



Century Farm Applications

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CHAMPINE

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Geo. L Lloyd Champine
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

Ceylon Minn.

56121

PHONE NUMBER

(507)

632-4380

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

32

TOWNSHIP

Lake Belt

COUNTY

Martin

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

160 ①

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

June 15, 1877 ②

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

NE 1/4 Sec 32

Township 101 Range 32

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner		
<u>Charles L. Champine</u>	FROM 1877 TO 1896	<u>Father</u>
next owner		
<u>George W. Champine</u>	FROM 1896 TO 1938	<u>Father</u>
next owner		
<u>Geo. L Lloyd Champine</u>	FROM 1938 TO present	
next owner		
	FROM TO	
next owner		
	FROM TO	

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Abstract of Title ☒

Court file in Registration Proceedings ()

Land Patent ☒

County Land Record ()

Original Deed ()

OTHER

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

G. Lloyd Champine

(signature of present owner)

DATE

6-26-78

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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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 FAMILY OWNER BORN? Canada

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Plainview, Minn

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? no

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

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? 1962

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn soybeans

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

The farm ~~it~~ was moved on to in May 1869, but the land patent was dated in 1877. They had seven children at the time and lived in a wagon box turned upside down until a sod shanty could be built. Lumber for the first house was hauled from Markato with an ox team.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Kevin J. Sullivan
Name(s) to appear on certificate Kevin J. Sullivan
Address Blue Earth, Minnesota RR #1 Box 187
56013
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section -24- Township 102 County Martin
Number of acres in the farm at present 160 (1)
Date of original purchase by member of your family October 10-1878 (2)
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
North One-half (N $\frac{1}{2}$) of South-East Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$), Section 24, Township
102, Range 29, Martin County, Minnesota.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Mary A. Davis (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1877 to 1878	(3)
John Sullivan, Sr. next owner	from 1878 to 1895	Father
John Sullivan, Jr. next owner	from 1895 to 1944	Father
Kevin J. Sullivan & next owner	from 1944 to 1975	
Beatrice Sullivan next owner S	from to	Sister
Kevin J. Sullivan next owner	from 1975 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.

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

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

Julius D. Walch (Witness sign here) Kevin J. Sullivan (Signature of present owner)

Date June 5-1978

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Mary A. Davis
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80
3. What was the cost of land per acre? unknown
4. Where was the first owner born? unknown
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? unknown
6. Was this a homestead? No
7. Did the first owner farm the land? _____
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
unknown
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? No
10. When was the present home built? 1890
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn and soybeans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Sentinel - Fairmont, Mn.

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

JOHN SULLIVAN, SR.

Took as his homestead and lived on the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 24,
Township 102- 29 - Martin County, Mn.

In October 1878 - he purchased the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ - Section 24,
Township 102-29- Martin County, Mn.

AND

On July 7-1884 - he purchased the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 24-
Township 102-29- Martin County, Mn.

AND

On March 20-1895- John Sullivan, Sr., executed a Warranty
Deed to John Sullivan, Jr., to the
SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 24, 102- 29, Martin
County, Mn.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Reita C. Wolf
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS 106 S. 6th Ave. E., Truman Minn. 56088
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 776-5081
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Winnebago, Minn. 56098

SECTION 14 TOWNSHIP Nashville COUNTY Martin

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 200 ①

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1870 ②

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
160 a N.W. 1/4 14 104.29

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	1870-1889	
<u>Wm Schofield</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
next owner	1889-1916	
<u>JAMES M. Schofield</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
next owner	1916-1961	
<u>DONALD H. Schofield</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
next owner	1961-	
<u>Reita C. Wolf</u>	<u>16</u>	
next owner		

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

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Reita C. Wolf
(signature of present owner)

DATE May 14, 1978

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? It was homesteaded

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? _____

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? England

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Missouri

DID HE FARM THE LAND? YES

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? No

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? YES

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? 1894

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? CORN + BEANS

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

The farm was homesteaded in 1862 but was not recorded as receiving title until 1870. It is now being farmed and tenanted by my daughter and son-in-law Lynda & Duane Meyer.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Mrs. Jan H. (Vera Schuft) Bents

~~Mrs Jan H. (Vera) Bents~~

(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS R 1 STEWART MINNESOTA 55385
CITY STATE ZIP CODE
PHONE NUMBER (612) 562 2274
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 28 TOWNSHIP 114 COUNTY McLeod

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160 ①

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY November 30, 1877 ②

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

N/E 1/4 of Sec. 28 Twp 114 Range 30

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	Nov. 30, 1877 to	
Frederick Schuft, Jr	Nov. 25, 1913	Father
next owner	Nov. 25, 1913 to	Father
Henry Schuft	July 25, 1942	
next owner	July 25, 1942 to	Father
Henry Schuft Estate	Mar. 21, 1959	
next owner	Mar. 21, 1959 to	
Mrs. J. H. Bents (Vera Schuft)	Present	
next owner		

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

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Mrs. Jan H. (Vera) Bents
(signature of present owner)

DATE

April, 15, 1978

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ST. PAUL MN 55108

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Commissioners Certificate # 652

November 30, 1877

FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Olen P. Whitcomb. Comm. State Land Office

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? _____

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Penn Twp. McLeod Co. Minnesota

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? _____

Butcher

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? No

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL
STANDING OR IN USE? Granary

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1967

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn, Soybeans

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

ERNIE + HELEN BULLERT

(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

R2

GLENCOE

MINN.

55334

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(612)

864-3096

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SAME

SECTION

29

TOWNSHIP

HELEN

COUNTY

MCLEOD

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

100

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

12-28-76 and 11-9-1877

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

60 acres West half of the SE quarter of Sec 29 except the West 20 acres 12-28-1876
40 acres SE quarter of the SE quarter of Sec 29 11-9-1877

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>HENRY JENSEN</u>	<u>21 years to 1877</u> <u>1-7-1898</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner <u>LOUIE JENSEN</u>	<u>28 years to 1898</u> <u>2-24-1926</u>	<u>Father + Father in law</u>
next owner <u>ADOLPH BULLERT</u> <u>ELSIE (JENSEN) BULLERT</u>	<u>39 years to 1898</u> <u>3-10-1965</u>	<u>Father + Mother</u>
next owner <u>ERNIE BULLERT</u> <u>HELEN BULLERT</u>	<u>1965</u> <u>Present owners</u>	
next owner		

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County Land Record ☐

Original Deed ☐

OTHER

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Ernie Bullert

(signature of present owner)

DATE

4-20-78

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? St. Paul and Sioux City Railroad Co.

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 120 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? Henry Jensen sold to Louies Jensen 12000.00 for 120 acres

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany - Mecklenburg

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Germany

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? No

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? I believe so.

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? 1921

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Dairy

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Henry Jensen also written as Heinrich Jenzew in Germany was born 10-18-1835 in Mecklenburg Germany. He and his wife and children including Louies Jensen migrated here in 1869 when Louies was 1 yr. old born 3-30-1868.

I do not know where they lived from 1869 to 1876. In 1920 Louies Jensen purchased another 80 acres and then owning 200 acres sold half to his son Louis Jr. and the other half to his daughter Elsie and son in law Adolph Bullert. The 100 acres I and my wife purchased from my mother and father and this is all land that was in the original farm. Louis Jr. received 20 of the original acres plus the 80 purchased in 1920. He is deceased and that land is no longer in the family.

COUNTY OF McLEOD

GLENCOE, MINNESOTA 55336

**LAWRENCE FIECKE**

1st District
Phone (612) 485-2171
RFD 1, Winsted 55395

MILO WACKER

3rd District
Phone (612) 328-4088
Rt. 2, Brownston 55312

ERNIE BULLERT, Chairman

2nd District
Phone (612) 864-3096
Rt. 2, Glencoe 55336

HOWARD CHRISTENSEN

4th District
Phone (612) 879-4789
Rt. 1, Hutchinson 55350

CLIFFORD L. POPP, Vice Chairman

5th District
Phone (612) 896-2252
525 2nd Ave. S.W., Hutchinson 55350

we have 2 sons and a daughter but I do not know if any one will continue to own the farm as they are all employed elsewhere. I am the Chairman of the McLeod Co. Board of Commissioners.

*Sincerely yours
Ernie Bullert*

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Elmer A. Graupmann
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Plato Minnesota 55370
CITY STATE ZIP CODE
PHONE NUMBER (612) 238-2414
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____

SECTION 14 TOWNSHIP Helen COUNTY McLeod

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 117 ①

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 6/6/1878 ②

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) _____

E 1/2 SE 1/4 Ex Cemetary & NW 1/4 SE 1/4 Ex 1 Ac & Ex 60 x 363'

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	<u>1878 - 1882</u>	
<u>Christian & Adolf Graupmann</u>	<u>4 years</u>	<u>Brothers</u>
next owner	<u>1882 - 1929</u>	
<u>Adolf (Adolph) Graupmann</u>	<u>47 years</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner	<u>1929 - 1942</u>	
<u>August Graupmann</u>	<u>13 years</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner	<u>1942 - 1972</u>	
<u>Harold Graupmann</u>	<u>30 Years</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner	<u>1972 -</u>	
<u>Elmer A. Graupmann</u>		

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

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Elmer A. Graupmann
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 15, 1978

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CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Otto New & wife Dortha

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$27.50

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Thelkow, Mecklenburg, Germany

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? LeSueur, Minnesota

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes; he cleared it too

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? No

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? 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? about 1894

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? corn; oats; dairy

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

We are in the process of building a new house right now.
It is about 6 feet west of the present house.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Irving B. Korista
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Silver Lake Minn 55381
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (612) 327-2106
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 27 TOWNSHIP 117 COUNTY McLeod

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 80 ①

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY June 18, 1878 ②

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) East one half of southeast quarter section 27 township 117 range 28.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	1878 - 1945	
<u>James Korista</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>father</u>
next owner	1945 - 1978	
<u>Irving B. Korista</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>father</u>
next owner		
<u>Roger W. Korista</u>	<u>contract for deed start 1976</u>	
next owner		
next owner		

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

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Irving B. Korista
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 30 - 78

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CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Frank Korista

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$10.00

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Czechoslovakia came to U.S. at 9 yrs of age

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? about 1 mile South

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? no

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? log Kitchen now brooder house, granary

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1956

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? corn, alfalfa, milk

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

about 1/2 acre cleared land on hill by Indians at time of purchase
rest heavy timber & brush

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER GEORGE E. PISHNEY "Green Hills Stock Farm"
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Silver Lake Mn. 55381
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (612) 327-2108
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____

SECTION 26 TOWNSHIP 117 COUNTY McLeod

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160 ①

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 7-7-1876 ②

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) _____
SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 26, Twp. 117, North of Range 28 W. - McLeod County, Mn.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Anthony Jerebek</u>	six <u>1876-1882</u>	cousin
next owner <u>Joseph Dvorak</u>	ten <u>1882-1892</u>	father
next owner <u>Joseph Pishny</u>	forty <u>1892-1932</u>	father
next owner <u>George Pishney</u>	1932- 46 years to present time (1978)	
next owner		

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

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George Pishney
(signature of present owner)

DATE April 10, 1978

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CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? see below

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? see below

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? 80 acres appears to have been purchased for \$850.00.

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Czechoslovakia, Europe

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? don't know except that it was probably Silver Lake, Mn.

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes, it was mostly woods and it had to be cleared

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? Joseph Dvorak was a Blacksmith and had a shop on the farm.

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? no

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? The barn was built in the 1800s and is still standing. it was remodeled from time to time, but still has the original stone foundation.

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1910

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? corn, wheat, beans, alfalfa, oats

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

The quarter section comprising the farm now was originally acquired by Daniel Randall in September 1, 1869 and subsequently divided into an 80, 40 and 40, and then again put together in one farm by George Pishney in 1971. Oliver Randall (probably a son of Daniel Randall) deeded the land (an 80 acre piece) to Anthony Jerabek and it has been in our family since that time, 7-7-76.

For some strange reason the Abstract shows a mortgage Deed given by Anthony Jerabek on Nov. 27, 1876 on which my grandfather, Joseph Dvorak, joined in signing. On March 10, 1879 there was a mortgage foreclosure sale and grandfather Joseph Dvorak was the purchaser at sheriff's sale. This has to do with the 80 acres.

Grandfather Joseph Dvorak then acquired another 40 acres on 12-9-82.

I, George Pishney, then acquired another 40 acres (completing the $\frac{1}{4}$ section) on 1-25-71.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Clifford H. Reinitz
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

Hamburg

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

minn.

