHRENBACH</u> Father
next owner	from <u>1958</u> to	<u>JOSEPH B. FEHRENBACH</u> Son
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

George A. Fehrenbach
(Witness sign here)

Joe B. Fehrenbach
(Signature of present owner)

Date 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Dad.
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?

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? _____
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Perham Enterprise Perham, Minn

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

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner Theodore Hegseth
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address Route #4, Box 41, Fergus Falls, Minnesota 56537

Address of farm, if different from above same

Section 33 Township Oscar County Otter Tail

Number of acres in the farm at present 329 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family August 23, 1876 (1)

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement) Government Lots One (1), Three (3) and Four (4) and the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section Thirty-three (33) in Township One Hundred Thirty-four (134) North, Range Forty-four (44) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Torsten Pedersen aka</u> owner in 1877 or T. P. before	<u>Aug. 23, June 14,</u> <u>from 1876 to 1913</u>	<u>Grandfather</u>
<u>Nels T. Hegseth</u> next owner	<u>June 14, July 5,</u> <u>from 1913 to 1968</u>	<u>FATHER</u> (2)
<u>Theodore Hegseth</u> next owner	<u>July 5,</u> <u>from 1968 to date</u>	<u>FATHER</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 ()
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:

Thomas S. Donohoe
(Witness sign here)

Theodore Hegseth
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 6, 1977

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Minnesota State Fair
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? 165 75/100

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? Rochester, Minnesota

Was this a homestead? yes, plus excess acreage

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? 1920

What are the farm's major crops or products? corn, small grain and beef
cattle

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

MY GRANDFATHER SETTLED ON THIS LAND IN 1869

HOMESTEAD FILED AUG 23, 1876

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner George J. Langsjoen
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address Dalton, Minn. 56324

Address of farm, if different from above None.

Section 6 Township St. Olaf County Otter Tail

Number of acres in the farm at present 226 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family Deed signed, Aug 30, 1876 (1)

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement) Lots 4 and 5
of section 6, T131R41 Lots 6 and 7 of section 31 in
township 132 of R. 41

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
	from 1869 to 1871	
owner in 1877 or before Nils Svendsen Jordet	from 1869 to 1871	Husband (Father) (2)
next owner Sigrid Svendsen	from 1871 to 1903	Widow of Nils Svendsen
next owner Peder N Langsjoen	from 1903 to 1946	Daughter and son-in-law
next owner George J Langsjoen	from 1946 to 1977	Son grandson of
next owner	from to	original owner
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:

Lafayette J. Lusk
(Witness sign here)

Date June 6-77

George J. Langsjoen
(Signature of present owner)

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

How many acres were in the original parcel? 135.94

What was the cost of land per acre? Homestead Price

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? Dugout Cellar, part of house

basement

When was the present home built? 1890's

What are the farm's major crops or products? Dairy, corn, alfalfa, wheat
oats

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

My maternal grand parents, Nils Swenson and family settled farm in 1869, under the Homestead Act, farm comprises land in 4 adjoining township sections. First home a dugout. Grand father lost his life in 1871, struck by a rebounding branch, working in the woods, cutting logs for a new home. Grand mother, left with four young children, a son and three daughters, the last one, born posthumously. Relatives built the log house the next year. There were more trials when her only son, a teenager and chief helper died ¹⁸⁷⁸ after a lingering illness. There were other hard ships, blizzards, grass hopper plagues many times food was scarce, and fear of

Indians. The two lakes and much timber land, (virgin timber land still intact to this day) was a favorite hunting and fishing ground for the Indians. They were friendly enough, causing no trouble, but grand mother, being alone, much of time, with only the younger children, was always fearful.

Two younger daughters also died, when still young women, leaving one daughter the oldest, my mother, Gertrude. Better times came for grand mother when Gertrude married Peder N. Langsjoen and the homestead farm came under new management and steady improvements. Grand mother continued to make the homestead farm, her home, enjoying her grandchildren & of them, and they her. She had good health, always active, dying after a brief illness Sept. 11, 1915 at the age of 87 years. Youngest grandson George J. Langsjoen is present owner.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner

(this name will appear on certificate)

Address

R#1

Battle Lake

56515

Address of farm, if different from above

Section

2

Township

Eagle Lake

County

Otter Tail

Number of acres in the farm at present

210

(3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family

Homesteaded in 1869

(1)

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

N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec 2 - 131 - Range 40

S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 35 - 4 W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec 36 - Twp 132 Range 40

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
	from	to	
owner in 1877 or before	Oct 4	1876	Grandfather (2)
Peter Olson	from	to	
next owner	1922	1923	Father and 2/3rds
Peter Olson East	from	to	
next owner	1923	1953	Mother
Olson Bros	from 1923	to 1953	
next owner	1953	1972	Present
Jennie Olson	from 1953	to 1972	
next owner	1972	1972	
Arnold Norberg	from 1972	to 1972	
next owner	from	to	
next owner			

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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:

[Signature]

(Witness sign here)

Arnold Norberg
Mrs. Grace Norberg

(Signature of present owner)

Date

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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? _____

Where was the first owner born? Sweden

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

Was this a homestead? yes

Did the first owner farm the land? yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? Work for the rail road

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? About 1900

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

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner William Drew
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address R. R. 2, Jasper, Minnesota 56144

Address of farm, if different from above Same

Section 32 Township Eden County Pipestone

Number of acres in the farm at present 360 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1876 (1)

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement) W 1/2 of
the NW 1/4 SW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 and the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
	from	to	
owner in 1877 or before Charles Chaney Drew	from 1876	to 1901	Cousin (2)
next owner Warren John Drew	from 1901	to 1959	Father
next owner William Drew	from 1959	to Present	
next owner	from	to	
next owner	from	to	
next owner	from	to	
next owner	from	to	

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Abstract of Title ()	Court file in Registration
Land Patent ()	Proceedings ()
Original Deed ()	Other (please explain) <u>History of Rock and</u>
County Land	<u>Pipestone Counties, published in 1911</u>
Record ()	<u>Author: Arthur Rose</u>

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

Mrs. William Drew
(Witness sign here)

William Drew
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 12, 1977

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From whom was the farm purchased? Taken as a tree claim

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160

What was the cost of land per acre? _____

Where was the first owner born? Helderness, New Hampshire

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

Was this a homestead? No - Tree Claim

Did the first owner farm the land? Yes

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

Business

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? 1914

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

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner CHRISSE J. WENTZEL HANSON
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address 10939 WASHINGTON ST. NE. BLAINE, MN. 55434

Address of farm, if different from above RT. 1 BOX 34
FISHER, MN. 56723

Section 30 Township 150 County POLK

Number of acres in the farm at present 562.88 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family MARCH 7, 1876 (1)

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

N $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and LOTS 1, 2, 6, 7, 9 & 12, Sec. 30,
Twp. 150, N., R. 47, W. containing 252.35 acres.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>MICHAEL WENTZEL</u> owner in 1877 or before	from <u>1876</u> to <u>1909</u>	<u>Husband</u>
<u>HENRIETTE WENTZEL</u> next owner	from <u>1909</u> to <u>1924</u>	<u>WIFE</u> (2)
<u>MICHAEL WENTZEL</u> next owner	from <u>1924</u> to <u>1964</u>	<u>SON</u>
<u>CHRISSE J. WENTZEL HANSON</u> next owner	from <u>1964</u> to _____	<u>daughter</u>
_____	from _____ to _____	_____
_____	from _____ to _____	_____
_____	from _____ to _____	_____
_____	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:

Noel Wentzel
(Witness sign here)

Chrissie J. Wentzel Hanson
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 8, 1977

Please return to: Century Farms
Minnesota State Fair
St. Paul, MN 55108

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From whom was the farm purchased? LOREN FLETCHER and CHARLES M LORING

How many acres were in the original parcel? 252.35

What was the cost of land per acre? \$3.00

Where was the first owner born? GERMANY

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

Was this a homestead? NO.

Did the first owner farm the land? YES

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

Brick ^{maker} ~~layer~~ + Lumbering

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? IN 1885 and is a large square brick structure

What are the farm's major crops or products? WHEAT, BARLEY and SUGAR BEETS

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

The land is now being rented and farmed by Noel, Warner and Walton Wenzel, grandsons of the original owner since year 1960.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Benjamin B. Troen
Name(s) to appear on certificate R. R. 3, Box 114
Address Glenwood, MN 56334
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 3 & 4 Township 125 County ~~POPE~~ POPE
Number of acres in the farm at present 241 (3)
Date of original purchase by member of your family Homesteaded in 1871, Homestead Cert. dated Feb. 10, 1881 (1)
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$; SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ & SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 4-125-38 (Homestead)
W $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 3-125-38 (School land purchased in 1898)

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Peter A. Troen (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1871 to 1884	Father <u>(2)</u>
Benjamin Troen next owner	from 1884 to 1929	Father
Magnus A. Troen next owner	from 1929 to 1975	Father
Benjamin B. Troen next owner	from 1975 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 (x) Proceedings ()
Original Deed (x) Other (please explain _____)
County Land Record ()
Homestead Certificate No. 2897

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

David Troen
(Witness sign here)

Benjamin B. Troen
(Signature of present owner)

Date August 16, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Homesteaded
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? Homesteaded
4. Where was the first owner born? Trondelagen, Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Norway
6. Was this a homestead? yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
No
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? House
10. When was the present home built? 1875
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Beef, sheep & grain
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Pope County Tribune, Glenwood, Minn.

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

Peter A. Troen came with family in 1871. His son, Benjamin, was too young to homestead so Peter homesteaded for him with the understanding that Benjamin would care for his parents as long as they lived. Peter lived to age 97 and his wife, Martha to age 93. Benjamin also worked on the Great Northern railroad besides farming. Benjamin lived to age of 97 and his wife, Hannah to age of 103 years.. We have many historical happenings recorded of their life times.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner James E. Belgum
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address Farwell, Minn. 56327 (We also have a Glencoe address but use the Farwell one in the summer and would prefer that one for this.)

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 26 Township Nora County Pope

Number of acres in the farm at present 208 (only 54 1/2 acres are of the original going back to the 1870's)

Date of original purchase by member of your family (homesteaded)

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement) _____
Lots 3 and 4 (26 126 40)

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Thore T. Belgum	(1) 1870 or 1875 to 1899	Brother
owner in 1877 or before Syver T. Belgum	from 1899 to 1923	Father (2)
next owner Tore S. Belgum	from 1923 to 1938	Father
next owner Edwin R. Belgum	from 1938 to 1971	Father
next owner James E. Belgum	from 1971 to present	
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) <u>Homestead Certificate #943</u>
County Land Record ()	

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

Hoel L. Shuler
(Witness sign here)

James E. Belgum
(Signature of present owner)

Date May 31, 1977

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Minnesota State Fair
St. Paul, MN 55108

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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? Norway. He came to Wisconsin in 1867 and to Minnesota in 1870 with several of his brothers and sisters.

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Norway and 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? 1968

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

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

(The homestead certificate is dated and signed in 1875. The first date we find on the abstract is 1875 when Thore T. Belgium received title to the land. We were under the impression that he came here in 1870. Perhaps he had to live on the land for 5 years before getting title to it. Anyway, the earliest date of his ownership would be 1870, and the latest would be 1875, so it is well within the 100 year limit.)

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

Michael Kohler

from 1854 to 12-23-1878

owner in 1877 or before

Maria Kohler

from 1878 to 1888

next owner

from 1888 to 1894

next owner

Ed Kohler

from 1894 to 1920

next owner

Mary Kohler

from 1920 to 1936

next owner

Fred

from to

next owner

J.C. Kohler Family E & Al

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:

Steve Kohler

(Witness sign here)

Richard L Kohler Fred Kohler

(Signature of present owner)

Date

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St. Paul, MN 55108

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From whom was the farm purchased? Frederick De Freudenberg

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160

What was the cost of land per acre? _____

Where was the first owner born? Schopperman, Bregenz, or Wald Austria

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Same as above

Was this a homestead? _____

Did the first owner farm the land? yes

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

farmer cheesemaker

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? 1954

What are the farm's major crops or products? Live stock

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner ALDONDALE FARMS
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address 5629 Interlachen Circle, Edina, MINN. 55436

Address of farm, if different from above Springfield, Minnesota

Section 32 Township Brookville County Redwood

Number of acres in the farm at present 560 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family Patent to 160 A. 1894 (1)

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

NW 1/4 of Section 32 in TWP 110, Range 34

note: (400 contiguous acres do not qualify for 100 yr. cont.)

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
DANIEL J. SHEFFIELD owner in 1877 or before	from 1874 to 1917	Father
FRANK J. SHEFFIELD next owner	from 1917 to 1962	SON (2)
DONALD H. SHEFFIELD next owner	from 1962 to	CHILDREN OF FRANK
ALDEN D. SHEFFIELD & LENORE SHEFFIELD next owner	from to	J. SHEFFIELD: (1. Donald 2
KRABO next owner	from to date	ALDEN S. LENORE)
	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 ()

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:

M. A. Morrow
(Witness sign here)

Alden D. Sheffield, Glen Pentner
(Signature of present owner)

Date 5/18/77

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Minnesota State Fair
St. Paul, MN 55108

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From whom was the farm purchased? U. S. Govt Patent

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 State

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? St Anthony, 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 after

acquiring farm

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

When was the present home built? About 1900 with additions subsequently

What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, Soy Beans, Cattle

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

What was original home - subsequently taken down - had
1st school - 1st Church Service & 1st dance west
of Sleepy Eye, Minn.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner

(this name will appear on certificate)

Address

RT 1 Box 40 Springfield Minnesota 56087

Address of farm, if different from above

Section

18

Township

Sundown

County

Redwood

Number of acres in the farm at present

320

(3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family

1870

(1)

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

S 1/2 of NE 1/4 - 13-110-36 and SW 1/4 and SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 sec 18 and NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 sec 19 all in 110-35

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME

YEARS OF OWNERSHIP

BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER

from to

owner in 1877 or before

from 1870 to 1924

Patrick & Mary O'Callaghan

next owner

from 1924 to 1930

Mary & Children Wife & Children

next owner

from 1930 to 1958

T.M. Coughlan daughter's son in law

next owner

from 1958 to 1977

W.R. & Dorothy O'Callaghan nephew & wife

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:

(Witness sign here)

(Signature of present owner)

Date

5-17-77

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From whom was the farm purchased? 160 Homestead-40 tree Claim-80 railroad

How many acres were in the original parcel? 360

What was the cost of land per acre? railroad land \$9.00 per acre

Where was the first owner born? Ireland

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

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? 1969

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

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Joe B. Zeug
Name(s) to appear on certificate Joe B. Zeug
Address RFD 1 Box 34, Walnut Grove, Mn. 56180
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 6 Township Johnsonville County Redwood

Number of acres in the farm at present 248 (1)

Date of original purchase by member of your family October 23m 1877 (2) ^{Claim filed}

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
NE 1/4 of Sec. 6, Johnsonville Twp. (Sec. 6 Township 110, Rge. 38 West
of the Fifth Principal Meridian

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>John B. Zeug</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	<u>from 1877 to 1902</u>	<u>Father</u> (3)
next owner	from to	
<u>Joseph J. Zeug</u>	<u>from 1902 to 1926</u>	<u>Son of John B. Zeug - Husband</u>
next owner		
<u>Josephine Zeug</u>	<u>from 1926 to 1939</u>	<u>daughter-in-law of John B. Zeug</u> <u>Wife of Joseph J. Zeug</u> <u>Mother</u>
next owner		
<u>Joe B. Zeug</u>	<u>from 1939 to Present</u>	<u>Grandson of John B. Zeug</u> <u>Son of Joseph and Josephine Zeug</u>
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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Abstract of Title ()	Court file in Registration
Land Patent ()	Proceedings ()
Original Deed ()	Other (please explain <u>Photo-copies of</u>
County Land Record ()	<u>obtained from the National Archives of</u>
	<u>claim</u>

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

Mary A. Zeug
(Witness sign here)

Joe B. Zeug
(Signature of present owner)

Date Aug 24 - 1977

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? United States Government
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 157.31
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$1225
4. Where was the first owner born? Plass. (near Prague)
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? New Ulm
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?
Merchant, Milworker, Musician and Music teacher
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? 1891
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, Soybeans, Wheat, Oats
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Redwood Gazette, Redwood Falls; Walnut Grove Tribune, Walnut Grove.

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

Early statements and information from Joseph J. and Josephine indicate that Grandfather, John B. Zeug came to this farm in 1876. He lived in a dug-out on the farm part of the summer. He returned to New Ulm for the winter and in 1877 he came back to the farm. By Oct. 23, 1877 he built a stable, a house 14 x 14, dug a well and plowed 42 A.s. By April of 1878 he enlarged the house to 20 x 28 and brought his family here.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner Gary Maurice Ahrens
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address Morton, Minnesota 56270

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 11 + 14 Township Brewer Falls County Renville

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

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1870 (1)

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement) SW 1/4 Band N 1/2 of NW 1/4 80

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Henry Ahrens owner in 1877 or before	12-8-1870 from to 1-26-1910	Father (2)
Frank Henry Ahrens next owner	1-26-1910 from to 7-27-54	Father
Maurice John Ahrens next owner	7-27-54 from to 1-8-69	Father
Gary Maurice Ahrens next owner	1-8-69 from to C-2 Date	(Sons and Daughters of Maurice)
et al next owner	from to	
Gary M. Ahrens next owner	1-8-69 from to Present	Son of Maurice
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:

Mary Ahrens Wetmore (Witness sign here)
Gary Ahrens (Signature of present owner)

Date May 21, 1977

Please return to: Century Farms
Minnesota State Fair
St. Paul, MN 55108

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From whom was the farm purchased? Land Grant Act of 1862 - Dakota Indians

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160

What was the cost of land per acre? 50¢

Where was the first owner born? Henry Ahrens, Hanover, Germany - Aug 2, 1835

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? (New York City), (Will County), (Illino.'s), (Cincinnati)

Was this a homestead? Yes - Moved on farm site 1861

Did the first owner farm the land? Yes - Cleared Timber

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? Yes - he owned and helped operate a grain mill; State Senator - 1878-; County Treas.

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? Yes, the original house is standing and is the oldest frame house in the County - 1865

When was the present home built? 1954

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

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

Henry Ahrens - born in Germany in 1835 - was a "draft dodger" - declaring he would not join Germany's army. A blacksmith by trade, he worked in New York City from 1853 - 1855 and then moved to Cincinnati and later to Illinois (Joliet) in 1859. He married Minnie Dobson in 1861 and that year they came to Minnesota and located in Nicollet County. The following Spring, they came to Beaver Falls and were driven out in August of 1862 by the Dakota outbreak. Driving by ox cart to St. Paul, and finally to Chicago and their first home in Will County, Illinois, the family vividly remembered the first trip to Minnesota in that same manner. Henry served as State Senator in 1878 and was Kennebec County's first treasurer in 1868.

Ahrens family history Continued.

Henry was referred to as "Judge Ahrens", being a well-read and self-educated man. Expanding the original 160 acres to include over 1,000, he gave a farm to each of his six children: Fritz, Reikie, Eliza, Henry, Frank, Charles. The original homestead was given Frank and his grandson Gary has purchased two of the farms once owned by the Ahrens brothers. One of the 160 acre plots given Henry, Jr. is still owned by his daughter, Maud Ahrens Smith.

Henry and Minnie endured seven straight years of crop failure due to grasshoppers and it was at this time Henry expanded his interests to include a grain mill in Beaver Falls, ¹⁸⁷³ Minn. Several miles from the farm. But, he returned several years later with his pockets full of milling bills his neighbors could not pay. Minnie was, nevertheless, very enterprising and raised vegetables and speared fish from Beaver Creek to sell in Marton. Henry served as an official judge for the County on many occasions. He died in 1914 and Frank inherited the original home.

The father of nine children, Frank was hard put to save the farm during the depression "bank runs".

His son Maurice supported five children through college while farming the original 160 acre homestead. Maurice's son, Gary, now farms with a brother-in-law Bob Whitmore and together they farm 1,200 acres.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner Leonard Boyum
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address Fairfax, Minnesota 55332

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 35 Township 112 Range 33 County Renville

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

Date of original purchase by member of your family Homestead in 1868 (1)

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

South Half of North East Quarter Sec.35, Twp.112 Range 33

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER (2)
	from	to	
owner in 1877 or before Hans Olson Boium	from	to 1910	Grand father
next owner Ole H. Bouum	May 4 from 1910	to 1936	Father
next owner Thilda O. Boyum & et als	June 1, from 1936	to 1951	Mother
next owner Thilda O. Boyum	June 18, from 1951	to 1960	Mother
next owner Leonard M. and	April 1, from 1960	to present	My self - Leonard Boyum
next owner Harvey S. Boyum	April 1, from 1960	to present	
next owner			

The above evidence of continuous family ownership of this farm since 1877 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)
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 beliefs

Paul A. Duckstad
(Witness sign here)

Leonard M. Boyum
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 17, 1977

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Minnesota State Fair
St. Paul, MN 55108

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From whom was the farm purchased? Homestead

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160

What was the cost of land per acre? _____

Where was the first owner born? Figarland 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? no

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? yes. an old log house built in 1869

(a dog out was lived in the first year) we are still living in it (with some remodeling) old logs can still be seen upstairs

When was the present home built? remodeling old logs can still be seen upstairs

What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, oats, wheat, Cattle, Hogs

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner Lloyd + Corinne Danielson
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address Rt. 2 Fairfax, Minnesota 55332

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 26 Township 113 (Bandon) County 33 Renville

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

Date of original purchase by member of your family December, 1966

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

W 1/2 of NE 1/4 Section 26, Township 113, Range 33

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Lars Olson owner in 1877 or before	from 1876 to 1923	
Christine Olson and others next owner	from 1923 to 1937	wife, children (2)
Oscar Olson and others next owner	from 1937 to 1941	children
Oscar Olson next owner	from 1941 to 1966	son of Lars
Lloyd Danielson and Corrinne Danielson	from 1966 to 1977	nephew
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:

Maria Danielson
(Witness sign here)

Date 6/14/77

Lloyd Danielson
(Signature of present owner)

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From whom was the farm purchased? Oscar Olson

How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 a. Homesteaded

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? in the New Ulm area working on R.R.

Was this a homestead? Yes

Did the first owner farm the land? Yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? Yes, railroad construction, working in harvest fields in Mankato area.

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

When was the present home built? 1915

What are the farm's major crops or products? oats, corn, alfalfa, soybeans, dairy

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

The original house was a one-room log house which the homesteader built before he married. There wasn't a tree in sight, so grass was tied in knots for fuel. Only power available was open for breaking the sod. His first temporary home was a sod cellar on the highest hill on the farm (maybe due to the wet conditions). Steamboats on the Minnesota River brought provisions & supplies. Trapping & hunting was a source of food & income. When he worked on the railroads, his pay was 50 to 75¢ per day. In harvest season, he would walk to Mankato area to work in the harvest fields for \$1 per day, a distance of over 60 miles. Logs for the building were cut by hand & hauled by oxen from the Minn. (over)

river area near Ft. Ridgely.
After a few years of sod breaking, he bought the 80 acres
on the south side of the homestead which is now the
site of the farmstead.