55339

PHONE NUMBER

(612)
area code

238-2405

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

25

TOWNSHIP

Helen

COUNTY

McLeod

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

80 ①

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

~~Aug. 20 - 1875~~ July 9 - 1873 ②

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

THE SOUTH HALF OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF - SECTION 25 IN TOWNSHIP 115 NORTH OF RANGE 27 WEST

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	1873 - 1915	
<u>C. HENRY REINITZ</u>	<u>42 YEARS</u>	
next owner	1915 - 1966	
<u>HERMAN D. REINITZ</u>	<u>51 YEARS</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
next owner	1966 -	
<u>CLIFFORD H. REINITZ</u>	<u>12 YEARS</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
next owner		
next owner		

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Abstract of Title ☒

Court file in Registration Proceedings ()

Land Patent ()

County Land Record ()

Original Deed ()

OTHER

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Clifford H. Reinitz
(signature of present owner)

DATE

June 19, 1978

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CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Christian Bigler

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? _____

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? _____

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? _____

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? _____

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? 62 years

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn - ~~and~~ small grain
soybeans

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Verna M. Tewes
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

^{R3}
Hutchinson Minn 55350

PHONE NUMBER

(612) 879-3469
area code

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

16

TOWNSHIP

Acoma

COUNTY

McLeod

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

108.5 ①

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

Oct. 14, 1868 ②

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

Lot 5 SE 1/4 NW 1/4
Lot 4 ex 21.5 AC.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner		
<u>Henry Baldt</u>	FROM <u>1868</u> TO <u>1903</u>	<u>Father</u> Karl
next owner		
<u>Karl Baldt</u>	FROM <u>1903</u> TO <u>1938</u>	<u>Father to Verna</u> <u>Baldt Tewes</u>
next owner		
<u>Walter & Verna Tewes</u>	FROM <u>1938</u> TO <u>1978</u>	
next owner		
	FROM TO	
next owner		
	FROM TO	

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Verna M. Tewes
(signature of present owner)

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June 13, 1978

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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 FAMILY OWNER BORN? _____

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? _____

DID HE FARM THE LAND? _____

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? _____

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? _____

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? _____

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Gerald Wendlandt
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

Brownston

CITY

Minn

STATE

55312

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(612) 328-5757
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

33

TOWNSHIP

Penn

COUNTY

MacLeod

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

160 ①

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1862 ②

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

The Southeast quarter of Section 33 in Township
114 North of range 29 West of the 5th P.M.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner		
<u>William Wendlandt</u>	<u>1862-1879</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner		
<u>Heinrich Wendlandt</u>	<u>1879-1952</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner		
<u>Christ Wendlandt</u>	<u>1952-1972</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner		
<u>Gerald Wendlandt</u>	<u>1972 - ?</u>	
next owner		

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Gerald Wendlandt
(signature of present owner)

DATE

May 22-1978

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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 FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Wisconsin

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? no

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

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? 1902 ?

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn oats alfalfa beans

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Carl G. Kruger
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Route 1, Litchfield, Minnesota 55355

PHONE NUMBER (612) 693-8497 CITY Litchfield STATE Minnesota ZIP CODE 55355
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE none

SECTION 13 TOWNSHIP Greenleaf COUNTY Meeker

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT about 145 acres ①

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1862 ②

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
So $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW 18-118-30 I believe Ellsworth Twsp
So $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE 13-118-31 Greenleaf Twsp

send cert. to add on back
plaque to farm

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner		
Pat Kelly (Patent)	FROM TO	
next owner		
William D. Kruger	FROM 1862 TO 1880	My great grandfather
next owner		
Henry Lewis Kruger	FROM 1880 TO 1953	My Grandpa
next owner		
Carl G. Kruger	FROM 1953 TO 1978	my father
next owner		
	FROM TO	

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

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Carl G. Kruger
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 1, 1978.

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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Part of the land was patented by Pat Kelly
FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? who sold it to Wm. D. Kruger 1873

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 192

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? ? \$1.25 per acre

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Came to America in with 2 children
first lived in Kane Co., Illinois

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Kane County, Dundee, Illinois

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? no

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes Jan. 20, 1862

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL
STANDING OR IN USE? yes, Carl and Clarence Kruger live in the place.

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? _____

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? soy beans, hay, corn, oats

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

I am working on a family tree and this is the information I have received, my father, Carl G. Kruger, is now a resident in the Cosmos Nursing Home for the present time, but my brother, Clarence, still lives in the home and farms the land, so there have been only 3 Kruger owners of this land.

Would you please send me the "Century Farm Certificate" as I would like to have copies made and one for my Family Tree booklet and copies for my brothers and sister. Then I will send it on to my Dad. Thank you,

my address; Eleanor Kruger Beckstrand
10358 E. Boise
Apache Junction, Az. 85220

If you need any other information, please advise.

They use to have church in the home residence and a small cemetery was located between the two driveways, with 9 graves on it and later on these were transferred to Ripley Cemetery, Litchfield, Minn.
Would you like a copy of my family story???

In the massacre
on September 23,
11 p.m. 20 Indians
under the leadership
of Capt. Harrington
went through the town
of Cedar City, which
is between Hutchinson
and Greenleaf.

Pioneer Resident Passes Away At 98

Henry Lewis Kruger, pioneer
resident of Meeker County, pass-
ed away at the age of 98 in the
Meeker County Memorial Hos-
pital Wednesday evening. He had
entered the hospital April 20, and
was recovering satisfactorily from
surgery to correct an old ailment.
He suffered a fatal stroke and
other complications caused from
his old age and passed away.

Henry Lewis Kruger was born

KRUGER

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These are some of the events he
could recall when talked to a

*Died - 6-24-53
buried 6-27-1953*



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PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

DAVID R. BLUNT

(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

LITCHFIELD

MINN.

55355

PHONE NUMBER

(612) 693-3010
CITY
area code

STATE

ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

25

TOWNSHIP

HARVEY

COUNTY

MEEKER

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

420 ①

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

SEPT. 15, 1864 ②

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

N 1/2 SEC. 25 120 31 318.50 PARCEL NO. M161
SCHOOL DIST NO. 465A

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>DAVID RALSTON</u>	<u>SEPT. 15 DEC. 16</u> FROM 1864 TO 1867	<u>BROTHER</u> ③
next owner <u>JOHN RALSTON</u>	<u>DEC. 16 JUNE 9</u> FROM 1867 TO 1911	<u>FATHER IN LAW</u>
next owner <u>DAVID A. BLUNT</u>	<u>JUNE 9 MAY 24</u> FROM 1911 TO 1927	<u>HUSBAND</u>
next owner <u>JANE BLUNT</u>	<u>MAY 24 JUNE 18</u> FROM 1927 TO 1952	<u>MOTHER</u>
next owner <u>REUBEN BLUNT</u>	<u>JUNE 18 APR 29</u> FROM 1952 TO 1974	<u>FATHER</u>

DAVID R. BLUNT — 1974 —

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Land Patent ()

County Land Record (X)

Original Deed (X)

OTHER

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David R. Blunt
(signature of present owner)

DATE May 30, 1978

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ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? THOMAS ANDERSON ^{DETAILS UNKNOWN}

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160 & ANOTHER 160 ^{PURCHASED SOON AFTER}

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? 3.00

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? CANADA

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? NEW YORK

DID HE FARM THE LAND? YES

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? STONE MASON
WORKED WINTER MONTHS IN ST. PAUL FIRST FEW YEARS

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? SOLDIERS GRANT WAR OF 1812

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? YES, STANDING BUT NOT IN USE

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1955

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? LIVESTOCK, CORN, BEANS
OATS, ALFALFA

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

MANY OF THE DETAILS OF THE
LIVES OF MY GREAT GRAND PARENTS
HAVE NEVER BEEN KNOWN TO ME

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Frederic Pearson
Doris Pearson Anderson and David Pearson
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS 5811 Irving Ave. So. Minneapolis, Minn 55419
CITY STATE ZIP CODE
PHONE NUMBER (612) 926-8527
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Route 2 Dassel, Minnesota

SECTION 33 TOWNSHIP Kingston COUNTY Meeker

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 120 acres ①

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY October 1898 ②

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) Parcel no. N.387
N 1/2 NW 1/4 33 120 29 80

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	<u>Oct. 24</u>	
<u>Sven August Timberg</u>	FROM 1878 TO 1918	<u>Father and Father-in-law</u>
next owner		
<u>Helma Pearson and Carl G. Pearson</u>	FROM 1918 TO 1963	<u>Father and grandfather</u>
next owner		
<u>Helma Pearson,</u>	FROM 1957 TO 1971	<u>life estate - mother + grandmother</u>
next owner		
<u>Doris P. Anderson</u> <u>Frederic Pearson David Pearson</u>	FROM 1963 TO 1978	
next owner		
	FROM TO	

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Doris P. Anderson
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 27, 1978

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Joseph Thomas

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$10 an acre \$800

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Sweden

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Rural Minnesota

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? no

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? no

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? main part of house and granary

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? _____

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn and soybeans and alfalfa

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER JOSEPH A. KLEIN
(this name will appear on certificate)
ADDRESS ROUTE 1 BOWLUS MINN 56314
CITY STATE ZIP CODE
PHONE NUMBER (NONE)
area code
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE SAME
SECTION 20 TOWNSHIP TWO RIVER COUNTY MORRISON
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 120 ①
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY SEPT-1-1869 ②
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) 20-127-29 N 1/2 OF SW 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>UNITED - STATES</u> <u>MATAIAS KLEIN</u> PATENT DATED <u>SEPT-1-1869</u> 1869-1905		<u>HUSBAND</u> ③
next owner <u>EVA KLEIN</u>	<u>NOV-21-1905</u>	<u>WIFE</u> mother
next owner <u>JOSEPH KLEIN</u>	<u>NOV-21-1905</u> 1905-1920	<u>SON</u> husband
next owner <u>ANNA KLEIN</u>	<u>SEPT-23-1920</u> 1920-1946	<u>WIFE</u> mother
next owner <u>ARNOLD KLEIN</u>	<u>JAN-16-1946</u> 1946-1975	<u>SON</u>
<u>JOSEPH KLEIN</u>	<u>JUN-9-1975</u>	<u>SON</u>

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Original Deed () OTHER COUNTY RECORDER

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Joseph A. Klein
(signature of present owner)
DATE April 12-1978

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? UNITED STATES
HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80
WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? ?
WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? GERMINY
WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? WAS IN CIVIL WAR
DID HE FARM THE LAND? YES
DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? NO

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? YES

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? YES ONE ICE HOUSE

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1906

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? CORN - OATS - ALFALFA - MILK

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: *I have a very old picture of the farm, but I will not let it out to be used, but if you can make a picture of it with the use of another camera in my home you can if you want to.*

*Sincerely Yours
Joseph A. Klein*

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

JAMES H. GRONSETH
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

DEXTER

MINN

55926

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(507)

584-6619

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

12

TOWNSHIP

SARGEANT

COUNTY

MOWER

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

200

①

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

3-18-1878

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

E 1/2 NE 1/4 + S 1/2 SE 1/4

12 104 16

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner		
<u>KITTEL C. GRONSETH</u>	<u>FROM 1878 TO 1926</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
next owner		
<u>ALBERT C. GRONSETH</u>	<u>FROM 1926 TO 1963</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
next owner		
<u>JAMES H. GRONSETH</u>	<u>FROM 1963 TO PRESENT</u>	
next owner		
	FROM TO	
next owner		
	FROM TO	

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James H. Gronseth
(signature of present owner)

DATE

6-22-1978

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? J. C. EASTON

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? DONT KNOW

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? NORWAY

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? _____

DID HE FARM THE LAND? YES

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? NO

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? 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? APPROXIMATE 1898

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? DAIRY - CORN - HAY - OATS

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

HARRY M. LARSON
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Route #4 Box 44 Austin MN. 55912
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 437-2617
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 16 TOWNSHIP Ramsey COUNTY Mower

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 156 ①

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 3/11/1878 ②

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) Southwest Quarter of Southeast Quarter of Section Sixteen, in Township One Hundred Three, in Range Eighteen.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	<u>3/11/78 - 5/25/1901</u>	
<u>Knute Larson</u>	<u>Twenty-Three</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner	<u>5/25/1901 - 9/1946</u>	
<u>Henry O. Larson</u>	<u>Forty-Five</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner	<u>9/1946 - Present</u>	
<u>Harry M. Larson</u>	<u>Thirty-Two</u>	
next owner		
next owner		

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

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Harry M. Larson
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 11th 1978

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Sylvester Hammon

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 120

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$10.00

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Bergen, Norway

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Decorah, Iowa

DID HE FARM THE LAND? ~~NO~~ YES

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? No

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? 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? 1899

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn AND Beans

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Walter and Eva Larson
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

Avoca

CITY

Minn.