In 1869, Lars Olson took up the homestead &
lived in the sod house. In 1875+1876, grasshoppers
destroyed the entire crop. In 1888, he married after
he had the log cabin built.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner Lyle Vernon Greenslit
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address RR1 Franklin, Minnesota 55333

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 26, 27 Township Birch Cooley County Renville

Number of acres in the farm at present 310 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1869 March (1)

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

NW 1/4 Sec. 26 Twp 113 Rge 34 - 160

NE 1/4 Sec 27 Twp 113 Rge 34 - 160

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Stephen A. Greenslit owner in 1877 or before	from 1869 to 1903	Father
John Fremont Greenslit next owner	from 1903 to 1936	Father (2)
Vernon Lyle Greenslit next owner	from 1936 to 1967	Father
Lyle Vernon Greenslit next owner	from 1967 to	
	from to	
	from to	
	from to	
	from to	

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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:

[Signature]
(Witness sign here)

Date 6-10-77

Lyle Vernon Greenslit
(Signature of present owner)

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From whom was the farm purchased? D S Hall

How many acres were in the original parcel? 320 acres
~~6.25~~ acres

What was the cost of land per acre? 1-28-1833 Washington County, Vermont

Where was the first owner born? Kasson, M

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

Was this a homestead? by D. S. Hall

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? 1900

What are the farm's major crops or products? Wheat, corn, oats, hay, milk, and butter

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner LELA HAWES HUDSON ✓
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address 3821 Jackson St. N.E. Minneapolis, Minnesota 55421

Address of farm, if different from above Stewart, Minnesota 55385

Section 4 Township PRESTON LAKE County RENVILLE

Number of acres in the farm at present 85 (~~80~~ ⁵⁵ acres, dated Dec. 13, 1876)

Date of original purchase by member of your family DEC 13, 1876

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

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24 - 115 31 55

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
GILBERT HAWES owner in 1877 or before	from 1876 to 1924	
GILBERT HAWES next owner	from 1876 to 1924	husband (2)
CLARA HAWES next owner	from 1924 to 1958	daughter
LELA HAWES HUDSON next owner	from 1958 to present	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

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

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

Stuart J. Sundqvist
(Witness sign here)

Lela Hawes Hudson
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6/14/77

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

How many acres were in the original parcel? 80

What was the cost of land per acre? _____

Where was the first owner born? Massachusetts

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

Was this a homestead? yes

Did the first owner farm the land? yes

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

jack

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? not on the farm - sold to neighbors, where

Gilbert Hawes shack is used as a tool shed on Henry

When was the present home built? 1902

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

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

Hawes farm. Residence of Henry Hawes was sold to
Wm Ruel where it is in use as an out door shed

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner

Richard E. Scheffler ✓
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address

Monton Minn - Box 62 - 56270

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section

12

Township

BEAVER FALLS

County

RENVILLE

Number of acres in the farm at present

160 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family

1874 (1)

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

N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ and N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Twp 113 Rge. 35

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
	from	to	
owner in 1877 or before <u>Michael Scheffler</u>	from 1874 to 1884		Father (2)
next owner <u>Julius Scheffler</u>	from 1874 to 1941		Son Father
next owner <u>Emma Scheffler</u>	from 1941 to 1950		Daughter's sister
next owner <u>Henry Scheffler</u>	from 1950 to 1969		Brother Father
next owner <u>Richard E. Scheffler</u>	from 1969 to —		Son
next owner	from	to	
next owner			

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Abstract of Title ☒ (J)

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 Henry Scheffler
(Witness sign here)

Richard E. Scheffler
(Signature of present owner)

Date

6-10-77

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From whom was the farm purchased? Gov.

How many acres were in the original parcel? 80

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? _____

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 - they were burned down

in uprising - next house is still standing -

When was the present home built? Jan 1977

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

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner Mr and Mrs. Ellsworth Buan
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address Route 2 Box 50 Kenyon, Minn 55946

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section _____ Township Wheeling County Rice

Number of acres in the farm at present 240 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1858 (1)

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement) East Half (E 1/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) and the West Half (W 1/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SE 1/4) all in Section thirty-six (36), Township of One Hundred Ten (110) North of Range Nineteen (19) West of the fifth principal meridian.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Peder (P.) Odgaard</u> owner in 1877 or before	from <u>1858</u> to <u>1917</u>	<u>father</u>
<u>Bernhard P. Odgaard</u> next owner	from <u>1917</u> to <u>1965</u>	<u>father in law</u> (2)
<u>Ellsworth Buan</u> next owner	from <u>1965</u> 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 (X)
Land Patent ()
Original Deed ()
County Land Record ()

Court file in Registration

Proceedings () (First Edition in 1862)

Other (please explain) Historical Books by Rice Co. Minn. We asked at Rice Co. Courthouse, but were told they had not been notified of it being continued this year (1977) so they wouldn't look it up. (Century Farmers)

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

Beth G. Sathre
(Witness sign here)

Ellsworth Buan
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 7, 1977

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From whom was the farm purchased? the government - it had been set aside as
land from which school expenses would be taken out of.
How many acres were in the original parcel? 3200. - Eighty were sold to purchase horses
with.

What was the cost of land per acre? _____

Where was the first owner born? Hallingdal Norway in May 7, 1837 came
to America at age 13 years.

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

Was this a homestead? _____

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. The first house was a log house. In 1876

a brick house was built, but burned down in 1945. The barn
burned down in 1932.

When was the present home built? 1945

What are the farm's major crops or products? Dairy, corn, beans, oats and hay.

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner QUENTIN L. KANE
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address R.R. 1 MEDFORD MINN 55049

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 28 Township 109 N County RICE

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

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

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

SE 1/4 of Section 28 IN TOWNSHIP 109 NORTH,
RANGE 19 WEST OF THE FIFTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN,

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
JAMES LALMIN owner in 1877 or before	from 1864 to 1901	
JAIME KANE next owner	from 1901 to 1931	DAUGHTER (2)
LEO V. KANE next owner	from 1931 to 1966	SON
QUENTIN KANE next owner	from 1966 to 1977	SON
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:

Carmen Pipp
(Witness sign here)

Quentin Kane
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6/6/77

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From whom was the farm purchased? JESSE MOYER (PATENT HOLDER)

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160

What was the cost of land per acre? 15.00

Where was the first owner born? IRELAND

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

Was this a homestead? _____

Did the first owner farm the land? NO

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? _____

HOUSE

When was the present home built? 1877?

What are the farm's major crops or products? CORN-GRAIN BEANS

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner Robert L. + Ruth A. Misgen
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address RR # 4 Faribault Mn. 55021

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 15 Township Wells County Rice

Number of acres in the farm at present 175 A. (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family April 24, 1873 (1)

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

N2 NW4 and L1 Ex 13.20 A.
15 110 21

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Peter Misgen</u> owner in 1877 or before	<u>from 1873 to 1900</u>	<u>father</u>
<u>George Misgen</u> next owner	<u>from 1900 to 1946</u>	<u>father</u> (2)
<u>Hugo Misgen</u> next owner	<u>from 1946 to 1967</u>	<u>father</u>
<u>Robert Misgen</u> next owner	<u>from 1967 to 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 (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:

X Hugo Misgen
(Witness sign here)

Robert L. Misgen
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-12-77

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From whom was the farm purchased? Richard Cook

How many acres were in the original parcel? 143 A.

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? Part of home is very old - no one can say if
What are the farm's major crops or products? Grade A. dairy & hogs original.

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

original X

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 in 1877 or
before

next owner

next owner

next owner

next owner

next owner

next owner

from 1861 to 1902

from 1902 to 1946

from 1946 to 1958

from 1958 to PRESENT

from to

from to

from to

OWNER

FATHER

UNCLE

FATHER

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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:

Mrs. Lois Swedin
(Witness sign here)

Robert Alexon
(Signature of present owner)

Date May 26, 1977

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From whom was the farm purchased? UNITED STATES

How many acres were in the original parcel? 90

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 - LOG HOUSE

GRANARY - MACHINE SHED

When was the present home built? 1961

What are the farm's major crops or products? HAY, CORN, OATS

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

ASLAK ASKASON WAS THE NORWEGIAN
SPELLING OF ALEX ALEXSON - SOMEWHERE
ALONG THE LINE THE S GOT DROPPED
FROM ALEXSON TO THE PRESENT SPELLING
OF ALETON

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Edmund W. Bowler
Name(s) to appear on certificate Edmund and Frances Bowler
Address Rt. 1 Box 8 Belle Plaine, Minn. 56011
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 3 and 4 Township Belle Plaine County Scott

Number of acres in the farm at present 92 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1855 (1)

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

NE 1/4 SE 1/4 + that Pt. N of road in W 1/2 SE 1/4
SW 1/4 SW 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Edmund Bowler</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	<u>from 1855 to 1898</u>	<u>father (2)</u>
<u>Charles Bowler</u> next owner	<u>from 1898 to 1956</u>	<u>father</u>
<u>Edmund W. Bowler</u> next owner	<u>from 1956 to 1976</u>	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

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

Frances Bowler
(Witness sign here)

Edmund W. Bowler
(Signature of present owner)

Date August 30, 1976

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? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? unknown
4. Where was the first owner born? England
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? unknown
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?
Butcher
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? 1922
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, hay, small grain, soy beans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Belle Plaine Herald

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

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

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner GERALD P. AND George F. Doheny
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address 4912 Harriet Ave So. Mpls., MN. 55409

Address of farm, if different from above R.R. 1

Henderson, Minn.

Section 1-12 Township Jesse LAND County Sibley

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

Date of original purchase by member of your family JUNE 25, 1857 (1)

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

W 1/2 of SE 1/4 of Sec. 1 and W 1/2 of NE 1/4 of Sec. 12
Twp. 113 Rge. 26

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>thomas Doheny</u> owner in 1877 or before	<u>from 1857 to 1871</u>	<u>FATHER (2)</u>
<u>John C. Doheny</u> next owner	<u>from 1871 to 1907</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
<u>FRANK R. Doheny</u> next owner	<u>from 1907 to 1962</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
<u>George P. Doheny & FRANCIS Doheny</u> next owner	<u>from 1962 to 1971</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
<u>George F. Doheny & GERALD P. Doheny</u> next owner	<u>from 1971 to Present</u>	<u>FATHER</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:

Mary Quinn
(Witness sign here)

Date May 22, 1977

George F. Doheny
(Signature of present owner)

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From whom was the farm purchased? MARY HAYS

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160

What was the cost of land per acre? 400.00

Where was the first owner born? IRELAND

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

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? 1901

What are the farm's major crops or products? CORN & BEANS

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner LAWRENCE FAHEY
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address RR 2 Box 173 BELLE PLAINE 56011

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 22 Township 114 County Sibley

Number of acres in the farm at present 140 (3)

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

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

E 1/2 OF W 1/2 OF NW 1/4
W 1/2 OF W 1/2 OF NW 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP
CAME IN 1855 FIRST RECORD OF PATENT 1861

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>John Fahey</u> owner in 1877 or before	from <u>1861</u> to <u>1904</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	(2)
<u>John M. Fahey</u> next owner	from <u>1904</u> to <u>1908</u>	<u>SON</u>
<u>Thomas W. Fahey</u> next owner	from <u>1908</u> to <u>1950</u>	<u>BROTHER</u>
<u>John C. Fahey</u> next owner	from <u>1950</u> to <u>1976</u>	<u>NEPHEW</u>
<u>Lawrence T. Fahey</u> next owner	from <u>1976</u> to <u>—</u>	<u>SON</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner		

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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:

Gladys Abraham
(Witness sign here)

Lawrence T. Fahey
(Signature of present owner)

Date Jun 13 1977

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St. Paul, MN 55108

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From whom was the farm purchased? U.S. Gov. (HOME STEAD)

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160

What was the cost of land per acre? ? (HOME STEAD)

Where was the first owner born? IRELAND

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

Was this a homestead? YES

Did the first owner farm the land? YES

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

PART TIME ON BOATS IN NEW ORLEANS, TILL
ENOUGH LAND WAS CLEARED TO MAKE FULL TIME FARMING
If the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? NO

When was the present home built? ABOUT 1880

What are the farm's major crops or products? DAIRY, HAY, GRAIN

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner EARL L. FISHER
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address ARLINGTON MINN 55307

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 25 Township DRYDEN County SIBLEY

Number of acres in the farm at present 200 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family APRIL 21, 1877 (1)

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

S 1/2 OF SW 1/4, NE 1/4 OF SW 1/4 AND W 1/2 OF SE 1/4 OF
SEC. 25, TWP. 113, RGE 28.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
FRANK FISHER owner in 1877 or before	from 1877 to 1911	GRAND FATHER (2)
GEORGE FISHER next owner	from 1911 to 1962	FATHER
EARL L. FISHER next owner	from 1962 to 1977	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

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

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

Harlan Fisher
(Witness sign here)

Earl L. Fisher
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 4, 1977

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From whom was the farm purchased? Minn. Valley R. R. Co.

How many acres were in the original parcel? 400

What was the cost of land per acre? \$ 30.00

Where was the first owner born? Germany

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

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~~ yes

When was the present home built? 1917

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

Gottlieb Groehler

from 1874 to 1892

Great Grandfather (2)

owner in 1877 or
before

Otto Groehler

from 1892 to 1950

Grandfather

next owner

Raymond Groehler

from 1950 to 1963

Father

next owner

Delmar Groehler

from 1963 to present

Son

next owner

from to

next owner

from to

next owner

from to

next owner

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Abstract of Title (X)

Land Patent (X)

Original Deed ()

County Land ()

Record ()

Court file in Registration

Proceedings ()

Other (please explain) Naturalization
Papers, Will of Gottlieb Groehler

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

Karen A. Humphrey
(Witness sign here)

Delmar Groehler
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 11, 1977

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From whom was the farm purchased? was Homesteaded

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 acres

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? 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? No

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

When was the present home built? Added Additions made 1913 and some after that

What are the farm's major crops or products? Wheat, corn, soybeans, sm. grain

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

There was a lot of slough and grass, now it is all tilable.

Otto Groehler's had 12 children

Raymond Groehler had 4 children

Delmar Groehler have 4 children

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner Harvey P. Heckmann
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address Hamburg, Minnesota 55339

Address of farm, if different from above no

Section 11 Township Washington Lake County Sibley

Number of acres in the farm at present 180 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family August 28, 1873 (1)

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

NW 1/4 and N 20 acres of SW 1/4 (Abstract) all in section
No. 11 in township No. 114 N. of range No. 26. West of 5th principal
meridian in Sibley Co., Minn.
PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Tillmann Heckmann</u> owner in 1877 or before	from 1877 to	(2)
<u>Tillmann Heckmann</u> next owner	from 1873 to 1908	Father to son
<u>Peter Heckmann</u> next owner	from 1908 to 1953	Father to son
<u>Harvey P. Heckmann</u> next owner	from 1953 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 (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:

Orvela Heckmann
(Witness sign here)

Harvey P. Heckmann
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 13th - 1977

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From whom was the farm purchased? Johan and Marie Trocke

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 / additional 20 acres purchased 1902-60 acres

What was the cost of land per acre? 1st owner \$4.375 / 2nd owner \$18.75 Heckmons

Where was the first owner born? Germany

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

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? Garage - has been remodeled

When was the present home built? 1885 - Barn - 1896

What are the farm's major crops or products? alfalfa - corn - oats (dairy) Grade A milk

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

Brick home built in 1885. Bricks hauled from Chaska by wagon. Remodeled in 1958. Barn built in 1896 addition added in 1976 for 60 cow dairy herd.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner Edward M. McCormick
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address Henderson, Minnesota 56044

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 12 + 13 Township Jessen land County Sibley

Number of acres in the farm at present 149 (3)

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

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement) The Northeast quarter of the Northeast quarter and government lot one of section thirteen The East half of the Southeast quarter of section twelve

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Thomas Doheny owner in 1877 or before	from 1861 to 1892	Father
Mary (Doheny) Drayler next owner	from 1892 to 1914	
Dennis Doheny next owner	from 1892 to 1914	Son
Mary + Annie next owner	from 1914 to 1931	daughters
Margaret next owner	from 1914 to 1931	Mother of Robert
Robert Doheny next owner	from 1931 to 1948	Son
Edward + Alice next owner McCormick	from 1948 to Present	daughter + son-in-law

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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:

Alice McCormick
(Witness sign here)

Edward M. McCormick
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 9, 1977

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

How many acres were in the original parcel? 149

What was the cost of land per acre? unknown

Where was the first owner born? Ireland

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

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? 1913

What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn oats alfalfa soy beans

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

This was the original farm along the Minnesota where the three Osheng brothers (Thomas, Dennis and Walter) landed when they first settled here after coming from Ireland. Thomas settled here and the other two settled close by.

FROM THE OFFICE OF -

Sibley County Register of Deeds

Gaylord, Minn. 55334 - 237-2563

E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Except 3 acres.

U.S. to Thomas	June 1, 1861	Pat.
Thomas to Dennis	Dec. 17, 1892	WD
Dennis to Mary Drexler et al		
<i>daughter</i>	Dec. 12, 1914	Dec.
Margaret to Robert		
<i>Wife of Dennis</i> <i>son</i>	Mar. 6, 1931	QCD
Annie to Robert	Aug. 29, 1936	QCD
<i>daughter</i> Mary Drexler et al to Robert		
	June 23, 1936	QCD
Robert to Ed McCormick + <i>Alice (Doherty) McCormick</i>		
<i>son-in-law</i>	Dec. 14, 1948	WD

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner

(this name will appear on certificate)

Address

Hilder L. Olson, et al
Rt. 2 Gibbon, Minn. 55335

Address of farm, if different from above

Section

30 & 31

Township

Cornish

County

Sibley

Number of acres in the farm at present

151.25 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family

Patent to Peter Lunderborg - Mar. 1876

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

W 1/2 of SW 1/4 of Section 30 and N 1/2 of NW 1/4 of Sec 31 -
Township 112, Range 31

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Peter Lunderborg</u> owner in 1877 or before	from <u>1876</u> to <u>1907</u>	<u>Grandfather</u> (2)
<u>Peter Lunderborg</u> next owner	from <u>1876</u> to <u>1907</u>	<u>Grandfather</u>
<u>Hans J. Olson</u> next owner	from <u>1907</u> to <u>1928</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Minnie Olson</u> next owner	from <u>1928</u> to <u>1961</u>	<u>Mother</u>
<u>Hilder L. Olson, et al</u> next owner	from <u>1961</u> to <u>Present</u>	<u>Son</u>
	from to	
	from to	
	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:

Geodys Abraham
(Witness sign here)

Hilder L. Olson
(Signature of present owner)

Date May 11, 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)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Sibley Co.

SAME FARM

ONE SIGN
2 cent.

Century Farm Owner Doris (Olson) Thornburg, Luella Olson, Gertrude Olson, Victoria (Olson) Anderson
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address Mrs. H. G. Thornburg, Lakefield, Minnesota 56150

Address of farm, if different from above Route 1, Winthrop, Minnesota 55396

Ida Olson Estate

Section 14 Township 112 (Alfsborg) County Sibley

Number of acres in the farm at present 320 Acres (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family Homestead by grandfather prior to 1875 (1)

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

The Southwest Quarter of Section Number 14, in Township Number 112 North, of

Range Number 29 in Sibley County, Minnesota.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Andrew Swanson	from 1874 to 1904	Father (surviving daughters) (2)
owner in 1877 or before Augusta, Emelia, Selma, Amanda, Ida S. and Alice M. Swanson	Apr. 9, Aug. 2, from 1904 to 1904	Sister
next owner Emelia Swanson	from 1904 to 1910	Sister-in-law (husband of Ida S. Swanson)
next owner John Olson	from 1910 to 1916	Husband
next owner Ida S. Olson	from 1916 to 1957	Mother
next owner Luella, Gertrude, Roland Olson & Doris Olson Thornburg	from 1957 to present	
next owner 1/4 int. Roland Olson	from 1957 to 1975	Father (surviving daughter)
next owner 1/4 int. Victoria Ruth Anderson	from 1975 to present.	

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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)

(Signature of present owner)

Date

5/31/77

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From whom was the farm purchased? Patent received from United States Jan. 10, 1874 by President U. S. Grant.

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 Acres

What was the cost of land per acre? Homestead

Where was the first owner born? Sweden (Vestergötlan, Province of Alvsborg Län)

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

Was this a homestead? Yes, the land was occupied by Andrew Swanson (Swenson) and his family prior to the 5 yrs. required under the Homestead Act of 1862.

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 farm grove still stands on Section 14-112-29.

The old machine repair shop is still in existence.

When was the present home built? No exact information, about 1878. See Note.

What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, Soyabeans and Wheat.

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

Note: The NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 15-112-29, adjoining Sec. 14 on the west, was purchased by Andrew Swanson in 1878 for \$400.00.

A grove and farmsite was then started on this acreage and a home built which still stands. It is now occupied by the farm operators, Mr. and Mrs. Craig Anderson. Mrs. Anderson, formerly Victoria Olson, is a great granddaughter of Andrew Swanson.

The S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 15-112-29 was purchased by Andrew Swanson in 1886 for \$700.00.

The entire 320 Acres in Sections 14 & 15 are now operated as one farm, and are owned by 3 granddaughters and 1 great granddaughter of the original owner, Andrew Swanson.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner Victoria(Olson)Anderson, Luella Olson, Gertrude Olson, Doris(Olson)Thornburg
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address Mrs. Craig (Victoria) Anderson, Route 1, Winthrop, Minnesota 55396

Address of farm, if different from above

Section 14 Township 112 (Alfsborg) County Sibley

Number of acres in the farm at present 320 Acres (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family Homestead by Great Grandfather
prior to 1874.

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

The Southwest Quarter of Section Number 14, in Township Number 112 North, of
Range Number 29 West in Sibley County, Minnesota

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Andrew Swanson	from 1874 to 1904	Father (surviving daughters) (2)
owner in 1877 or before August, Emelia, Selma, Amanda, Ida S. and Alice M. Swanson	Apr. 9, from 1904 to Aug. 2, 1904	Sister
next owner Emelia Swanson	from 1904 to 1910	Sister-in-law (husband of Ida S. Swanson)
next owner John Olson	from 1910 to 1916	Husband
next owner Ida S. Olson	from 1916 to 1957	Mother
next owner Luella, Gertrude, Roland Olson & Doris Olson Thornburg	from 1957 to present	
next owner 1/4 int. Roland Olson	from 1957 to 1975	Father (surviving daughter)
next owner 1/4 int. Victoria Ruth Anderson from 1975 to present.		

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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:

Gertrude Olson
(Witness sign here)

Victoria Anderson
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 11, 1977

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From whom was the farm purchased? Patent received from United States Jan. 10, 1874 by President U. S. Grant.

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 Acres

What was the cost of land per acre? Homestead

Where was the first owner born? Sweden (Vestergötlan, Province of Alvsborg Län)

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

Was this a homestead? Yes, the land was occupied by Andrew Swanson (Swenson) and his family prior to the 5 yrs. required under the Homestead Act of 1862.

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 farm grove still stands on Section 14-112-29.

The old machine repair shop is still in existence.

When was the present home built? No exact information, about 1878. See Note.

What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, Soyabeans and Wheat.

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

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CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner

Howard C. Smith & Ella C. Smith

Name(s) to appear on certificate

Address

Address of farm, if different from above

Belle Plaine 56011612-873-6108

Section

27

Township

Taxon

County

Dibley

Number of acres in the farm at present

77.16 (3) (2.84) taken for hwy.