STATE

56114

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(507)
area code

335-7804

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

R. 1 Box 46

SECTION

14

TOWNSHIP

Lime Lake

COUNTY

Murray

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

160 A. 0

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1876 or 1877

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

Range 40 Lime Lake Township 106 N.

W 1/2 SE 1/4 (160 A) Sec. 14 E 1/2 SE 1/4 Sec. 14 School Dist. 504 A

We have a few acres of original prairie.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner		
<u>S. M. Lindberg</u>	<u>1877</u> FROM <u>1887</u> TO	<u>owner-husband</u>
next owner		
<u>A Caroline Lindberg</u>	<u>1887</u> FROM <u>1898</u> TO	<u>Wife of S. M.</u>
next owner		
<u>Nels Peter & August Lindberg</u>	<u>1893</u> FROM <u>1953</u> TO	<u>Sons of S. M. & Caroline</u>
next owner		
<u>Clara & Eva Lindberg</u>	<u>1953</u> FROM <u>1963</u> TO	<u>Wife daughter of Aug. & Clara</u>
next owner		
<u>Walter & Eva Larson</u>	<u>FROM 1963 TO 1978</u>	<u>daughter of August & Clara</u>

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Abstract of Title ☒

Court file in Registration Proceedings ☐

Land Patent ☐

County Land Record ☒

Original Deed ☒

OTHER Courthouse in Currie some records were lost when moved to Slayton, Minn.

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Walter & Eva Larson

(signature of present owner)

DATE

June 12, 1978

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? originally from the Government.

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80a.

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? we inherited it.

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? in Sweden

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Sweden, Red Wing, Avoca

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? No

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? the original granary is used for storage

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1920

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? corn, soybeans + oats

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: S. M. Lindberg, wife Caroline + sons August + Nels Peter 5 yrs + 7 yrs. old came to America from Sweden in 1874-5. They lived near Red Wing for about 2 yrs. + came by oxcart to Murray Co. + homesteaded this farm. I suppose 80 a. first + later the other 80 a. so it is 160 a. S. M. Lindberg fell off a high load of hay broke his neck + died instantly so that left the mother + her 2 young sons about 15 + 17 yrs. to do the farming and manage the financial business. They first lived in a sod house for about 3 yrs. Then built a home with lumber as New Ulm had a mill. This home was sold + moved to a farm 2 1/2 mi. east of this farm + is still in use + now recently remodeled.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

MARIAN A. ANTHONY (MRS. GEO.)
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

RT 1 Box 66 ST. PETER MINN 56082
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(507) - 246-5045
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SAME

SECTION

31

TOWNSHIP

LAKE PRAIRIE

COUNTY

NICOLLET

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

80

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

APRIL 16, 1868 AND JUNE 25, 1873
AND JUNE 16, 1875

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

WEST 1/2 of NE 1/4 SEC. 31 TOWNSHIP 111 RANGE 27

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>MATHIAS OLSEN</u>	<u>1868 - 1898</u> <u>1873 - 1898</u> <u>1875 - 1898</u>	<u>FATHER + HUSBAND</u>
next owner <u>MARTHA OLSEN AND HER 11 CHILDREN</u>	<u>1898 - 1909</u> <u>1910</u>	<u>MOTHER + SISTERS + BROTHERS</u>
next owner <u>PETER OLSEN</u> {SON OF MATHIAS	<u>1909 - 1910</u>	<u>HUSBAND</u>
next owner <u>ANDRIANA OLSEN</u>	<u>1916 - 1950</u> <u>1916 - 1966</u>	<u>MOTHER</u>
next owner <u>MARIAN OLSEN ANTHONY (MRS. GEORGE ANTHONY)</u>	<u>1950 - PRESENT</u> <u>1966 - PRESENT</u>	<u>MOTHER (IT IS NOW BEING OPERATED BY HER SONS: WILLIS + HAROLD ANTHONY)</u>

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OTHER _____

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Marian A. Anthony
(signature of present owner)

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ST. PAUL MN 55108

DATE

June 28, 1978

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1868: 40 ACRES from SOLON MANNY NW 1/4 & NE 1/2 sec 31
FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? ¹⁸⁷³ [undivided 1/2] 40 ACRES [ST. PAUL & SOUTHERN CITY RAILROAD CO.]
¹⁸⁷⁵ [undivided 1/2] 40 ACRES [WINOONA & ST. PAUL RAILROAD CO.]

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80 ACRES

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? 1868 - 40 ACRES for \$290.00
1873 - 20 ACRES for \$300.00 1875 - 20 ACRES for \$340.00

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? NORWAY

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? ST. PETER, MINNESOTA

DID HE FARM THE LAND? YES

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? HE WAS A
PAINTER BEFORE FARMING

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? NO

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL
STANDING OR IN USE? YES - THE HOUSE - SINCE REBUILT

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? REMODELED 1897 AND 1930

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? CORN + SOYBEANS

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Kenneth Bode
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

Nicollet

Mn.

56074

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(507)

359-2701

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

Same

SECTION

7 & 18

TOWNSHIP

Nicollet

COUNTY

Nicollet

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

247 ①

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

November 1, 1965 1859 ②

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

Section 7, Range 28 & Twp 109 and Section 18, Range 28, & Twp 109.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Henry Bode</u> first owner		
<u>Henry Bode</u> next owner	<u>1859-1907</u>	<u>father</u> father
<u>William Bode</u> next owner	<u>1907-1944</u>	<u>father son</u> father son
<u>Lorenz Bode</u> next owner	<u>1944-1965</u>	<u>father son</u> father son
<u>Kenneth Bode</u> next owner	<u>1965-13</u>	<u>father son</u> father son

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County Land Record ☐

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OTHER

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Kenneth Bode

(signature of present owner)

DATE

6-1-78

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Edward J. Boys & wife

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? ~~244~~ ~~244~~ 164 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$375.- per acre

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Hanover, Germany

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Illinois, Will County

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? ~~Yes~~ No

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? yes

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? _____

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn, soybeans, oats & alfalfa

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Paul M. Eckberg
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

Lafayette

Minnesota 56054

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 228-8684
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

16 + 17

TOWNSHIP

Bernadotte

COUNTY

Nicollet

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

190 ①

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1869 ②

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

E 1/2 of NE 1/4
SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 17 111 29

NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 & W 3/4
of SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 16 111 29

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Sven Eckberg</u>	FROM <u>1869</u> TO <u>1895</u>	<u>Father of John</u>
next owner <u>John F. Eckberg</u>	FROM <u>1898</u> TO <u>1932</u>	<u>Son of Sven</u> <u>Husband</u>
next owner <u>Anna Christine Eckberg</u>	FROM <u>1954</u> TO <u>1958</u>	<u>Wife of John</u> <u>Mother</u>
next owner <u>Paul M. Eckberg</u>	FROM <u>1958</u> TO	<u>Son of John & Anna</u>
	FROM TO	

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Land Patent ☒

County Land Record ☒

Original Deed ☒

OTHER

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Paul M. Eckberg
(signature of present owner)

DATE

4-25-78

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? State of Minn.

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 120

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$5

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Sweden

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Sweden

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? No

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL
STANDING OR IN USE? Yes

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1931

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn, beans, alfalfa

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Harold A. Freitag
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

RFD 1

Nicollet

Mn.

56074

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 225-3585

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

9

TOWNSHIP

Nicollet

COUNTY

Nicollet

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

192 ①

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

March 13, 1864 ②

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

NE 1/4

9 109 28 160.00

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	1864 - 1869	
<u>Carl Freitag</u>	<u>5 years</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner	1869 - 1925	
<u>August Freitag</u>	<u>56 years</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner	1925 - 1948	
<u>Ludwig Freitag</u>	<u>23 yrs</u>	<u>Father</u> ^{husband} <u>Wife</u>
next owner	1948 - 1972	
<u>H. Louise Freitag</u>	<u>Lifestate 24</u>	<u>mother</u>
next owner	1972 -	
<u>Harold Freitag</u>	<u>6 years</u>	

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Court file in Registration Proceedings ()

Land Patent ()

County Land Record ()

Original Deed ()

OTHER

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Harold A. Freitag

(signature of present owner)

DATE

June 13, 1978

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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 FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Germany

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? No

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? _____

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL
STANDING OR IN USE? No

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? _____

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? corn, beans, oats

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Alton R Jacobson
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

Rt 1 Box 29 St Peter Minn 56082
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER ()

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

27

TOWNSHIP

Oshawa

COUNTY

Nicollet

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

80 0

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1877 ②

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

W 1/2 of the N.E. 1/4 of Section No 27 in Twp No 110
North of Range 27 W

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Charles A. Jacobson</u> first owner	<u>1877-1914</u>	
<u>Charles A. Jacobson</u> next owner	<u>37</u> <u>1914-1966</u>	<u>father</u>
<u>Carl Oscar Jacobson</u> next owner	<u>52</u> <u>1966-</u>	<u>father</u>
<u>Alton R. Jacobson</u> next owner	<u>12</u>	
next owner		

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Court file in Registration Proceedings ()

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County Land Record ()

Original Deed ()

OTHER

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Alton R. Jacobson
(signature of present owner)

DATE

4/11/78

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Sarah Josephine Doolittle

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$10.00

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Sweden

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? New York

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? No

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? No

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? Yes - a log cabin

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1885

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn, beans - wheat

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Kermit Sjogren
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

Lafayette
CITY

MINN
STATE

56054
ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 228 853
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

6 - 31

TOWNSHIP

Lafayette - Cornish

COUNTY

Nicolett - Sidney

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

160 ①

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

Mar 1 1941 1861 ②

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

Sec. 6 N 1/2 of NE 1/4 Nic. County Laf. Twp
11/31 S 1/2 of SE 1/4 Sib. " Cornish "

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	1861 - 1901	
<u>John P. Sjogren</u>	30	<u>father</u>
next owner	1901 - 1941	
<u>Andrew L. Sjogren</u>	40	"
next owner	1941 - 38	
<u>Kermit Sjogren</u>		
next owner		
next owner		

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County Land Record ()

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OTHER _____

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Kermit Sjogren
(signature of present owner)

DATE

June 28 1978

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? home stead and railroad

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? ?

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Sweden

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? ?

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? No

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL
STANDING OR IN USE? yes

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1878

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn beans oats alf.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Harold Lestico
Gertrude Lestico Goodell + Harold Lestico
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

Brewster

Minn

56119

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 842-5598
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

Same

SECTION

34

TOWNSHIP

Hersey

COUNTY

Nobles

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

149.91 ^① 139.76 ^② Hersey
10.15 ^③ Lorain

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

Home Stead Patent ^④ dated
June 27 1884 1877
Came to live here
Had to live
Low land so for
many yrs before
got Homesteaded
Pat.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

SW 1/4 of 34 - 103 - 39 Lying north of Railroad

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner		
<u>Albert Lestico</u>	<u>Homesteaded in 1877</u> <u>moved here from Young America, Minn</u> <u>FROM 1884 TO 1930</u>	<u>Grandfather</u> ^⑤
next owner		
<u>Albert Lestico Estate</u> ^⑥ <u>Anna Caroline</u> <u>Widow</u>	<u>Patent dated</u> <u>FROM 1930 TO 1940</u>	
next owner		
<u>Herman J. Lestico</u>	<u>FROM 1940 TO 1960</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner		
<u>Herman Lestico Estate</u> <u>Augusta - Life Use</u>	<u>FROM 1961 TO 1966</u>	
next owner		
<u>Harold Lestico</u> <u>Gertrude Lestico Goodell</u>	<u>FROM 1966 TO Present</u> <u>time</u>	<u>Son</u> <u>daughter</u>

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Land Patent ()
Original Deed ()

Court file in Registration Proceedings ()
County Land Record ()
OTHER Father - Herman J Lestico - 5 yrs old when
Came here from Young America, Minn.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Gertrude L. Goodell + Harold Lestico
(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE

6/6/78

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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 FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Young America, Minn.

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? No

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? Yes - Lumber hauled by oxen from Jackson Minn

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? Original with modifications

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn & Soy beans

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Anna Caroline Book 79 P 45

1940

Amelia Sues (Millie)
Herman Leistik
Lena- (Liana) Leistik
Auguste Simmons
William Leistik
Alora Kindacher
Eddie Leistik

} $\frac{1}{7}$ ap $\frac{1}{9}$ $11\frac{1}{2}$
 $\frac{1}{7}$ of $\frac{1}{27}$ $5\frac{1}{2}$

Book 80 p. 317

- 1940

Amelia Sues (Millie)
William Leistik
Herbert Kindacher husband of Alora, deceased
Auguste Simmons
Lena (Liana) Leistik
~~Edna~~
Eddie

To
Herman Leistik -
all of SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Sold - off - 16.17 A in (1943)

S of RR (Severson)

(1960) - Herman Leistik Estate
To

157708
Auguste Leistik - Life Est
x Martin Leistik
Gertrude Leistik Goodell Each $\frac{1}{5}$
x Louis Leistik, Hough
Harold Leistik
x Violet Leistik donor

(1966) - Martin
Louise
Violet

To Gertrude Leistik
Goodell &
Harold Leistik

171825

Albert's Estate Court Registration Procedure
Book 65 P. 237 1930

Anna Carolina Leistico - Life use of $n\frac{1}{2}$ & $sw\frac{1}{4}$
 $\frac{1}{3}$ int in $S\frac{1}{2}$ & $sw\frac{1}{4}$

~~S $\frac{1}{2}$~~ -

$\frac{1}{9}$ each Homestead $n\frac{1}{2}$	Millie Leistico	Suess & K/a Emma Suess	$\frac{7}{27}$ each $S\frac{1}{2}$
	Bertha Leistico	✓	
	Herman Leistico		
	Caroline Leistico Small	✓	
	Minnie Leistico	✓	
	Lena Leistico Simmons		
	William Leistico		
	Alora Leistico Kindscher		

Book 60 P. 478 1930

Bertha Leistico Estate

$n\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{27}$ - Herman Leistico

$S\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{7}{81}$ - "

$n\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{7}{27}$ - Edward Leistico

$S\frac{1}{2}$ $\frac{4}{81}$ - Edward Leistico

Book - 60 P. 479 1930

Minnie Leistico Estate

Anna Carolina Leistico

$\frac{1}{9}$ in $n\frac{1}{2}$

$\frac{7}{27}$ - $S\frac{1}{2}$

Book 57 - P. 118 - 1933

Caroline Small to Herman Leistico

$\frac{1}{9}$ of $n\frac{1}{2}$

$\frac{7}{27}$ $S\frac{1}{2}$

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER VERNE B. DUBBELS
(this name will appear on certificate)
RT. 2 ADDRESS BOX 91-B CITY EYOTA STATE MINN. ZIP CODE 55934
PHONE NUMBER (507) 876-2391
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 23 TOWNSHIP VIOLA COUNTY OLMSTED

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 300 ①

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1870 ②

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) N 1/2 - NW 1/4 SEC. 23

+ SW 1/4 - NW 1/4 - SEC. 23 + SE 1/4 - SW 1/4 + SW 1/4 - SE 1/4 of Sec. 14. also N 1/2 SE 1/4 LESS E 448 ft. W 475 ft.
- 8426 ft. NW 1/4 SE 1/4 + W 2A - N 4A - SW 1/4 SE 1/4 LESS, also NW 1/4 SW 1/4 LESS E 300 DS THEREOF.

all this in TOWN 107 - RANGE 12.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1870	FATHER
JOHN DUBBELS	TO 1920	
next owner	1920 to	FATHER
CHARLEY DUBBELS	1951	
next owner	1951 to	
VERNE DUBBELS	1978	
next owner		
next owner		

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Abstract of Title ☒ Court file in Registration Proceedings ()
Land Patent () County Land Record ()
Original Deed () OTHER TAX STATEMENT

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF

Verne Dubbels
(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE June 24th 1978

CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? from ALONZO A. GREGORY according to the Abstract.

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80 ACRES

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? DON'T KNOW

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? GERMANY

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Worked on a Dairy farm in New York for 5 years after coming to the U.S. before coming here.

DID HE FARM THE LAND? YES, after grubbing the Brush so it could be farmed.

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? HAD a Brickyard in Viola at which site he made & sold Bricks for several years. Not sure how long.

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? YES

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? I understand the first house or part of it is in use about 5 miles south of here after being moved twice.

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1883

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? CORN, HAY - SHEEP - APPLES

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: My Grandad homesteaded the 80 acres on which we now live and acquired another 40 acres in 1875, then another 80 + 40 later. This last 40 has been sold but I bought 122 acres 7 or 8 years ago & resold about 22 acres of that so we now have 300 Acres.

He made the brick for the house we live in and built or had it built. Almost all of the buildings on this farm are buildings which Grandad put up, including the Barn, Sheepshed & Hayshed, Hoghouse, Granary, Wellhouse, Woodshed, Henhouse & Shop & also Corncrib & 2 machine sheds.

He also planted lots of trees including Willows, White Pine, Norway Spruce, Black Walnut & also American Chestnuts which grew from seed He had sent here by the man He worked for in New York - and they are growing here today.

My Dad set out Pine & Spruce & we have continued to do so. I named our farm "Evergreen Acres" and had the name registered in the Court House.

We could have gotten in on this in 1976 but just didn't get to it so we are glad you are continuing this so we can still take part.

Sincerely,
Verne Dubbels

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER ELMER AND Judy STOCK ✓
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS RR#1 PINE ISLAND MINNESOTA 55963
CITY STATE ZIP CODE
PHONE NUMBER (507) 356-4959
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____

SECTION 2 TOWNSHIP NEW HAVEN COUNTY OLMSTED

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 284 ①

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY APRIL 17, 1878 ②

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) EAST HALF of
SOUTH EAST 1/4 AND THE SW 1/4 OF THE SE 1/4 AND THE SE 1/4
OF THE SOUTH EAST 1/4 OF SECTION 2 TOWNSHIP 108
RANGE (15) WEST

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>OTTO STOCK</u>	<u>APRIL 17, 1878</u> <u>OCT. 6</u> FROM TO <u>1928</u>	<u>HUSBAND</u> ③
next owner <u>ANNA P. STOCK</u>	<u>OCT. 6</u> <u>MAY 23</u> FROM <u>1928</u> TO <u>1939</u>	<u>MOTHER</u>
next owner <u>HERMAN J. STOCK</u>	<u>MAY 23</u> <u>SEPT. 24</u> FROM <u>1939</u> TO <u>1964</u>	<u>HUSBAND</u>
next owner <u>RUTH ANNA STOCK</u>	<u>SEPT 24</u> <u>MAY 1st</u> FROM <u>1964</u> TO <u>1971</u>	<u>MOTHER</u>
next owner <u>ELMER H. STOCK</u>	<u>MAY 1</u> FROM <u>1971</u> TO _____	<u>SON</u>

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Land Patent ☒ County Land Record ()
Original Deed ☒ OTHER _____

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Elmer H. Stock
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 27, 1978

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? William WATERMAN-ANNA W. WATERMAN

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? Total price \$1500.00

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? GERMANY

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Germany

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? No

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL
STANDING OR IN USE? Yes

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? _____

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn - Hay - Dairy - Hogs

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

CHESTER AND LENNIE BOTHUN

(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

DALTON

MN.

56384

PHONE NUMBER

(218) 589-8898

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

19

TOWNSHIP

St. Olaf

COUNTY

Attitash

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

186

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

MONS BOTHUN HOMESTEAD
IN 1868

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

from tax statement

19 131-41

19 131 41 LOT 4

Lot 5, SE 1/4 NW 1/4 & E 1/2 SW 1/4 EX. RR. OF W.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner		
MONS BOTHUN	FROM 1868 TO 1900	FATHER (3)
next owner		
CARL BOTHUN	FROM 1900 TO 1952	FATHER
next owner		
Chester & Lennie BOTHUN	FROM 1952 TO present date	
next owner		
	FROM TO	
next owner		
	FROM TO	

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Abstract of Title (X)

Court file in Registration Proceedings ()

Land Patent ()

County Land Record ()

Original Deed (X)

OTHER

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Chester BOTHUN

LENNIE BOTHUN

(signature of present owner)

DATE

APRIL 26, 1978

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS
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? 135A.

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? HOMESTEAD

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? NORWAY

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? _____

DID HE FARM THE LAND? YES

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? FISHERMAN

IN NORWAY

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? YES

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? WHEAT, OATS, CORN, ALFALFA

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

MILK

BARLEY

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner Mr. & Mrs. Bennie Gerhardson ✓
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address Rt 6 Fergus Falls Minn 56537

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 19-30 Township Aurdal County Otter Tail

Number of acres in the farm at present 200.1

Date of original purchase by member of your family Jan 19, 1877 ②

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement) SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of Sec 19 and E 1/2 of NW quarter and NE quarter of SW quarter of Sec. 30 Twp 133 N. of Range 42

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Gerhard Christianson owner in 1877 or before	from Jan 19, 1877 to Jan 27, 1877	We believe father ③
Gerhard Andrew Gerhardson next owner	from Feb 12, 1877 to March 5, 1902	Son Father
Andrew Ole Gerhardson next owner	from Mar 5, 1902 to Dec 11, 1912	Son Brother
Ole Nels Gerhardson next owner	from Dec 11, 1912 to Dec 4, 1914	Brother Father
Nels Anton Gerhardson next owner	from Dec 4, 1914 to Nov 27, 1961	Son Father
Anton Bennie Gerhardson next owner	from Nov 27, 1961 to present	Son
next owner	from to	
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)	Railroad Patent	Court file in Registration
Land Patent (X)		Proceedings (X)
Original Deed (X)		Other (please explain) _____
County Land Record (X)		_____

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

Ticbie Buckhof
(Witness sign here)
Federal Land Bank
Date June 14

Bennie Gerhardson
(Signature of present owner)

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

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From whom was the farm purchased? homestead (Railway patent)

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160 acres

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? we believe it was

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 the old house is now a shop

When was the present home built? 1932

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

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

The land was a railroad homestead granted to Gerhard Christensen whom we believe is the father of Andrew Gerhardson

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER DONALD I. + BEVERLY M.E. HAGEL
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS ROUTE 3 - Box 41 NEW YORK MILLS MN 56567
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (218) 385-3634
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____

SECTION 31 + 32 TOWNSHIP NEWTON COUNTY OTTER TAIL

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 199 ^①

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 40 acres NOV 1 - 1877 ^②
40 acres AUG 10 - 1878
80 acres AUG 2 - 1892
40 acres NOV 26 - 1893

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
(Sec 31 -) SE 1/4 NE 1/4 + E 1/2 SE 1/4 ex 1 acre in SW cor.
(135-37-19)
(Sec 32 -) SW 1/4 NW 1/4 + NW 1/4 SW 1/4
(135-37-80)

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>ISRAEL HAGEL</u>	<u>FROM 1877 TO 1936</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner <u>ON HIS DEATH - CHILDREN ALL RECEIVED SHARE OF LAND IN ESTATE. CHILDREN NAMED JOHN HAGEL, AMANDA KEARY EMANUEL HAGEL WM. HAGEL</u>	<u>FROM 1936 TO</u>	<u>OSCAR HAGEL, MARTHA</u>
next owner <u>HAGEL, ESTHER BOUSU J ANNA FRANK</u>	<u>FROM 1936 TO</u>	<u>1953. BROTHER</u>
next owner <u>+ ALMA OSCAR HAGEL</u>	<u>FROM 1937 TO 1970</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
next owner <u>DONALD + BEVERLY HAGEL</u>	<u>FROM 1970 TO Present</u>	

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

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Donald Hagel
(signature of present owner)

DATE May 23, 1978

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? U.S. Govt. - by patent

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 40 in 1877- 40 in 1878

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? one dollar an acre

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Sweden

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Calumet, Michigan

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? Minister for
Apostolic Lutheran Church

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes - by patent from US Govt - ~~original owner~~

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL
STANDING OR IN USE? No - the present house is partly log but
was preceded by another smaller house.

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? about 1885-

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? small grains, corn & hogs

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Some of the above facts are
taken from the memory of Oscar Hagel,
now 89 years old & may not be
accurate.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Chester G. Laugen
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

RR 1

Rothsay

MN.