Date of original purchase by member of your family

June 20 - 1929 ①

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

W 1/2 of SE 1/4 ex. 2.8427 - 114 - 25-77.16 taken from tax receipt

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME

DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP

BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER

checked w/ Mrs. Smith by phone:

<u>Stephen Smith</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1866</u> to <u>1904</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Benjamin Smith</u> next owner	from <u>1904</u> to <u>1929</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Howard C. Smith</u> next owner	from <u>1929</u> to <u>Present</u>	<u>put in joint tenancy 1952</u>
next owner	from to	<u>Howard C. & Ella C. Smith</u>
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

Abstract of Title ()
 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:

Lee H. Smith (son)
 (Witness sign here)

Howard C. Smith
Ella C. Smith
 (Signature of present owner)

Date

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? James W. Clark
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$400.00 for 80 acres
4. Where was the first owner born? England
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? England
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?
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? 1929
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn, beans & oats
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Belle Plaine Herald - Belle Plaine, Minn - 56011

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

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

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner Donald E. Wolff
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address Rt. 1 Glencoe, Minn 55336

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 3 Township New Auburn County Sibley

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

Date of original purchase by member of your family Nov. 1970 ¹⁸⁷⁵ ~~contract~~ ⁰ ~~for deed~~

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement) See 3

SE. 1/4 of N.W. 1/4 + NE. 1/4 of SW. 1/4 + parcel of SW. 1/4 of N.W. 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Paul Wolff</u> owner in 1877 or before	from <u>1875</u> to <u>1883</u>	<u>Father son</u> (2)
<u>Louis Wolff</u> next owner	from <u>1883</u> to <u>1910</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>August Wolff</u> next owner	from <u>1910</u> to <u>1947</u>	<u>Father</u> son
<u>Edwin Wolff</u> next owner	from <u>1947</u> to <u>1970</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Donald Wolff</u> next owner	from <u>1970</u> 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:

Mrs. Kenneth C. Piteloff
(Witness sign here)

Donald Wolff
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6/14, 1977

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St. Paul, MN 55108

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From whom was the farm purchased? Freeman

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? Waconia area

Was this a homestead? yes

Did the first owner farm the land? _____

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

clerk of court

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

work shop with tools

When was the present home built? late 1800 or early 1900

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

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

Could possibly get more information.
I forgot I had this on my shelf and saw the deadline so I didn't have much time.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner CARL GEORGE CHRISTEN
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address Route 1 Albany, Min. 56307

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 30 Township Albany County Stearns

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

Date of original purchase by member of your family could not find out date of original purchase, but tax record was from 1869 (1)

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
S2SE4 & Lots 9 & 16 - Sec. 30 - T125 R31

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 Menaker</u>	<u>1869</u>	<u>1897</u>	<u>Father to Mary (2)</u>
next owner <u>Frederick & Mary Christen</u>	from ?	to <u>1897</u>	<u>Father to George R.</u>
next owner <u>George R. Christen</u>	from	to	
next owner <u>Carl Geo. Christen</u>	from <u>1897</u>	to <u>1944</u>	<u>Father to Carl</u>
next owner <u>Carl Geo. Christen</u>	from <u>1944</u>	to <u>present time</u>	
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)	X Other (please explain) <u>From tax records from County Court House</u>
County Land Record ()	

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

Mary Pekarshi
(Witness sign here)

Carl George Christen
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6/3/77

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From whom was the farm purchased? Frank Stahl

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160

What was the cost of land per acre? Less than \$8.00 per acre in 1897

Where was the first owner born? Germany

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? ?

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? 1900

What are the farm's major crops or products? Dairy - alfalfa & corn

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner Elmer L. Faber
(this name will appear on certificate) ✓

Address Watkins Minn. R.R. #2 55389

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 22 Township Luxemburg County Stearns

Number of acres in the farm at present 120 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1866 (1)

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

N 3/4 - NW 1/4 Sec. 22 Luxemburg

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER	
	from	to		
owner in 1877 or before	1866	1907	Mathias Faber	Husband (2)
next owner	1907	1943	Maria Faber	wife
next owner	1943	1956	John Faber	son
next owner	1956	1962	Margaret Faber	wife
next owner	1962	1964 ?	Elmer Faber	son
next owner	from	to		
next owner	from	to		

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

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

Arthur S. Faber
(Witness sign here)

Elmer Faber
(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? _____

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? yes, a small old log cabin,

one room.

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 LEO C. & THELMA P. HOSKINS
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address R#1 KIMBALL MINNESOTA 55353

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 20 Township MAINE PRAIRIE County STEARNS

Number of acres in the farm at present 159 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family Oct. 10, 1947 1865 (1)

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

159.00 A. NE 1/4 LESS E 1 ROD
SEC. 20 T 122 R 29

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Eli Hoskins</u> owner in 1877 or before <u>HIS ESTATE</u> <u>6 CHILDREN</u>	from <u>1865</u> to <u>1917</u>	<u>FATHER</u> (2)
next owner <u>LEO C. HOSKINS</u>	from <u>1917</u> to <u>1947</u>	<u>FATHER, AUNTS, UNCELES</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	

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

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

Eldon L. Capes
(Witness sign here)

Leo C. Hoskins
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 13 - 77

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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? Vermillion County, Illinois 5-30-1837

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Danville, 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? 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? _____

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

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

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Kimball Minn
Century Farm Program, June 8 1977
Minnesota State Fair
St. Paul Minn..
55108

My Grandfather, Eli Hoskins came
to Minnesota in July 1865 and Home-
steaded on this 160 Acres, NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec 20
Twp 122 R 29, Stearns County.

Inclosed is a copy of the Patent
paper issued to him by the President
of the United States on Mar. 20-1873.

My father, David H. was born
here Dec 10-1871. Wilkin a brother
of his was born here Mar 1-1867.

I was born here Feb 23-1905,
I have two sons and one grandson,
so we may be able to keep this
farm in our name for the next
100 years.

Thank you,
Leo C Hoskins
Kimball Minnesota
55353



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Homestead Certificate No. 993.

APPLICATION 1873.

Whereas There has been deposited in the General Land Office of the United States a Certificate of Register of the Land Office at St. Cloud, Minnesota, whereby it appears that, pursuant to the Act of Congress approved 20th May, 1862, "To secure Homesteads to actual Settlers on the Public Domain," and the acts supplemental thereto, the claim of Eli Hoskins has been established and duly consummated, in conformity to law, for North East quarter of Section twenty, in Township one hundred and twenty-two, of Range twenty-nine, in the district of lands subject to sale at St. Cloud, 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:

Now know ye, That there is, therefore, granted by the United States unto the said Eli Hoskins, the tract of Land above described: To have and to hold the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said Eli Hoskins, and to his heirs and assigns forever.

In testimony whereof, I, Ulysses S. Grant, 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 twentieth day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy three, and of the Independence of the United States the ninety-seventh.

BY THE PRESIDENT:

By [Signature], Secretary.

Recorded, Vol. 2, Page 456.

[Signature], Recorder of the General Land Office.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner HERBERT KOETTER
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address RICHMOND MINNESOTA R.R. 2 56368

Address of farm, if different from above SAME

Section 19 & 30 Township T123 R31 MUNSON County STEARNS

Number of acres in the farm at present 168.88 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family 10 NOVEMBER 1864 (1)

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

80.00 A S½ SE¼ SEC 19
88.88 A W½ NE¼ LESS Ry & NE¼ NE¼ NOF Ry SEC 30

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>HERMAN KOETTER</u> owner in 1877 or before	<u>from 1864 to 1912</u>	<u>GREAT-GRANDFATHER (2)</u>
<u>MARY KOETTER</u> next owner	<u>from 1912 to 1919</u>	<u>GREAT-GRANDMOTHER</u>
<u>HENRY KOETTER</u> next owner	<u>from 1919 to 1934</u>	<u>GRAND FATHER</u>
<u>HERMAN KOETTER</u> next owner	<u>from 1934 to 1956</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
<u>CAROLINE KOETTER</u> next owner	<u>from 1956 to 1961</u>	<u>MOTHER</u>
<u>HERBERT KOETTER</u> next owner	<u>from 1961 to</u>	<u>PRESENT OWNER</u>
	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:

Ervin Koetter
(Witness sign here)

Herbert Koetter
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-16-77

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From whom was the farm purchased? WILLARD SPAULDING

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160

What was the cost of land per acre? _____

Where was the first owner born? _____

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

Was this a homestead? _____

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? _____

When was the present home built? 1938

What are the farm's major crops or products? CORN & ALFALFA & OATS

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner Clement A. Meyer
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address St. Joseph RR2. Mn. 56374

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 36 Township Avon County Stearns

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

Date of original purchase by member of your family JAN 12, 1874 (1)

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

SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ T125 RANGE 30
Sec 36

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Joseph Maier owner in 1877 or before	from 1874 to 1878	Son (2)
Anna Maier next owner	from 1878 to 1883	Mother
Joseph Maier next owner	from 1883 to 1889	Son
Sebastian Mayer next owner	from 1889 to 1916	Brother
Bernard T. Meyer next owner	from 1916 to 1953	Son
Clement A. Meyer next owner	from 1953 to 1977	Son
next owner	from to	

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

Gertrude Meyer
(Witness sign here)

Date June 10, 1977

Clement Meyer
(Signature of present owner)

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From whom was the farm purchased? Rupert Seidenbush, later Bishop of St. Cloud, Benedict Naind O.S.B. St. John's Superior

How many acres were in the original parcel? It says, Containing 80 acres

What was the cost of land per acre? \$500.00 was paid which is \$6.25 per acre

Where was the first owner born? In Bavaria Germany

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

Was this a homestead? No. Not where you have to live on it to become owner

Did the first owner farm the land? Very little. It was not yet cleared,

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? Employed at St. John's, maybe in the kitchen & any odd jobs.

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? The very original was about 1/4 mi west, which is owned by Roman Sauerer now. Here is the original stone house, used for Hen House

When was the present home built? This house was built in 1890, It is a log (when new)

What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, Alfalfa for 15 to 20 Holstein Cows.

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

There was a stone house, which had a stone partition. One side served as milk house, the other as smoke house. But it was dangerous when stones came down once. The barn foundation is also of field stones built in 1910. The 1894 cyclone blew down the house on top, also the barn. The family went to the basement including a month old baby. When they came upstairs they saw they had forgotten the 2 yr. old Bernard, who was sleeping in the bed with the chimney bricks around him. Gertrude Meyer, mother of Clem (single)

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Bernard + Delphine Nietfeld
Name(s) to appear on certificate same
Address McPherson, Minn 56352
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 3 Township Spring Hill County Stearns
Number of acres in the farm at present 2.56 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family July 26 1867 (1)

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

West 1/2 of SW 1/4 and NW 1/4 of S. 3 T. 124, R. 33 137.36 ac.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
CONRAD KERKHOF (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1862 to 1883	Father in Law (2)
next owner	from to	
J. HENRY NIETFELD	from 1883 to 1926	Father
next owner		
CONRAD NIETFELD	from 1926 to 1964	Father
next owner		
Bernard Nietfeld	from 1964 to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

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

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

Maudene Nietfeld
(Witness sign here)

Bernard Nietfeld
(Signature of present owner)

Date Aug. 17, 1974

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? WILLIAM WIEBER
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 157.36 ACRES
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$400
4. Where was the first owner born? Dad Know
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Same
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?
Yes before he farmed he was a carpenter
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? NO
10. When was the present home built? 1935
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? CEREAL + FORAGE
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
MELROSE BEACON

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

"KERKHOFF" - "NIETFIELD" HISTORY

Conrad Kerkhoff was born in Lippspringe, Westphalia, Germany on December 13, 1814.

As a young man he traveled by foot through Germany, Austria, Hungary, Ukraine and Poland in search for work. Not finding work to his liking he decided to go to America, arriving at New Orleans, Louisiana. After a short stay at New Orleans he traveled to Mexico from there he went Northward to Cincinnati, Ohio.

At Cincinnati he found employment as a carpenter on a river boat, sailing between Cincinnati and New Orleans.

On a return trip he heard of the cholera epidemic at Cincinnati so he left the boat and went to Wisconsin where he bought a farm at Mazomanie.

At Mazomanie, Wisconsin, Conrad Kerkhoff married Catherine Wanner who was born in Stuttgart, Wurtemberg, Germany on March 1, 1831. To this union were born five children; four daughters and one son.

Not liking to farm in the hills of Wisconsin he decided to look for more level land in Minnesota. In 1866 he went as far West as West Union but he did not like the prairie. He decided to turn back and buy a farm on which there was some woodland so he could have fuel for cooking and heat.

Mr. Joseph Hetzel filed a claim for a homestead on May 30, 1861. On his claim he built a two room log cabin in which he and his family lived for four years. On June 23, 1865 he transferred his homestead rights to William Wieber who held it for two years. Mr. Wieber then sold the homestead rights to Conrad Kerkhoff on July 26, 1867. Mr. Kerkhoff took possession and started to make hay and prepare for the winter.