56579

PHONE NUMBER

(218)
area code

736-7737

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

22423

TOWNSHIP

Oscar

COUNTY

Otter Tail

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

246 ①

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1869 ②

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

E. 1/2 of S.E. 1/4
of Sec. 22 and the W. 1/2 of the S.W. 1/4 Sec. 23, in Twp. 134
of Range 44, containing 158 and 25/100 of an acre.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Ingebret Olson</u>	<u>1869-1913</u>	
<u>Ingebret Sletvold</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>Husband</u>
next owner <u>Martha Sletvold</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>Mother</u>
next owner <u>John Sletvold</u> <u>& Kristie Sletvold Laugen</u>	<u>1920-1957</u> <u>37</u>	<u>Uncle + Mother</u>
next owner <u>Chester G. Laugen</u>	<u>1957-</u> <u>21</u>	<u>Nephew & Son</u>
next owner		

Later known as

③

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Abstract of Title (✓)

Court file in Registration Proceedings ()

Land Patent (✓)

County Land Record ()

Original Deed ()

OTHER

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Chester G. Laugen
(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE

April 10, 1978

CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Farm Homestead

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 158 $\frac{1}{4}$

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? _____

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Norway

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Norway

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? No

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? No

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1890

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Dairy products, Hay & Small Grain

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

The Farm was settled in 1869
but did not get patent until 23 day of
August 1876.

We have the original patent.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

NORMAN Wallerand
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

Clithera
CITY

MN
STATE

56524
ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (218)
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

27

TOWNSHIP

Nidars

COUNTY

Ottertail

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

160 ①

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1869 ②

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

with 1/2 & west 1/4
& north 1/2 Sec. 1/4 Sec 27 - 132 - 39 - 160A.
from tax receipt

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Nils Johnson</u>	From <u>1869</u> To <u>1919</u>	<u>father</u>
next owner <u>Julie Johnson Wallerand</u>	From <u>1919</u> To <u>1963</u>	<u>daughter</u>
next owner <u>Norman Wallerand</u>	From <u>1963</u> To	<u>grandson</u>
next owner	From To	
next owner	From To	

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Abstract of Title ☒
Land Patent ☐
Original Deed ☒

Court file in Registration Proceedings ☐
County Land Record ☐
OTHER tax receipts

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Norman Wallerand
(signature of present owner)

DATE

June 23rd 1978

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CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

Please fill this in.

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED?

Homestead ~~1869~~ 1869

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL?

160A

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE?

0

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN?

Norway, Linfuring ^{Danbyford}

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM?

Norway, Wisconsin

DID HE FARM THE LAND?

yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING?

manufacturing
children

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD?

yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE?

yes part of the log house -

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT?

1913 before that log house & before that dugout

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS?

Oats & Corn

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

This is Nidaros township Otter-Tail Co. I have a history story written over 50 yrs ago that is very interesting. there is many neighbors here that have lived on the same farmer for 100 yrs or more. like Edith Olson-Clithrell, Mn. 56524 Robert Herbranson-Clithrell Mn. 56524 Gelma Moen, Battle Lake, Mn. Philip Anderson, Vining Mn. Not 100 years you can send the families - blanks. thank you Norman Wallevand

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

MARY J. OSEN
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Route 2 Box 158 PINE CITY-MINN. 55063

PHONE NUMBER (612) 629-2769
CITY STATE ZIP CODE
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 14 TOWNSHIP ROYALTON COUNTY PINE

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 80 ①

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1876②

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

E 1/2 of SW 1/4 14-38-22-80 ACRES

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Jacob Osen</u> first owner		
<u>JACOB OSEN</u>	FROM 1876 TO 1902	FATHER
<u>MICHAEL OSEN</u> next owner	FROM 1902 TO 1957	SON (FATHER)
<u>MARY J. OSEN</u> next owner	FROM 1957 TO	DAUGHTER
<u> </u> next owner	FROM TO	
<u> </u> next owner	FROM TO	

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Abstract of Title () Court file in Registration Proceedings ()
Land Patent () County Land Record ()
Original Deed (X) OTHER

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Mary J. Osen
(signature of present owner)

DATE May 15, 1978

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Adolf Munich

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 60 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? 60 acres \$225.00

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Austria

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? St. Paul

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? _____

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? No

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? No first buildings were log

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1890

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? hay grain corn

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER HAROLD L MERRILL
(this name will appear on certificate)
ADDRESS FISHER MINN 56723
CITY STATE ZIP CODE
PHONE NUMBER (218) 773 2033
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 10 TOWNSHIP FISHER COUNTY POLK

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 2000 ①

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Dec 18, 1878 ②

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

NW 1/4 Sec 10 TWP 150 N R 48 W

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Jeremiah B. Merrill</u>	FROM <u>Dec 18, 1878</u> TO <u>MAR 12, 1887</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner <u>ANSON C MERRILL</u>	<u>1887 -</u> To <u>June 12, 1919</u>	<u>Husband</u>
next owner <u>IDA MERRILL</u>	<u>1919 -</u> To <u>MAR 1, 1937</u>	<u>Mother</u>
next owner <u>ALVIS Merrill</u>	To <u>Nov 25, 1950</u>	<u>Husband</u>
next owner <u>EdA MERRILL</u> <u>Harold L MERRILL</u>	To <u>JUNE 1956</u> To <u>?</u>	<u>Mother</u>

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

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Harold L Merrill
(signature of present owner)

DATE

June 28, 1978

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? US of America to Wilbur M Simmons Dec 14, 1878 to Merrill Dec 18, 1878

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? on abstract (consideration \$1000.00)

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Upper New York State

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? same as above

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? no

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

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? Wheat Barley & Sugar Beets

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: At present my sons and I own 2000 acres but farm 2700 acres, correct this on first page if this was the correct answer?
I am the fourth generation to live at this exact legal description which is the original farm site, homestead. My two sons farm with me at present and plan to continue, being five generations on original homestead.

Sincerely
Hauell Merrill

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Myron + Ida Forbord, Adlore + Olive
(this name will appear on certificate) Forbord

ADDRESS Benson, Minn. Rte 1 56215
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (612) 8432925
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Starbuck Rte 1 Minn

SECTION 8 TOWNSHIP White Bear Lake COUNTY Pope

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT (281)

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Homestead - (1873)

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

NW 1/4 8-135-39 S 1/2 NE 1/4 + NE 1/4 NE 1/4 7-125-39
E 1 ac of NW 1/4 NE 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	2/20/1877	
<u>Gottfred Lingen</u>	2/13/1907	<u>Father</u>
next owner	2/13/1907	
<u>Carl J Lingen</u>	<u>Jan 21, 1959</u>	<u>Son</u> (See NOTE)
next owner	3/6/72	
<u>Marie + Sewald Odegard</u>	3/7/72	<u>Daughter - son-in-law</u>
next owner	3/7/72	
<u>Myron + Ida Forbord</u> <u>Adlore + Olive Forbord</u>	owners	<u>Daughters - sons-in-law</u>
next owner		

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

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Mrs Myron Forbord
(signature of present owner)

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DATE

4/16/78

CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

NOTE: Carl Lingen died on July 29, 1959 leaving his estate to Minnie, his wife;
Minnie Lingen died on Aug 27, 1963 leaving her estate to her children, who in turn deeded to Marie Odegard, an heir and daughter of said Minnie Lingen

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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 FAMILY OWNER BORN? Trondheim Norway

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Norway

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes, His wife had also homesteaded

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? lumber-

made fish nets, Carpenter

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL
STANDING OR IN USE? no - (a toilet dates 1877)

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1916 by Carl J. Lingen

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn, wheat, pasture,

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

^{MR}
^{MRS} John R Johnson
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

Lowry

CITY

Minn

STATE

56349

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(612)
area code

283-5304

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

22

TOWNSHIP

Ben Wade

COUNTY

Pope

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

160 ①

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

¹⁸⁶⁸
Anderson April 12 1924

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

E 1/2 NW 1/4, S 1/2 NE 1/4, Sec. 22 - 126 - 39

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner		
<u>Johanes Anderson</u>	<u>1868 to 1907</u>	<u>Father-Law</u>
next owner <u>[Wife]-Krestina</u>		
<u>Anton Johnson</u>	<u>1907 to 1924</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner <u>Wife-Tilda</u>		
<u>Mr & Mrs John R Johnson</u>	<u>1924 -</u>	<u>Son - Still owner</u>
next owner		
next owner		

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Abstract of Title ☒

Court file in Registration Proceedings ()

Land Patent ()

County Land Record ()

Original Deed ()

OTHER

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

John R Johnson
(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE

May 9 - 1978

CENTURY FARMS
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? Claimed By Homestead

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Sweden

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Sweden

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? No

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? No

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? _____

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Grain, Corn & Beans

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

They lived in the barn the first year partitioned off in one end.

Grandpa walked to Sauk rapids the first years to get flour for the family.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owners Jacob and Elisabeth Strandness and descendants of Mr. Martin and
(this name will appear on certificate) Mrs. Alida (Strandness) Aune

Address R. 3 - 108, Glenwood, Mn. 56334

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Century Farm: White Bear Lake
Section 1 Township 125 N. Range 39 W. County Pope

Number of acres in the farm at present 160.81 (1)

Date of original ~~purchase~~ ^{Homestead entry} by member of your family June, 1868 (2)

Legal description of the land (from ~~deed~~ ^{X, homestead entry}, abstract, tax statement) SE NW, and

Lots 1, 3, 5, and 6 in Section 1, Township 125 No., Range 39 W. containing 160.81
acres.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>1868</u>	from _____ to _____	
owner in 1877 or		
before Andrew Christopherson	<u>June, 1968</u>	
Saglie and wife Anna Elisabeth	from _____ to <u>Mar. 1, 1879</u>	Parents of Mrs. Jorgen (Anna Margrethe) Strandness (3)
next owner <u>Jorgen and Anna Margrethe Strandness</u>	<u>Mar. 1, 1879</u> to <u>May 7, 1932</u>	Husband
next owner		
<u>Anna Margrethe Strandness</u>	from <u>May 7, 1932</u> to <u>Feb. 10, 1945</u>	Mother
next owner <u>Jacob & Elisabeth Strandness and Descendants of Alida Strandness Aune</u>	from <u>Feb. 10, 1945</u> to <u>present time.</u>	Heirs at law.
next owner		
	from _____ to _____	
next owner		
	from _____ to _____	
next owner		

The above evidence of continuous family ownership of this farm since ~~1877~~ ¹⁸⁶⁸ 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 (x)	Proceedings ()
Original Deed (x)	Other (please explain) _____
County Land Record (x)	_____

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

Donna D. Taylor
(Witness sign here)

Jacob Strandness
Elisabeth Strandness
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-29-78

Please return to: Century Farms
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? 160.81

What was the cost of land per acre? Homestead entry # 2 50

Pope
to County
Office

Where was the first owner born? Norway

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? White Bear Lake Twp.

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? The dug-out only

When was the present home built? 1914-15

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

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

See letter of transmittal, dated June 29, '78

R. 3 - 108
Glenwood, Mn. 56334
June 29, 1978

Century Farms
Minnesota State Fair
Falcon Heights, Minnesota 55108

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is application for designation as owners of a century farm.
Original owners ^{and their parents} /were emigrants from Norway, as were also our parents.

Indians had their encampment on a hillside on the homestead. The original homesteaders, our ~~great~~ grandparents and their parents lived in a dug-out the winter of 1968-69. Indians would come to the dug-out for shelter on a cold winter day to skin their muskrats. If Grandmother had baked bread, she would hand the Indian a loaf and he smiled broadly and said, "for the papoose". A few days later he would bring a lovely wild goose to show appreciation for the bread.

In the Fall of 1868 the Presidential Election resulted in the election of Ulysses S. Grant, President and Schuyler Colfax, Vice President. So much for a bit of the voluminous history of early times as written by our Uncle, Christian Saglie (our Mother's Brother).

We trust our application arrives in time for listing in our valued magazine, The Farmer, this year.

^{signatures of the} The/descendants of our sister, Alida Strandness Aune, ^{also} heirs at law, were not available at this date, but should be mentioned in the certificate of recognition if possible.

Very truly yours,

Jacob Strandness
Jacob Strandness
Elisabeth Strandness
Elisabeth Strandness

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER RUSSELL E. and Grace L. JENSEN ✓
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS SPRINGFIELD (Rt 1, Box 78) MINN 56087
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 723-5704
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____

SECTION 28 TOWNSHIP SUNDOWN COUNTY REDWOOD

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 159 (1)

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY HOMESTEAD - 1872 (2)

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) _____

S² of NW⁴ Sec 28 - Twp 110, Rge 35 W 80 acres

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Rasmus Jensen</u> first owner		<u>father</u> (3)
<u>Nels Jensen</u> next owner	FROM <u>1872</u> TO <u>1911</u>	<u>Son of Rasmus</u>
<u>Russell E. Jensen</u> next owner	<u>1911 - 1947</u> FROM <u>1947</u> TO <u>1978</u>	<u>Son of Nels</u>
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 cert # 4293 County Land Record ()
Original Deed () OTHER _____

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Russell E. Jensen
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 27 - 1978

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? _____

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? _____

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? _____

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? _____

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? _____

DID HE FARM THE LAND? _____

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? _____

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? _____

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? _____

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER LAWRENCE - KERBY ✓
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS NORTH-REDWOOD CITY MINN STATE 56275 ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 637-8154
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE BELVIEW

SECTION 8 TOWNSHIP SHERIDAN COUNTY REDWOOD

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160 ①

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1874 ②

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) SE 1/4 of Section 8
Township 112 - Range 37

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner		
THOMAS - KERBY	1874-1918	Husband GRAND FATHER
next owner		
ELIZABETH KERBY	1920-1933	Wife of first owner Mother FATHER
next owner		
THOMAS-J. KERBY	1934-1954	Husband Son of first owner
next owner		
ANNA KERBY	1954-1971	Mother WIFE OF THOMAS-J. KERBY
next owner		
LAWRENCE - KERBY	1971-1978	Son of THOMAS-J. KERBY

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

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Lawrence Kerby
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 13 - 1978

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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? \$ 340.00 for the 160 = 2.12 1/2

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Canada

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? CANADA

DID HE FARM THE LAND? YES

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? yes Charles Linn

in 1872 on account of washers

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

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? _____

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

FARM was TAKEN UP IN 1869. information on -
ABSTRACT OF TITLE WAS GIVEN IN 1874
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA - BY THE
PRESIDENT, US GRANT - BY O. D. WILLAMSON
SECRETARY AND L. K. LIPPENCOT - RECORDER OF THE
GENERAL LAND OFFICE - TO THOMAS KERBY
US PATENT HOMESTEAD - Cert - NO 499
Issued Sept 15 - 1874 at 12 noon Book 6 OF DEEDS PAGE 209
OFFICIAL SEAL.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner MR. & MRS. MILTON L. J. LAWRENCE
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address 502 W. VAN DUSEN - SPRINGFIELD MN.

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

Section 20 Township SUNDOWN County REDWOOD

Number of acres in the farm at present 80 (1)

Date of original purchase by member of your family HOMESTEAD 1871 (2)

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

N.E. QUARTER OF SEC. 20 - TWP. 110 - RANGE 35
IN THE DISTRICT OF LANDS

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Jacob Lorne</u> <u>Jacob Lawrence</u> owner in 1877 or before	from <u>1871</u> to <u>1912</u>	
<u>Jacob Lawrence</u> next owner	from <u>1912</u> to <u>1966</u>	<u>Grandfather</u>
<u>Milton Lawrence</u> next owner	from <u>1966</u> to <u>?</u>	<u>Grand son of</u>
next owner	from to	<u>Jacob Lawrence</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 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 ☒
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:

C. K. Pederson
(Witness sign here)

Milton L. J. Lawrence
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6/7/78

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

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From whom was the farm purchased? HOMESTEAD U.S. GOV. 1871

How many acres were in the original parcel? 80

What was the cost of land per acre? NONE

Where was the first owner born? NORWAY

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

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? A few boards of the original sod house were

used in a second house built about 1880. Some boards in 3rd house built in 1895

When was the present home built? 1895

What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn - Beans - Peas - Alfalfa

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

The original granary approx. 1880 is still standing and in use for storage - Considerably faded.

Additional historical information on separate sheet.

*The Homestead Certificate no. is 3438
Application no. is 6163*

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7 June 1978

Dear Sirs,

I must thank you for promoting a most worthy and interesting project and I am happy to comply with your request for additional information.

When my grand father Jacob Lornes took his homestead in 1871 he used the above name. Later he and his children spelled the name Lawrence. Just why this was done I am unable to explain however I understand the custom was quite common among Scandinavian emigrants of that era.

My grand father had an open well where passersby used to water their horses as they passed by. As time passed the

$\frac{2}{2}$ well eventually was nicknamed
"Jacobs well" after the owner.

The original road was quite
narrow and undefined and the
house was erected possibly 50 ft.
from the road. To day after much
so called progress, road grading
etc. the house is approximately
25 ft. from the right of way.
To day the road is hard surfaced
and the traffic quite heavy.

The house is now known as
the "House By The Side Of The Road"

A large yellow rose bush
is in bloom now. It was
set out by my grand father Jacob
75 years ago and was called
the Pioneers rose because of its
low cost and durability.

The Sundown Hist. Society was
organized in 1971. This was 100 yrs.

3/ after the first settlers arrived.
In the same year a granite
marker was erected $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles W.
of my farm to Commemorate the
Village of Sundown. The site had
two stores and a Creamery in 1895.
To day the site is prime farm
land save for the marker.

I hope some of this information
will be of interest. I am now
75 yrs. of age and a bit forgetful.
After checking this letter I forgot
to mention there is still a hollow
visible where Jacobs well stood.
The fill job was not perfect
and maybe for a good reason.

Thanking you again for your
efforts in preserving the past

Sincerely

Milton Lawrence

Springfield Tenn. 36087

502 W. Van Dusen St.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner Bonnie L. and Sara S. Lindeman
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address 132 Baker Drive Redwood Falls, Mn. 56283

Address of farm, if different from above North Redwood, Mn.
507 637 3148

Section 4 Township 113 35 County Renville

Number of acres in the farm at present 240

Date of original purchase by member of your family 7-14-1875

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

N $\frac{1}{2}$ of N W $\frac{1}{4}$ 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	1875		
Andrew Sanborn	5-10-75	7-14-1875	None
next owner	7-14-1875	4-5-1897	
August Lindeman	7-14-1875	to	Father
next owner	4-5-1897	3-1-1949	
Ernest F. Lindeman	from	to	Son
next owner Lindeman	3-1-1949	to date	
Bonnie L. and Sara S	from	to	Son
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:

Frank Schweninger
(Witness sign here)

Bonnie L. Lindeman
(Signature of present owner)

Date 12-17-78

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St. Paul, MN 55108

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From whom was the farm purchased? Father

How many acres were in the original parcel? 80

What was the cost of land per acre? \$2700.00 for 240 acres

Where was the first owner born? Germany

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Le Sueur, Mn
LeSueur, Mn

Was this a homestead? No Homestead about 3 miles away

Did the first owner farm the land? No Bagadoc rented

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? may have had a hardware store in North Redwood

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? Grainery repaired in 1920 may have been original

grainery

When was the present home built? 1912

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

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

August Lindeman came to America in 1854 and to LeSueur in 1856
and to Renville County 1858. I believe that he Homesteaded in Sec. 7 113 - 35
Dates taken from a family heritage.

Bonnie

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Ralph And Carol Erickson
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

RR 2 Box 90 Olivia, Minn. 56277

PHONE NUMBER

(612) 523-1967
area code

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

12

TOWNSHIP

Troy (115)

COUNTY

Renville (35)

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

201

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1878

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

NW 1/4 And Lot I of SW 1/4 of Sec 12 Twp. 115 Co. 35

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>R. P. Peterson Estate</u> And his	FROM <u>1878</u> TO <u>1947</u>	<u>Grandfather</u>
next owner <u>Archie & Ruth Erickson</u>	FROM <u>1947</u> TO <u>1967</u>	<u>Parents</u>
next owner <u>Ralph & Carol Erickson</u>	FROM <u>1967</u> TO <u>present</u>	
next owner	FROM TO	
next owner	FROM TO	

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Abstract of Title ☒

Court file in Registration Proceedings ☐

Land Patent ☐

County Land Record ☐

Original Deed ☐

OTHER Family records ☒

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Ralph Erickson

(signature of present owner)

DATE

6-30-78

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? _____

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? _____

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? _____

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? _____

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? _____

DID HE FARM THE LAND? _____

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? _____

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? _____

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? _____

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

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

U.S. Gov't

5.10.62

from

to 2.10.77

U.S. Gov't to Herman Butenhoff

owner in 1877 or

before

Herman Butenhoff

2-10-1877

from

to 7-10-1929

father
Maynard Butenhoff

next owner

Maynard Butenhoff

7-10-29

from

to PRESENT TIME

next owner

from

to

next owner

from

to

next owner

from

to

next owner

from

to

next owner

from

to

next owner

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to

next owner

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to

next owner

next owner

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Abstract of Title (X)

Land Patent ()

Original Deed ()

County Land

Record ()

Court file in Registration

Proceedings ()

Other (please explain)

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

Witness sign here)

Signature of present owner)

Date 5-12-78

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

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160

What was the cost of land per acre? FREE

Where was the first owner born? POMERANIA, 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? NO - 5th House was first home

When was the present home built? 1988

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

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner Cecil Carnes
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address Renoville, Maine RT. 2. 56284

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 22 Township Croft County Renoville

Number of acres in the farm at present 200 ①

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1869 ②

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement) W 1/2 of SW 1/4
Sec. 22, Twp. 115 Rgs. 36. 80 ac.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
United States owner in 1877 or before	from 1869 to 1917	<u>John Warner</u> - husband
John Warner next owner	from 1917 to 1928	<u>Catherine Warner (Widow)</u> - mother
Catherine Warner & et al next owner	from 1928 to 1965	<u>Emelyn Warner Jaklin</u> - cousins
Emelyn Warner Jaklin & K. Judwin next owner	from 1965 to -	<u>Cecil Carnes</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:

(Witness sign here)

(Signature of present owner)

Date _____

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Kathleen Judwin is a grand daughter of
John Warner

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From whom was the farm purchased? United States to John Warner

How many acres were in the original parcel? 80

What was the cost of land per acre? _____

Where was the first owner born? Wiscon

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

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? Log house built in Oct 1869 is standing and was added on to in later yrs.

When was the present home built? _____

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

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

John Warner, wife & one child came from Richwood Wisconsin Oct. 1869, by covered wagon down the Mississippi river they built a log house that fall and the family lived in it that winter, Warner, Daley & Colhans, three children were born in this log house the next spring the farm was large to 200 acres in a short time some of their 1st crop was destroyed by grasshoppers. John Warner and Marget Carner, my grandmother was brother & sister, John's daughter & niece owned the farm until I bought it.

Cecil Carner

Jan 1873 John Warner Pt \$5.00 Taxes in Renoille Co.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner Cecil Carnes
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address Renville, Minn Rt. 2 56284

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 16 Township Emmet County Renville

Number of acres in the farm at present 240 ①

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1872 ②

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement) E 1/2 HSE 1/4

Sec. 16 - Twp 115 Rge. 36 - 80 ac

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Fred & Margaret Carnes owner in 1877 or before	from 1872 to 1934	Fred & Margaret Carnes Father & Mother ③
Fred & Margaret Carnes next owner	from 1934 to 1949	Raymond Carnes Father & Mother
Raymond Carnes next owner	from 1949 to —	Cecil Carnes Nephew
<u>Cecil Carnes</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:

(Witness sign here)

C. J. Carnes
(Signature of present owner)

Date _____

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St. Paul, MN 55108

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From whom was the farm purchased? State of Minnesota

How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 acre

What was the cost of land per acre? _____

Where was the first owner born? Hebron Wisconsin

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

Was this a homestead? yes

Did the first owner farm the land? yes

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

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

When was the present home built? 1934

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

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

My Grandfather & Grandmother came from Hebron, Wis. Homesteaded on farm. Fred Carnes 'senior' was killed by lightning while riding his first horse home which he bought that day. This was a few months before my dad was born. Rob Mc Kinnis a brother in law homesteaded the first place south he owned the 1st team of horses in Emmet Township. John Warner another brother in law homesteaded the second place south.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner WARREN MARLYS, KENT, NATHAN & ROBIN DAERDA
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address _____

Address of farm, if different from above Pontel, Renville 56284

Section 10 Township Sacred Heart County Renville

Number of acres in the farm at present 160 ①

Date of original purchase by member of your family May 20, 1878 ②

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

East Half of Northeast Quarter Section 10.