Mrs. Kerkhoff and her children left Mazomanie by train for Prairie Du Chien; then by riverboat to St. Paul; from there by stage coach to St. Cloud. At St. Cloud they crossed the Mississippi by ferry. Since Mr. Kerkhoff had not received the letter telling him of their arrival, he was not at St. Cloud to meet them.

Fortunately, a Mr. Spanier of St. Martin was at St. Cloud to meet his mother. His mother was not on the stage because she was delayed at Chicago. Mr. Spanier took Mrs. Kerkhoff and her children home with him where they spent the night. The next day, December 10, 1867, they arrived at their new home.

Since Meire Grove was a mission when the Kerkhoffs arrived, Mass was read once a month. When weather was nice, the Kerkhoffs would sometimes go to wherever Mass was read, either in New Munich, Spring Hill, or St. Martin.

When the Kerkhoffs came to Minnesota, the grain was sown by hand, cut with a cradle, gathered and tied into bundles by hand. The bundles were tied with stalks of cut grain. The grain bundles were shocked. When the grain was dry it was stacked till threshing time. Threshing was done with a machine driven by horsepower. Neighbors exchanged help and horses.

A homestead had to be occupied by the claimant for five years, but the right of occupation could not be transferred to the successor. Therefore Mr. Kerkhoff could not apply for his patent deed before July 26, 1872.

Due to the difficulty of transportation, he delayed his journey to St. Cloud until a friend of his told him if he did not apply for his deed, his claim could be jumped by another person.

On December 14, 1874 Mr. Kerkhoff set out by foot to St. Cloud by way of Richmond, then to St. Johns, where he stayed over night at the monastery. Next day, December 15, he walked to St. Cloud. There, at the Government Land Office, he applied and received his deed to his claim. His business finished, he returned to St. Johns where he again spent the night at the monastery with the monks who received him so very cordially. The next day, December 16, he returned to his home.

One afternoon, about the middle of August in 1875, the Rocky Mountain locusts, commonly called grasshoppers, came from the West. First there came a few at a time and always increasing in numbers till it seemed like a dark cloud when they passed the path of the sun. The grain was in the ripening stage and so part of the crop was saved, but the hoppers laid their eggs which hatched in 1876. These hoppers destroyed the entire crop of grain and hay.

Since there would be no harvest people were forced to leave for places where the hoppers had not been.

Mr. Kerkhoff and his daughter Anna took their cattle and horses to the vicinity of Royalton, east of the Mississippi River, where they spent the fall and winter. Here they built a temporary living quarters for themselves and shelters for the cattle. They made hay and while they were here a fire almost destroyed the hay they had made.

In the spring of 1877 the people had no seed grain to sow therefore seed grain was shipped in. This seed had a mixture of other crops and weed seeds.

One was the common wild oats which was unknown to the new settlers. Some gathered this oats which looked so promising for further increase. Thus the wild oats was introduced into this area.

Mr. Kerkhoff was also interested in the civil affairs of the community. He helped organize the township of Spring Hill in 1871 and became the first treasurer of the township.

When Mr. Kerkhoff began to feel the effects of old age and as his strength began to fail he decided to sell his farm and retire. In 1882 he sold his farm to Henry Nietfeld, who later became his son-in-law. In 1883 he retired to the city of Melrose where he died February 13, 1888. In her later years Mrs. Kerkhoff returned to the farm and lived with her daughter Anna Nietfeld, where she died May 12, 1915.

Mr. Kerkhoff's only son, Edward Kerkhoff studied medicine at the University of Minnesota and took a specialized course in eyes, ears, nose and throat at Chicago. Dr. Kerkhoff practised medicine at

at Pierz from 1899 to 1904. Then he went to Richmond where he practiced medicine until stricken by the Spanish influenza. He died at Pierz on November 15, 1918.

Anna Kerkhoff was born at Mazomanie, Wisconsin, August 17, 1858. She came to Meire Grove at the age of 9 years. She married Henry Nietfeld, who was born at Oldenburg, Germany May 13, 1852. They were married at Meire Grove on May 17, 1883. Fr. Meinulf O.S.B. officiated at the ceremony.

To them were born ten children; three sons and seven daughters. Two daughters, Sr. Fernanda (Margaret) and Sr. Theodota (Wilhelmina) joined the Sisters of Notre Dame at Covington, Kentucky.

Henry Nietfeld died on January 20, 1926 and Anna Nietfeld died December 25, 1945.

Of Conrad Kerkhoff descendants, three grandchildren are members of the Meire Grove Parish; namely, John T. Nietfeld, Arnold H. Nietfeld (living on the Kerkhoff homestead), and Mrs. Elizabeth Meyer. Two great grandsons, Sylvester Nietfeld and Aloys Luetmer, are members of the Meire Grove Parish. Two grand daughters and two great grand daughters became nuns. Two great grandsons became priests. One great grandson, son of John T. Nietfeld, became a medical doctor.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner DONALD L + ELIZABETH SCHRAMMEL
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address R1, RICHMOND MN. 56368

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 5 Township WAKEFIELD County STEARNS

Number of acres in the farm at present 170 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family JUL - 22 - 1965 1869 (1)

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement) NW 1/4 NE 1/4, N 1/2 SE 1/4 NW 1/4

+ 38 RDS OF S 1/2 SW 1/4 NE 1/4 S 1/2 T 123 R 30, SE 1/4 SE 1/4 LESS 1.3 AN 40A OF LOT 4 + 5 20A
OF LOT 5 T 124 R 30 SEC 32

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
MICHAEL SCHRAMMEL owner in 1877 or before	SEP. 1 - 1869 JUN 11 from to 1897	GREAT GRAND FATHER
MICHAEL SCHRAMMEL JUNIOR next owner	JUN 11 1897 MAR 12 from to 1937	GRAND FATHER (2)
ANNA MARY SCHRAMMEL next owner	MAR 12 1937 MAR 3 1941 from to	GRAND MOTHER
ROMAN + VERONICA SCHRAMMEL next owner	MAR 3 1941 JUL 22 1965 from to	FATHER + MOTHER
DONALD SCHRAMMEL next owner	JUL 22 1965 AUG 11 1971 from to	SON
DONALD + ELIZABETH next owner	AUG 11 1971 from to PRESENT	SON + WIFE
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:

Jerome M. Schrammel
(Witness sign here)

Donald L + Elizabeth Schrammel
(Signature of present owner)

Date Mar 8 2, 1977

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Minnesota State Fair
St. Paul, MN 55108

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From whom was the farm purchased? UNITED STATES SCHMIDT

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160

What was the cost of land per acre? 11.25 HOMESTEAD

Where was the first owner born? BAVARIA GERMANY

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? BAVARIA 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? NO

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

When was the present home built? 1890

What are the farm's major crops or products? CORN + HOGS

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

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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:

Bertha Rolfe
(Witness sign here)

Raymond Rolfe
(Signature of present owner)

Date

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From whom was the farm purchased? _____

How many acres were in the original parcel? 360

What was the cost of land per acre? None

Where was the first owner born? Jefferson City Missouri

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

Was this a homestead? Yes

Did the first owner farm the land? Yes

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

Hotel for Stage Coach make meals for passengers and feed Oxen

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? 1864

What are the farm's major crops or products? General farming

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

Original house that was Hotel, is still in use
Bounty Land was granted to certain Officers and Soldiers who have
been in Military Service of the United States so this Land was from
the widow of Captain of James W. Howard of Virginia militia
war of 1812 The deed is signed by Abraham Lincoln
one by Andrew Johnson

Mrs. Bertha Rolfs

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner AL. M. SPANIER
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address ST. MARTIN 56376

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 36 Township ST. MARTIN County ST. ARNOLD

Number of acres in the farm at present 360 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family AL. M. SPANIER 1870 ①

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement) 120A LOTS

54-55-56 51.71A, LOTS 13 & 14 & LOT 14 W & SAUK RIVER
SEC 30 54.71A, LOT 4 & 21A, LOTS 5 120A LOTS 30-31-32 & 33

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>DANIEL SPANIER</u> owner in 1877 or before	from <u>1870</u> to <u>1898</u>	<u>GRANDFATHER DANIEL SPANIER</u> ②
next owner	from _____ to _____	
<u>CHRIST SPANIER</u>	from <u>1898</u> to <u>1948</u>	<u>FATHER CHRIST SPANIER</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	
<u>AL. M. SPANIER</u>	from <u>1948</u> to <u>1977</u>	<u>SON AL. M. SPANIER</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:

Julia Spanier
(Witness sign here)

Al M. Spanier
(Signature of present owner)

Date APRIL 24

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Minnesota State Fair
St. Paul, MN 55108

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From whom was the farm purchased? CHRIST SPANIER

How many acres were in the original parcel? 360

What was the cost of land per acre? \$150

Where was the first owner born? HILLERSHEIM GERMANY

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? ST. JOE 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? NO

When was the present home built? 1919

What are the farm's major crops or products? CORN OATS WHEAT

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner HAROLD STORMS
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address R #2 CLEARWATER, MN 55320

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 30 & 31 Township Lynden (LYNDEN) County Stearns (STEARNS)

Number of acres in the farm at present 160

Date of original purchase by member of your family May 9, 1867

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

"The Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter and the Northeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 and NE 1/4 of SE 1/4), in Section Thirty (30) in Township One Hundred Twenty-three (123) Range Twenty-seven (27). ALSO, the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4 of NE 1/4) of Section Thirty-one (31) and the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE 1/4 of SE 1/4) in Section Thirty (30) in Township One Hundred Twenty-three (123) Range Twenty-seven (27)." - - -

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEAR- OWNER
owner in 1877 or before <u>DAVID D. STORMS</u>	from <u>1867</u> to <u>1909</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
next owner <u>FRANK F. STORMS</u>	from <u>1909</u> to <u>1918</u>	<u>FATHER</u> (2)
next owner <u>EARL F. STORMS</u>	from <u>1918</u> to <u>1973</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
next owner <u>HAROLD STORMS</u>	from <u>1973</u> to <u>PRESENT</u>	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	

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

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:

Joann McMullen
(Witness sign here)

Date June 13, 1977

X Harold Storms
(Signature of present owner)

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From whom was the farm purchased? Patent from the U.S. Govt

How many acres were in the original parcel? 20

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? Yes

Did the first owner farm the land? yes

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

Surveyor Great G.A.R. man

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 alfalfa oats soybeans

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner John Anton Walz
Name(s) to appear on certificate John A. Walz & Christine S. Walz
Address Route One, St Joseph
Address of farm, if different from above - 612-363-4330 56374

Section 15-124^{Twp Rg}29 Township St Joseph County Stearns
Number of acres in the farm at present 14 acres original 160 acres
Date of original purchase by member of your family Sept 26, 1938 1862 ①
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

The West half of the NW quarter of Sec. 15 and the last half of the NE quarter of Sec. 16
in Twp. 124 N. of Range 29 W. in the District of Lands Subject To Sale at
St. Cloud, Minn containing 160 acres.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>George Aschenbrenner</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	<u>1862</u> from <u>1-20</u> to <u>1903</u>	<u>George - Father of John Aschenbrenner</u> ②
<u>John Aschenbrenner</u> next owner	<u>11-21</u> from <u>1903</u> to <u>1932</u>	<u>John - Father of Emilia Aschenbrenner</u>
<u>Aschenbrenner Estate</u> next owner	<u>9-26</u> from <u>1932</u> to <u>1938</u>	<u>Emilia Aschenbrenner, one of Estate Members</u>
<u>John A. Walz</u> next owner	from <u>1938</u> to <u>present</u>	<u>John Walz - Son of Emilia Aschenbrenner</u> <u>Walz</u>
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 _____
Recorded Volume 150
Page 182

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

(Witness sign here)

John A. Walz
(Signature of present owner)

Date July 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? an act of congress granted bounty land to certain officers & soldiers engaged in military service of U.S. this land was deposited
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? So we have no cost per acre. Sale here stated on land patent
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Rice Minn
6. Was this a homestead? yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
yes-
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? I don't think so
10. When was the present home built? 1964 - But the old house is still here & in use by our oldest daughter Linda
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn - oats - Hay - Pigs
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
St Joseph Dispatch and St Cloud Times

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

Our son, Leonard J. & his son John have last year taken over the tilling & planting & hog raising operation. He lives on part of our farm but it is not an original part of the land and it will be most likely he will in time acquire the part this is left of the original.