Township 115- Range 37

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Knud Olsen Bae (Jeune)</u> owner in 1877 or before	<u>5-20-1878</u> from <u>5-27-09</u> to	<u>father-in-law</u>
<u>Bernard Bredeson</u> next owner	from <u>5-27-09</u> to <u>12-31-60</u>	<u>father-</u>
<u>Kent Bredeson</u> next owner	from <u>12-31-60</u> to <u>present</u>	<u>SON</u>
<u>WARREN N. DAERDA</u> next owner	<u>1978</u> from <u>to PRESENT</u>	<u>SON-IN-LAW</u>
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

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

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

Harold M. Thor
(Witness sign here)

Warren N. Darda
(Signature of present owner)

Date _____

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Minnesota State Fair
St. Paul, MN 55108

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From whom was the farm purchased? United States

How many acres were in the original parcel? 80

What was the cost of land per acre? unknown

Where was the first owner born? Norway

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

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? 1900-1901
1900 to 1903 (Kaud built it himself)

What are the farm's major crops or products? corn, alfalfa, oats - (LIVESTOCK)

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner Fredrickson Bros
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address Renville, Minn 56284

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 10 Township Sacred Heart County Renville

Number of acres in the farm at present 320 ①

Date of original purchase by member of your family Homesteaded 1871 ②

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

NE 1/4 of SW 1/4, SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 Sec 3 and W 1/2 of NE 1/4,
E 1/2 of NW 1/4 and N 1/2 of SW 1/4 Sec 10 all in Twp 115 Rge 37

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Martin Fredrickson</u> owner in 1877 or before	<u>from 1871 to 1886</u>	<u>Brother</u>
<u>Lars Fredrickson</u> next owner	<u>from 1886 to 1951</u>	<u>Brother</u>
<u>Fred & Oscar Fredrickson</u> next owner	<u>from 1951 to 1969</u>	<u>Sons (uncle) father</u>
<u>Fredrickson Bros</u> next owner	<u>from 1969 to 1978</u>	<u>Sons of Oscar</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)
Land Patent (v)
Original Deed ()
County Land Record ()

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

Tax Records ()

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

Harriet M. Fredrickson
(Witness sign here)

Fredrickson Bros by Robert Fredrickson
(Signature of present owner)

Date May 31, 1978

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St. Paul, MN 55108

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From whom was the farm purchased? Homesteaded from government

How many acres were in the original parcel? 80

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? Don't Know

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? Part of an original granary is now part of house

When was the present home built? The largest part in 1902

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

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

The farm consists of 3 homesteads, each 80 acres & 80 acres bought from railroad. The Southwest 80 was homesteaded by Fredrick Olson and the Northwest 80 by Lars Fredrickson, a son of Fredrick Olson, and the Northeast 80 by Martin Fredrickson, another son. 80 acres were purchased from the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad in 1893 by Lars Fredrickson. The farm was next owned by Fred & Oscar, 2 of Lars' 4 sons and is now owned by Oscar's sons, Robert, who lives on farm, James, David, Thomas and Harriet, their mother.

Livestock raising has always been a part of the Fredrickson farm. The 108' x 40' barn was built in 1920. The gravel in the foundation was hauled by horse & wagon from the Norby pit. The barn housed 22 horses before the modern machinery age. There are 20 stanchions for cows plus calf pens. The barn was used for dairy cows until 1949, when purebred angus beef cattle replaced them. There are hog feeding facilities, but they haven't been used since 1975. We haven't had chicken since 1968. A angus cow herd is still maintained.

The first tractor on the farm was a 1926 Fordson. A Minneapolis Moline pull-type combine replaced the threshing machine in 1937. Oliver machinery was used mainly until it was replaced with a complete John Deere line during the 60's.

The corn crib on the farm was built in the mid 30's, and features an upright bucket elevator with floor dump.

The farm now has grain drying facilities and a modern cattle feeding setup.

The 15 room house was modernized in 1950 with a full basement put under it.

The combination shop & double garage was built in 1949 with cottonwood lumber sawed off the farm.

The 96 x 36 machine shed was built in 1954 and the pole barn in 1965. (It needs to be rebuilt, because it collapsed from a snow storm)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

KENNETH KORTGAARD
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

Route 1 Box 76 Sacred Heart Minn 56285
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(612)
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

34

TOWNSHIP

Erickson

COUNTY

Renville

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

200 ①

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

homesteaded about 1868 ②

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

SW 1/2 of SW 1/4
116 range 34

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner		
<u>Olef Christianson</u>	FROM <u>1868</u> TO <u>1905</u>	<u>son</u> <u>Christian Kortgaard</u>
next owner		
<u>Christian Kortgaard</u>	FROM <u>1905</u> TO <u>1953</u>	<u>son</u> <u>Kenneth Kortgaard</u>
next owner		
<u>Kenneth Kortgaard 1953</u>	FROM TO ?	
next owner		
	FROM TO	
next owner		
	FROM TO	

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Abstract of Title ()

Court file in Registration Proceedings ()

Land Patent ()

County Land Record (✓)

Original Deed ()

OTHER

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Kenneth Kortgaard
(signature of present owner)

DATE

May 28, 1978

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Homestead

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? _____

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Salor Norway

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Salor Norway

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? No

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY (PORTION) OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? yes

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? _____

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? wheat Soybeans

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: The original house was 12 x 14 but was added to twice later, a new house was added in 1977. The old house will be torn down this year and should be able to see the original part ~~thru~~. My grandfather came to Rice Co. in 1866, after landing at Quebec Canada. We believe he came to Renville Co in 1868. lived in a wagon the first summer then built a dugout and lived there a while. Bought the east half of SW 1/4 in 1880 from Ole Knudson to go with the west half of the SW 1/4 the homestead. My grandfather called himself Olef Christenson later Olef Kortgaarden then Olef Kortgaard. He applied for homestead at the General Land Office at Benson Minn.
attached page

We don't know if he applied
for homestead 1868-70. I am
enclosing a copy of the assessment
Roll showing he paid taxes
in 1874. Some early records
were lost when the Co. seat
was moved from Beaver Falls
to Olivia. I have been told
that no taxes were paid the
first years on the homestead,
but do not really know.

The first owner Oluf Christensen
was bor 1834 at Sator Norway
and died 1934 on this farm,
looking three months from 100
years old.

Sincerely,
Kenneth Kortgaard

ASSESSMENT ROLL

FOR THE TOWN OF

Crickson

Penville Co. Minn.

FOR THE YEAR 1874.

ST. PAUL PRESS CO.,

Book and Job Printers, and Blank Book Manufacturers, St. Paul, Minn.

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ASSESSOR'S RETURN OF TAXABLE PERSONAL PROPERTY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF

AUDITOR'S FORM No. 4

NAMES OF PROPERTY HOLDERS, IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER, Care should be taken to make every Name and Figure plain and distinct.	No. of School Dist.	Total value of all Personal Property as equalized by the State Board. Dollars.	Total value of all Personal Property as equalized by the County Board. Dollars.	Auditor's Col. Assessors will leave this column vacant for the use of the County Auditor. Dollars.	Total value of all the Personal Property included in the thirty- one items. Dollars.	1. HORSES.		2. CATTLE.						3. MULES and ASSES of all ages.	4. SHEEP of all ages.	5. HOGS.	6. Agricul- tural Tools, Impl'm'ts and Machin'y.	7. WAGONS and CARRIAGES.	8. SEWING and KNITTING MACHINES.	9. WATCHES and CLOCKS.	10. MELODEONS and ORGANS.	11. PIANO and FORTH.					
						Under three years old.		Three years old and over.		Under two years old.		Cows two years old and over.		All other cat- tle two years old and over.		No.	Value in Dollars.	No.	Value in Dollars.	No.	Value in Dollars.	No.	Value in Dollars.	No.	Value in Dollars.	No.	Value in Dollars.
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13. Gold and Silver Plate, and Plated Ware.	14. DIAMONDS and JEWELRY.	15. FRAN- CHISES.	16. Annuities and Royalties.	17. Steamboats Sailing Vessels, etc.	18. Goods and Merchan- dise.	19. Material and Manufactur'd Articles.	20. Manufac- turer's Tools, Imple- ments and Machinery.	21. Steam Engines and Boilers.	22. Moneys of Banks, Bankers, Brokers or Stock Job- bers.	23. Credits of Banks, Bankers, Brokers or Stock Job- bers.	24. Moneys other than Bankers, etc.	25. Credits other than Bankers, etc.	26. Bonds and Stocks.	27. Shares of Capital of Comp'ys not of this State.	28. Property not hereinbefore enumerated of Companies and Corporations	29. Stock and Furniture of Saloons and Eating Houses.	30. B Hard Tables, etc.	31. All other pro- perty includ- ing improve- ments on U.S. and R.R. lands.	LANDS TAKEN UNDER HOMESTEAD ACT.				Assessor's Column.
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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Kenneth O. Nelson

(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Route 1 Box 27 Fairfax Minnesota 55332
CITY STATE ZIP CODE
PHONE NUMBER (507) 426 - 7439
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 22 and 23 TOWNSHIP 112 Camp COUNTY 33 Renville

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 200 ①

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Oct. 5, 1878 ②

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 Sec. 23 -- S 1/2 of NE 1/4 and N 1/2 of SE 1/4 Sec. 22 all twp 112 --

Rge 33

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner		
Sivert Nelson	FROM 1878 TO 1883	brother
next owner		
Andrew & Martinus Nelson	FROM 1883 TO 1886	brother
next owner		
Sivert Nelson Mary Nelson & et al	FROM 1886 TO 1919	parents
next owner		
Nils O. Nelson	FROM 1919 TO 1964	father
next owner		
Kenneth O. Nelson	1964 FROM TO	

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Abstract of Title (X) Court file in Registration Proceedings ()
Land Patent () County Land Record (X)
Original Deed () OTHER

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Kenneth O. Nelson
(signature of present owner)

DATE

June 2 - 1978

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? from my father, Nels O Nelson

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 200

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$ 200

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? in Norway

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? by Franklin and then to the
California gold rush

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? information is not
available

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? no

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL
STANDING OR IN USE? part of the original house is still standing

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1918

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? oats, wheat, soybeans, and corn

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

We have in our ownership, the original Certificate of Register from the State and Commissioner of Indian Affairs and signed by President Abraham Lincoln, in the year 1862. The original Indian Trail between Fort Riggely and Birch Coulee went through our land.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner

(this name will appear on certificate)

Address

Address of farm, if different from above

Section

Township

County

Number of acres in the farm at present

Date of original purchase by member of your family

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

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME

YEARS OF OWNERSHIP

BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER

owner in 1877 or before

next owner

next owner

next owner

next owner

next owner

next owner

from to

1877 from to 1890

1890 from to 1926

1926 from to 1950

19 from to

1950 from to 1955

1955 from to 1978

husband

~~Martin & Mary Sundquist (Rysland)~~

~~Mary & Rasmus Rysland & Martin Sundquist~~

daughters & husband of Mary

granddaughter of Martin & John Sundquist

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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:

Terese Warrigman
(Witness sign here)

Mrs Pete Paradee
(Signature of present owner)

Date March 22, 1978

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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? 80 A. (later he bought the other 80) (5)
 What was the cost of land per acre? Homesteading
 Where was the first owner born? Sweden
 Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Sweden
 Was this a homestead? yes
 Did the first owner farm the land? yes
 Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? no

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? log house is gone, but a stone

from it's foundation is in the center of the farmstead

When was the present home built? 1890 - still being used

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

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

This farm was a homestead by John Sundquist a new comer in about 1870. He lived alone some years then married Marith Lilligard, a Norwegian girl who lived a mile west of his place. John had lost his first wife in childbirth. His mother was the daughter of John & Marith and they lived in a log house in the center of the present farm place. When my mother was 13 yrs. old, together with the rest of the family, they moved into the present dwelling (1890) mother born in 1877.

I am, Mrs. Pete Paradee, daughter of Mrs. Rasmus.
Refsland (Mary Sundquist) and granddaughter of Mr & Mrs.
John Sundquist original owner of the farm. My
mother (Mary Sundquist) grew up on this farm and married
Rasmus Refsland and they lived on this place together
with grandma, who became a widow, when the
children were still small. After grandma's death
my mother became owner and after her death
it was willed to me. (Helen Refsland Paradee) present
owner.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner J. Thomas, Charles N & Rowland PARSONS
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address 701 Graham Dr. Chesterton, Indiana 46304

Address of farm, if different from above Renville, Minnesota

Section 24 Township 115 Sacred Heart County Renville

Number of acres in the farm at present 268 (approx) ①

Date of original purchase by member of your family July 15 - 1878 ②

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

E 1/2 of NW 1/4 of Section 24, Township 115 Range 27 - of original 80

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>John M. Holmberg</u> owner in 1877 or - before <u>U.S. Govt.</u>	<u>7/15</u> from <u>1878</u> to <u>1922</u>	<u>Father of</u> <u>Nathaniel John</u> ③
next owner <u>N. J. Holmberg</u>	from <u>1922</u> to <u>1951</u>	<u>Son of John M.</u>
next owner <u>Hilda M. Holmberg</u>	from <u>1951</u> to <u>1952</u>	<u>Wife of Nathaniel John</u>
next owner <u>Edith Holmberg PARSONS</u>	from <u>1952</u> to <u>1993</u>	<u>Daughter of John & Hilda Holmberg</u>
next owner <u>J. Thomas, Charles, Rowland PARSONS</u>	from <u>1993</u> to <u>Present</u>	<u>Sons of Edith</u>
next owner	from to	<u>and Great Grandsons of original owner</u>
next owner		

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

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

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

Edith Holmberg PARSONS
(Witness sign here)

Charles N. Parsons
(Signature of present owner)

Date 3/22/78

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Minnesota State Fair
St. Paul, MN 55108

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

How many acres were in the original parcel? 80

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? Sweden

Was this a homestead? yes

Did the first owner farm the land? yes

Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? Prior to farming
a Boatkeeper in Sweden.