I have the original Land Patent & abstract of title in my possession & in good condition signed by Abraham Lincoln

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner MRS. Elizabeth Bredlow ✓
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address Medford, Minnesota 55049

Address of farm, if different from above SAME

Section 13 Township Deerfield County Steele

Number of acres in the farm at present 80 ③

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1876 ①

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

S 1/2 of South of South 1/4 of Section 13
Township 108 Range 21, Township of Deerfield - County of Steele

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
	from	to	
owner in 1877 or before			②
<u>Christian Bredlow wife</u>	<u>Jan 20, 1876</u>	<u>Feb. 1917</u>	
next owner			<u>after death of Christian Bredlow 1917</u>
<u>Anna Caroline Bredlow wife</u>	<u>from 1917</u>	<u>to Nov. 1935</u>	
next owner			<u>Bought by daughter in law of Anna C. Bredlow</u>
<u>Mrs. Elizabeth Bredlow</u>	<u>Nov 19, 1935</u>	<u>to present</u>	
next owner			<u>still owned by Mrs. Elizabeth Bredlow</u>
	<u>from</u>	<u>to</u>	
next owner			
	<u>from</u>	<u>to</u>	
next owner			
	<u>from</u>	<u>to</u>	
next owner			
	<u>from</u>	<u>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:

Richard Wegner
(Witness sign here)

Mrs. Elizabeth Bredlow by Carl E. Bredlow
(Signature of present owner) (son)

Date 6/2/77

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From whom was the farm purchased? My grandfather C.F. Breckon purchased from ^{from} Steam Pond

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? ?

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? yes. part of the house is original built

about 1860, has been added to & remodeled

When was the present home built?

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

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

Medford Minn.
June 2, 1947

Dear Sir:

I don't know if the question were answered correctly so I will add this note.

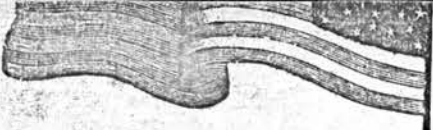
My grandfather Christian Bredlow & wife Anna C. Bredlow purchased the farm from Hilson Pond in Jan. 20, 1876. Grandfather passed away in 1917. It was owned by my grandmother Anna C. Bredlow, until 1935, when it was purchased by my parents. In 1936 my father passed away and is (the farm) still owned by my mother Mrs. Elizabeth Bredlow. My mother is 91 years old, and has her own home on the farm, my wife and one daughter & myself live in the old house part of which is over 100 years old.

I am enclosing a copy of the original deed, which was found among some old records at the courthouse a few years back, it is one of my prized possessions. I hope in some small way be of value to someone else.

I have operated this farm since 1941 my wife (Maxine) & I (Orlo) have one daughter Heidi.

Thank you
Orlo E. Bredlow

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. 16,033 — for 160 — acres, in favor of Eli Demeritt, Private, Captain Katts Company New Hampshire Militia, War 1812.

with evidence that the same has been duly located upon the South West quarter of Section Fifteen, in Township One Hundred and Eight North of Range Twenty one West in the District of Lands formerly subject to sale at Winona now Fairbault, Minnesota, containing One Hundred and Sixty acres,

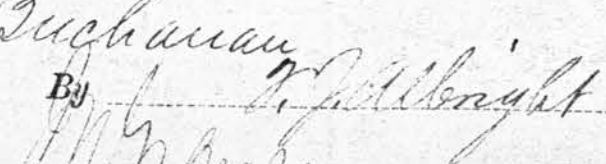
according to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said Land returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the SURVEYOR GENERAL the said warrant having been assigned by the said Eli Demeritt, to Benjamin A. Clemons, in whose favor the said tract has been located,

Now know ye, That there is therefore granted by the UNITED STATES unto the said Benjamin A. Clemons, 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 Benjamin A. Clemons as assignee, as aforesaid, and to his heirs and assigns forever.

In Testimony Whereof, I, James Buchanan —
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 herunto affixed.

GIVEN under my hand, at the CITY OF WASHINGTON, the Sixteenth — day of July — IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD one thousand eight hundred, and fifty eight — and of the INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES the Eighty third —

BY THE PRESIDENT:

James Buchanan
By , Sec'y.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner

(this name will appear on certificate)

Eldon Buscho

Address

Route 3 Box 146 Waseca, Mn. 56093

Address of farm, if different from above

Section

30

Township

Deerfield

County

Steele

Number of acres in the farm at present

233

(3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family

1874

(1)

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

NW 1/4, and N 1/2 of NE 1/4, all in Section 30
Twp, 108 N of Range 21 West

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Julius Buscho owner in 1877 or before	from 1874 to 1906	Father (2)
Edward J. Buscho next owner	from 1906 to 1943	Father
Ralph J. Buscho next owner	from 1943 to 1971	Father
Eldon W. Buscho next owner	from 1971 to —	→ present
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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Abstract of Title ☒

Land Patent ☐

Original Deed ☐

County Land

Record ☐

Court file in Registration

Proceedings ☐

Other (please explain)

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

(Witness sign here)

(Signature of present owner)

Date

5-4-77

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(of Owatonna State Bank)

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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)

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Sylvester Gordon
Name(s) to appear on certificate Sylvester Gordon
Address RR1, Morris, Minnesota 55452
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 5 Township Deerfield County Steele
Number of acres in the farm at present 120 (3)
Date of original purchase by member of your family 1958, 86' (1)
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 40A, NK of SE 1/4
80 A. Township 108 Range - 21 Section 5

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>John Gordon</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1861</u> to <u>1915</u>	<u>(2)</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	
<u>Patrick Gordon</u>	from <u>1915</u> to <u>1958</u>	<u>father</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	
<u>Sylvester Gordon</u>	from <u>1958</u> to <u>present</u>	<u>son</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	

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

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

Ethel Gordon
(Witness sign here)

Sylvester Gordon
(Signature of present owner)

Date Aug 17, 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Patrick Condon
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? home steader
4. Where was the first owner born? John Condon
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Ireland
6. Was this a homestead? yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
no
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? no
10. When was the present home built? 1901
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? beans - corn - ^{hay} - oats
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Faribault Daily News

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

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

not owned by
Hanson since '73

Century Farm Owner Martin Hanson
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address Ellendale, R1, Minn. 56026

Address of farm, if different from above 507

Section 18 Township Lemond County Steele

Also 32.01 acres in Otisco township Waseca County
Number of acres in the farm at present 111.26 acres (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family From Government 1859
160 acres

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

Steele County sec. 18-10621 - 79.25 acres W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ & W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Waseca Co. 33.02 ac of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ex. Pa Cem.
13 106 22 - 32.1 acres

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Martin Hanson</u> owner in 1877 or before	<u>1859</u> from to <u>1887</u>	
next owner	from to	
<u>Karen Hanson</u>	from <u>1887</u> to <u>1912</u>	<u>Wife of Martin Hanson</u>
next owner	from to	
<u>Ludwig Hanson</u>	from <u>1912</u> to <u>1940</u>	<u>Son of Martin Hanson</u>
next owner	from to	
<u>Julie Hanson</u>	from <u>1940</u> to <u>1944</u>	<u>Wife of Ludwig Hanson</u>
next owner	from to	
<u>Harry Hanson</u>	from <u>1944</u> to <u>1968</u>	<u>Son of Ludwig Hanson</u>
next owner	from to	
<u>Mildred Hanson</u>	from <u>1968</u> to <u>1973</u>	<u>Wife of Harry Hanson</u>
next owner		

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

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

Mildred G. Hanson
(Witness sign here)

Date June 10, 1977

I sold the farm with
Contract for deed to
Helmer Jacobson and wife Janet
(Signature of present owner) Sept. 1973

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Minnesota State Fair
St. Paul, MN 55108

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From whom was the farm purchased? From the government in 1859

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 acres + Bought in 1880 from

What was the cost of land per acre? 160 acres for \$200.00 - 32 acres
Aug. 12, 1866 from John C Hunter

Where was the first owner born? Norway

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

Was this a homestead? 160 was homesteaded in 1859

Did the first owner farm the land? yes

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

In 1880 the farm consisted 352 acres

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? The original was a log cabin it was

torn down after a frame house was built in 1872

When was the present home built? 1872 and is still in use in good condition.

What are the farm's major crops or products? milk cows, corn, beans, alfalfa.

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

Martin and wife lived in a covered wagon until they built the log cabin. When Karen (wife) was alone some Indians came and sharpened their knives on their emery wheel which frightened her very much. They left without bothering her. What is now the Pontoppidan Lutheran Church was organized in his cabin as it was the largest in the community. Services were also held there until they built a church a few years later. He was very active in church work. Lots of people who were going farther west to settle would stop there for a while. After they built the frame

house the Post Office was in a small portion of it. At one time there was a school house on a corner of his farm. Martin Hanson's parents lived ~~in~~ Mr. & Mrs. Hans Torgenson lived with him until their death.

Ludwig Hanson run a creamery and Carl Hanson run a store. (sons of Martin Hanson) on this farm. Portions of this farm were sold until now it is 111.26 acres.

Harry Hanson's son Galen Hanson lived on this farm one year. While there their son Michael Hanson was born. The next year Marlin and family of two sons moved on the farm. While there another son was born. This makes six generations lived on this farm. 1 Marlin Hanson. 2 Martin Hanson Father Hans Torgenson. 3 Ludwig Hanson 4 Harry O Hanson. 5 Galen and Marlin Hanson 6 Martin and Galen Hanson's ^{sons} Michael, Leray, Myron and Aron.

Mildred G. Hanson
230-18th St. S. W. Apt. 114
Owatonna,

Minn 55060
Last owner ^{Hanson} of the farm.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner

(this name will appear on certificate)

LOREN H. HOFFMAN

Address

R.R. 3 BOX 312 OWATONNA, MN. 55060

Address of farm, if different from above

Section's

25 + 26

Township

Deerfield

County

Steele

Number of acres in the farm at present

164 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family

May 11, 1866 (1)

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

The southeast quarter of section 25 and the southwest quarter of the north west quarter of the south west quarter of section 25, running thence north 48 rods, thence East 20 rods, thence East 20 rods, thence south 48 rods thence west 20 rods to place of beginning, all in township 108 north, of Range 21 west (excepting from above described land, the Cemetery)

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME

YEARS OF OWNERSHIP

BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT

OWNER

August Hoffman

May 11 1866
from to May 28 1919

Father (2)

owner in 1877 or before

May 28 1919
from to Jan. 24 1958

Father

next owner

Loren Hoffman

Jan 24 1958
from to Present owner

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 (✓)

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:

Benita Hoffman

(Witness sign here)

Loren Hoffman

(Signature of present owner)

Date

6/11/77

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From whom was the farm purchased? Joseph McCutchen

How many acres were in the original parcel? 440

What was the cost of land per acre? 870.00 total cost of 440

Where was the first owner born? Germany

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

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, oats, soy beans, alfalfa - ^{Hops +} Dairy

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

The barn on the farm is 9.5 years old and still in use. It is a grainery also with a hay loft and basement type where the dairy herd still are milked each day.



~~Order~~ - 1 TAKEN Oct

(The 95 year old)
Barn 1976

LOREN HOFFMAN FARM
R#3 Box 312 Owatonna, MN

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Zenobia Williams Jensen ^{family relationship}
Name(s) to appear on certificate Zenobia Williams
Address New Richmond, Box 117C, Minn 56072
Address of farm, if different from above 507- 405-8474

Section 8 Township Berlin County Steel
Number of acres in the farm at present 1603
Date of original purchase by member of your family Minnie Thostenson (Mother)
1876 1945
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
S.E. quarter of Section 8 - Berlin township
Steel County -

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
(owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1876 to 1937	J. D. Johnson - Grandfather
next owner	from 1937 to	↑ wife
next owner	from 1937 to 1945	Andrea Johnson ← Minnie Thostenson (sisters)
next owner	from 1945 to 1957	Minnie Thostenson - Mother
next owner	from 1957 to 1976	Zenobia Williams ← '06
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner		

see attached ?

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Abstract of Title ()	Court file in Registration
Land Patent ()	Proceedings ()
Original Deed ()	Other (please explain)
County Land Record ()	<u>Register of Deeds - (Araban, Minn)</u>

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 Elara Johnson, Hattie age 91

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? _____
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? Toten, Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Worked for Sullivan family West of Ellendale.
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. Log house destroyed, House now in use built in 1900
10. When was the present home built? 1900
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn - beans - wheat
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Quintana Peoples Press

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

Farm known as J. D. Ostrat's farm - Came to America in 1861 - 14 years old - Came with mother and 6 brothers + sisters - father having passed away in Norway. An orphan 14 weeks - hardly anything to eat. Came to Ellendale, New Richland area -

and worked for Sullivan -
west of Ellendale - then came to
this farm. Learned English while
working for Sullivan, how many
years he was there we do not
know. His mother lived with
him on the homestead (See 8 - Berlin township)
till her death in 1902

Changed name to J. D. Johnson in
1884 - but farm deeded -

J. D. Johnson - Jan 28 - 1876

Married Andrew Louie in
1884 - ^(Born in Hadaland, Norway) she came to America at
20 years of age - went to Freeborn
as had an Aunt living there. Came
to work as hired girl for J. D.
Johnson - lived in log house
till 1900 when present home
built -

Mr + Mrs Johnson had 9 living
children - only 1 remaining.

(Born 1847)

J. D. Johnson passed away in 1937
Andrew Johnson (Born in 1861) in 1944.

We believe J. D. Johnson
must have lived + worked
the farm several years before
he deeded it in 1876 - as
he was known as J. D. Donbratien
but no records of a deed under
that name - unless records
were destroyed.

Mr. Johnson was a frail
man lived mostly on
bread - milk and eggs -

Andrea 15 years younger
a large strong woman
she does most of the
work. They celebrated a
50th Wedding anniversary before
his death.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner Loring O. Larson V
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address Route 1 - Owatonna, Minn. 55060

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 9 Township Lemond County Steele

Number of acres in the farm at present 128 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family March 15, 1873 (1)

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement) SE 1/4 of
NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of sec. 9-1062-21

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Lars Larson</u> owner in 1877 or before	from <u>1873</u> to <u>1881</u>	<u>father of Lars (2)</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	<u>son</u>
<u>Lars Larson</u>	from <u>1881</u> to <u>1921</u>	<u>Grandpa to Harry Larson</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	
<u>Juliana Larson</u>	from <u>1921</u> to <u>1925</u>	<u>Father of Harry Larson</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	<u>wife of Lars</u>
<u>Harry Larson</u>	from <u>1925</u> to <u>1961</u>	<u>son of Lars & Juliana</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	<u>wife of Harry</u>
<u>Clara Larson</u>	from <u>1961</u> to <u>1975</u>	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
<u>Loring Larson</u>	from <u>1975</u> to <u>present time</u>	<u>son of Harry</u>
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:

Dora M. Johnson
(Witness sign here)

Loring O. Larson
(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? Charles Mersey & wife

How many acres were in the original parcel? 80

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

Where was the first owner born? Norway

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? (started here)

Was this a homestead? Yes

Did the first owner farm the land? Yes

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

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? Yes - part of house - grainery

When was the present home built? 1881 - (remodeled since)

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

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner

(this name will appear on certificate)

Address Route 4, Box 71 Owatonna MN 55060

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 15, 17, 18 Township Aurora County Steele

Number of acres in the farm at present 240 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family June 6, 1874 (1)

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement) (Other Lands)
and W 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4, NW 1/4 of SE 1/4, SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 and
NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Section 18-106-19

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Frank Pfeifer owner in 1877 or before	from 1874 to 1890	Father
Edward Pfeifer next owner	from 1890 to 1924	Father
Frank J. Pfeifer next owner	from 1924 to 1966	Father
David E. Pfeifer next owner	from 1966 to present	wife - Shirley
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

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

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

Shirley A. Pfeifer
(Witness sign here)

David E. Pfeifer
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6/12/77

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From whom was the farm purchased? Albert T. Cook and Martha A. Cook

How many acres were in the original parcel? About 130

What was the cost of land per acre? \$2550.00 Total

Where was the first owner born? Austria

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Came directly from Austria

Was this a homestead? No to Steele County at the Aurora Station. Spent 1st winter at Vince Pfeifers in Bixby.

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? Had a log cabin which was there but no

original buildings.

When was the present home built? Three rooms were original about 1890.

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

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner ALLAN S. and Lila G. Ring
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address RR #1 Box 249- Medford Minn 55049

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 18 & 19 Township 108 MED FORD County STEELE

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

Date of original purchase by member of your family Sept. 5- 1870 (1)

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement) NORTH HALF
OF NORTH EAST QUARTER OF SEC 19, TOWNSHIP 108 NORTH,
RANGE 20 WEST AND SOUTH HALF OF SOUTH EAST QUARTER
OF SEC 18, TOWNSHIP 108 NORTH RANGE 20 WEST

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Eugene P. Ring</u> owner in 1877 or before	from <u>1870</u> to <u>1906</u>	<u>Grandfather</u> (2)
<u>Fred S. Ring</u> next owner	from <u>1906</u> to <u>1967</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>ALLAN S RING</u> next owner	from <u>1967</u> to <u>—</u>	<u>Myself</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 ()
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:

Lila G. Ring
(Witness sign here)

Allan S. Ring
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6/16/77

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From whom was the farm purchased? Sarah M^g Cory

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 acres

What was the cost of land per acre? _____

Eugene Ring
Where was the first owner born? Industry Maine

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Civil War Veteran

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? Eugene Ring built this home where we still live 1876

When was the present home built? _____

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

John Beyer
owner in 1877 or
before

from 1862 to 1921

OWNER
Grandfather

next owner

from to

(2)

John P Beyer
next owner

from 1921 to 1962

Uncle

next owner

from to

Paul H Beyer
next owner

from 1962 to

next owner

from to

next owner

from to

next owner

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Abstract of Title (X)

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:

James L. Edman
(Witness sign here)

(Signature of present owner)

Date May 31, 1977

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From whom was the farm purchased? General Land Office of the United States

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160

What was the cost of land per acre? Homesteaded

Where was the first owner born? Germany

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

Was this a homestead? yes

Did the first owner farm the land? yes

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

Commissioner when Court House in Benson was built

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? No house at present

What are the farm's major crops or products? small grain

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

5-22-1873

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Wilton H. Christenson
Name(s) to appear on certificate Wilton H. Christenson
Address Murdock, Minn. 56271
Rt #1 Box 175
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 14 & 23 Township Hayes County Swift
Number of acres in the farm at present 200③
Date of original purchase by member of your family May 22, 1873①

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

S $\frac{1}{2}$ - SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 14 and 14 121 37
E $\frac{1}{2}$ - NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and NE $\frac{1}{4}$ - SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 23 121 37

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Christian Christenson (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1873 to	Father to son Carl②
next owner	from to	
Carl Louis Christenson	from to 1960	Father to son Wilton
next owner	from to	
Wilton H. Christenson	from 1960 to 76	Father now present owner
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:

Wm. Wernberg
(Witness sign here)

Wilton H. Christenson
(Signature of present owner)

Date Aug 25 - 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Homesteaded - Act of 18 ^{Homestead}
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? do not know
4. Where was the first owner born? Telemark, Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Norway
6. Was this a homestead? yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
no
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use?
no
10. When was the present home built? 1/2 of home - 1917 remodeled + addition in 1938
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? grain - wheat, corn, beans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Swift County Monitor and News - Benson

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

In our Swift County records it shows September 1878 but in Washington it has ~~Sept~~ ^{May} 22 - 1873 and this date also shows up in a 1949 book compiled for Swift County gathered from Washington by some Army personal historian for another centennial record.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner Russell G. Hanson
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address Benson, Minnesota 56215

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 9-10-22-23-27 Township Six Mile Grove County Swift

Number of acres in the farm at present 525 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1870 (1)

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement) SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ & S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sect. 22, & SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ & NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, & Part of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ & Part of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sect. 27, & SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sect. 23 & NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sect. 9, & SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 10, all in Six Mile Grove Township, 121 N, Range 40 W, Swift County, Minnesota.
PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
	from to	
owner in 1877 or before Erick Hanson	from 1870 to 1882	Father (2)
next owner Betsey Hanson	from 1882 to 1940	Mother
next owner Robert G. & Henry B. Hanson	from 1940 to 1941	Brother
next owner Robert G. Hanson	from 1941 to 1957	Father
next owner Russell G. Hanson	from 1957 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:

[Signature]
(Witness sign here)

[Signature]
(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? (Patent)
U. S. Grant - President of U.S.A.

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160

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? No

When was the present home built? 1900

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

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)



SWIFT COUNTY BANK

Oldest and Largest Bank in Swift County



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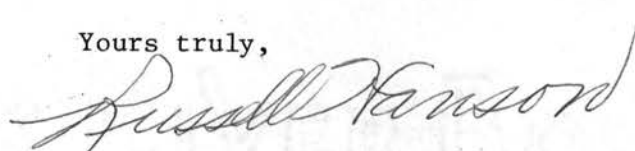
Century Farms
Minnesota State Fair
St. Paul, MN 55108

Gentlemen:

I am pleased to enclose herewith a form you mailed to me regarding our family farm which has been in our family since 1870.

If there is any more information you need, please contact me at any time.

Yours truly,



Chm. & Executive Vice President

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MEMBER FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner MORINE G. HOLLEN

Name(s) to appear on certificate MORINE

Address Rte # 1, SUNBURG, MINN 56289

Address of farm, if different from above _____

NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW $\frac{1}{4}$)

Section 13 Township 122 County SWIFT

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

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

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
NORTHWEST QUARTER (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) Section 13, Township 122, Range 37

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Christopher Hollen (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 12-11-1875 to 2-18-1908	son
G. E. Hollen next owner	from 2-18-1908 to	12-6-1920 son
Olaf Hollen next owner	from 2-6-1920 to	12-6-1922 brother
Ruben Hollen next owner	from 12-6-1922 to	9-11-1970 son
Morine G. Hollen next owner	from 9-11-1970 to	Present Time
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:

George L. Engh
(Witness sign here)

Morine G. Hollen
(Signature of present owner)

Date August 6 1976

See reverse side for additional information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

1. From whom was the farm purchased? Bhathe and Sisters
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 180
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$5.00
4. Where was the first owner born? Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Came direct from Norway to this community
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?
none
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? none
10. When was the present home built? 1916 fine modernized
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Small grain and corn
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Kerkhoven Banner Kerkhoven Minnesota

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner WENNERBERG BRO'S

Name(s) to appear on certificate FRED, SAM, JULIUS and WILLIAM

Address ZERKHOVEN, MINN. 56252

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 22 Township HAYES County SWIFT

Number of acres in the farm at present 396 (3)

Date of original purchase by member of your family APRIL 1876 and NOV 1876 ①

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

Sec 22 - 121-37 - Sec 25-121-37-SW 1/4
NW 1/4 Sec 21-121-37-E 1/2-N 1/4 and Sec 21-121-37
E 1/2-NW 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
CARL WENNERBERG (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1876 to 1898	FATHER ②
CARL A. WENNERBERG next owner	from 1898 to 1960	FATHER
WENNERBERG BRO'S next owner	from 1960 to	
FRED, SAM, JULIUS next owner	from to	
and WILLIAM 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 Proceedings ()
Land Patent ☒
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:

Wallace E. Anderson
(Witness sign here)

Wennerberg Bros
(Signature of present owner)
By H. O. H.

Date Aug 19 1976

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? USA. and RAILROAD
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80A HOMESTEAD and 80A BOUGHT
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$7.00
4. Where was the first owner born? Sweden
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? DULUTH
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? 1893
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? CORN, Soybeans, wheat, FLAX, CATS
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
SWIFT COUNTY MONITOR or KERKHOVEN BANNER
Benson Minn Kerkhoven MINN

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