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? 1908

What are the farm's major crops or products? Soy Beans, Corn, some wheat.

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

E 1/2 of SW 1/4 Sec 13
acquired by John M Holmberg 8-16-1896
S 1/2 of N. E 1/4 - acquired in Apr 3-1915 - by
John M. N. J. Holmberg -

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner Leonard M. Peterson
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address Penville R.R. #2 56284

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 24 Township Sacred Heart County Penville

Number of acres in the farm at present 180 ①

Date of original purchase by member of your family Dec. 10 1877 ②

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

NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 Sec 24 Twp 11S R. 37

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
	from	to	
owner in 1877 or before			
<u>P.J. Peterson</u>	from <u>1877</u>	to <u>1905</u>	<u>Father</u> ③
next owner			
<u>V.C. Peterson</u>	from <u>1905</u>	to <u>1965</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner			
<u>Leonard M. Peterson</u>	from <u>1965</u>	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:

(Witness sign here)

Leonard M. Peterson
(Signature of present owner)

Date _____

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From whom was the farm purchased? Homestead Certificate #1191

How many acres were in the original parcel? 80A

What was the cost of land per acre? Homestead

Where was the first owner born? Sweden

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

Was this a homestead? Yes

Did the first owner farm the land? Yes

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

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

Original home was a dugout.

When was the present home built? About 1890

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

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner

(this name will appear on certificate)

ORREL NASH Steinkamp

Address

Route 3, Box 18, Renville, MN. 56284

Address of farm, if different from above

Section

22 + 23

Township

Flora

County

RENVILLE

Number of acres in the farm at present

200 ①

Date of original purchase by member of your family

filed at Land office 1869, received deed in 1875 or 76 ②

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

the North half of the South east Quarter of Section 22 and South half of the South west of section 23 in Flora Township NO. 114, Range 36

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME

YEARS OF OWNERSHIP

BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT

OWNER

Frederick Steinkamp

from 1869 to 1914

Husband

owner in 1877 or before

LOUISA Steinkamp

from 1914 to 1919

Mother

next owner

WALTER Steinkamp

from 1919 to 1965

Husband

next owner

Estella Steinkamp

from 1965 to 1978

Mother

next owner

Orrel Steinkamp

from March 13, 1978 to - present -

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:

(Witness sign here)

(Signature of present owner)

Date

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From whom was the farm purchased? 80 Acres homestead, 120 from Railroad Co.

How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 Acres

What was the cost of land per acre? ?

Where was the first owner born? NEAR HANOVER Germany

Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Indiana and Northfield 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? 1890

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

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

HAROLD C. SUNDQUIST
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

DELHI

MN

56234

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 637-3252

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SACRED HEART, MN

SECTION 34 - 35

TOWNSHIP

SACRED HEART

COUNTY

RENVILLE

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

160 (1)

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1875 (2)

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

E 1/2 OF SE 1/4 - SEC. 34 - W 1/2 OF SW 1/4 - SEC. 35

1875

1874

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner		
PETER SUNDQUIST	1874-1919 45	FATHER
next owner		
HERMAN SUNDQUIST	1919-1963 44	FATHER
next owner		
HAROLD C. SUNDQUIST	1963 -	
next owner		
next owner		

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Abstract of Title (X)

Court file in Registration Proceedings ()

Land Patent ()

County Land Record ()

Original Deed ()

OTHER

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Harold C. Sundquist
(signature of present owner)

DATE May 15, 1978

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CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

(over)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? HASTINGS & DAKOTA RAILWAY CO.

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? ?

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? SWEDEN

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? ?

DID HE FARM THE LAND? YES

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? No

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? YES

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL
STANDING OR IN USE? YES - PART OF BARN

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1919

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? GRAIN

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner HAROLD H. WOHLMAN
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address Remville Minn 56284

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 28 Township 7 larer County Remville

Number of acres in the farm at present ~~200~~ 200 (1)

Date of original purchase by member of your family May 31, 1949 1868 (2)

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

5 1/2 of NW 1/4 Sec. 28 Twp 114 Range 36

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Leopold Wohlman owner in 1877 or before	from 1868 to 1895	Grandfather (3)
Fred W. Wohlman next owner	from 1895 to 1949	Father
Harold H Wohlman next owner	from 1949 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 ()

Other (please explain) _____

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

Alfred Wohlman
(Witness sign here)

Harold Wohlman
(Signature of present owner)

Date _____

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St. Paul, MN 55108

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From whom was the farm purchased? _____

How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 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? New York

Was this a homestead? yes

Did the first owner farm the land? yes

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

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

When was the present home built? ?

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

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Robert M. and Mary Coleman Barnett
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS 6624 Cheyenne Trail Mpls Minn 55435
CITY STATE ZIP CODE
PHONE NUMBER (612) 941-3250
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Rt #1 Kenyon Minn
SE 1/4
SECTION 23 TOWNSHIP 109 N. RANGE 19 W COUNTY Rice

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 6-13-1864

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

SE 1/4 Sec 23 Twp 109 N. Range 19 W of 5th PM
Rice County Minn.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Roland & Mary Fairfield</u>	<u>1860 - 1864</u> <u>4</u>	<u>none</u>
next owner <u>James & Bridget Coleman</u>	<u>1864 - 1914</u> <u>50</u>	<u>Parents of John Coleman</u>
next owner <u>James John P Coleman</u>	<u>1914 - 1936</u> <u>22</u>	<u>Father of John Coleman</u>
next owner <u>John P. Coleman</u>	<u>1936 - 1950</u> <u>14</u>	<u>Father of Emmet C. Coleman</u>
next owner <u>Emmet C. Coleman</u> <u>Mary Coleman Barnett</u>	<u>1950 - 1974</u> <u>24</u> <u>1874 -</u>	<u>Father of Mary Coleman Barnett</u>

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Abstract of Title ☒ Court file in Registration Proceedings ☐
Land Patent ☐ County Land Record ☐
Original Deed ☐ OTHER _____

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Robert M. and Mary Coleman Barnett
(signature of present owner)

DATE May 19, 1975

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Thomas Roland & Mary Fairfield 1864

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? 1200⁰⁰ - 8⁰⁰ per acre

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? _____

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? _____

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? _____

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? _____

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? approx 1865

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? corn, beans, wheat

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

DANIEL AND JANICE DILLON

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Daniel W. Dillon and Janice R. Dillon

(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Route 5, Box 131 Faribault Minnesota 55021
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER ()
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 2 TOWNSHIP Wells COUNTY Rice

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 240 (1)

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 8-29-64 (2)

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

SE 1/4 of Sec 2, Twp 110, Rg 21

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	1864-1871	
John Dillon	7 years	father (3)
next owner	1871-1924	
Daniel Dillon	53 years	father
next owner	1924-1967	
William D. Dillon	43 years	father
next owner	1967-	
Daniel W. Dillon	11 years	
next owner		

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

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION LISTED ABOVE IS CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

Daniel Dillon

(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

DATE June 8, 1978

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? _____

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? 4.38

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Ireland

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? _____

DID HE FARM THE LAND? _____

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? unknown

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

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? corn, alfalfa, oats

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

John Dillon, first owner, was born in Ireland. He came to American in 1853. He landed in Quebec and then came to Ohio where he remained until the spring of 1857, then to Wisconsin and in 1860 moved to Minnesota and located in Wells Township, Rice County where he bought land in Section 11. In 1864 he sold that land and bought in Section 2 where he remained until his death in July 1873, his wife dying the previous November.

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Lewis E. and Corinne G. Dwyer ✓
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Route 3, Box 307 - Fairbault Minn. 55001
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE 334-4095 - Lewis Dwyer
(507) 334-4582 Son
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same -

SECTION 32 TOWNSHIP Wells - COUNTY Rice -

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 100 A - ①

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1866 ②

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) East 1/2 (E 1/2) of

The Southeast Quarter - SE 1/4 of Section number 32 in Township
Number 110 (Wells) North of Range number 21 West also the W.
one half (W 1/2) of NE 1/4 of Section 5, Township 109 - Ureaw - North of Range #21 -
PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP All west of 5th Principal meridian.

NAME YEARS OF OWNERSHIP BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER

First owner

J. Timothy Dwyer FROM Feb 21 1866 TO 4 Jan - 1902 Father ③

Next owner

John & Julia Dwyer - FROM 4 Jan 1902 TO 7 May - 1940 Father -

Next owner

Julia Dwyer - FROM 7 May 1940 TO 29 March 1945 Mother of Lewis
wife of John Wife - error

Next owner

Lewis E. & Corinne G. Dwyer FROM 29 March 1945 TO continuous -

Next owner

FROM TO

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Land Patent ☐ County Land Record ()
Original Deed ☐ OTHER _____

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Corinne G. Dwyer
(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE June 27, 1978

CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

Lewis E. Dwyer

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Harvey & Silance Goodell, Lewis & Sophia Holbrook

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160 A.

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$ 2.50 per A.

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Ireland -

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Family came from Ireland -

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes - Dairy -

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? not known -

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? 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 - Barn - 1909 -

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Crops - dairy young stock -

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Lewis' signature - on the reverse side is of poor quality because of Parkinson's disease from which he is totally disabled. My husband has operated the farm land in partnership with his parents for 23 years.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Robert & Adair Dwyer - see note
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

R# 4 - Box 214, Faribault Minn. 55021

PHONE NUMBER

(8507) 334-4582
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

R# 1, Northfield Myron & Irene Sommers reside on farm.
See note attached

SECTION

15

TOWNSHIP

Northfield

COUNTY

Rice

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

200

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1855

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

The Northwest

Quarter (NW 1/4) and the North West Quarter of the Southwest

Quarter (NW 1/4 of SW 1/4) of Section 15, Township 11 North, Range 19

Original General Land Office of U.S. at Holmgren, Minn. # 2,646 - P. 323

West of the 5th. P.M. Rice Co., Minn.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner		
<u>Fredrick Sommers</u>	FROM 1855 TO 1885	Father
next owner		
<u>William Sommers</u>	FROM 1885 TO 1934	Father
next owner		
<u>Myron Sommers</u>	FROM 1934 TO 1976	Father of Mrs Dwyer
next owner		
<u>Robert L. & Adair E. (Sommers) Dwyer</u>	FROM 1976 TO -	
next owner		
	FROM TO	

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Abstract of Title ☒

Court file in Registration Proceedings ☒

Land Patent ☐

County Land Record ☐

Original Deed ☒

OTHER

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Adair E. Dwyer

Robert L. Dwyer

(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE

June 26, 1978

CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Federal - U. S. Government land

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$1.75

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? 11/30/1821 - Mecklenburg-Schwerin - Germany -

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Germany - to Illinois - to Minn.

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes -

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? none known -

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes -

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? _____

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1902 - Unusual construction - provided bathroom space - double wall - dead air - insulation

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn - Beans -

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

I am sending a copy of the Sommers history - although crude in printing - it is factual. The researcher and writer of this document is Miss Gladys Benzg - retired professor of Nursing at the University of Iowa. (author of several books on pediatric nursing - her speciality?) Gladys is a ^{1st} cousin of my father and introduced her teaching friend - Irene Johnson to her cousin - Myron Sommers. Irene & Myron Sommers celebrate their 47th anniversary on June 27 - 1978.

As a special request - please make the
certificate out to my parents - (or, for them
1 - for us would
be terrible)

Myron W. and Irene L. Summers.

They have been married 49 years & are 81 and
79 years old respectively. They have life-lease on the house.

Mother begged Dad - to place the farm
on the century list in our courthouse and
he would not - saying "Fools names and fools faces
are often found in public places." Now it would
please them immensely.

Thank you
Doris E. (Summers) Dwyer

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

MRS. GARFIELD Eigenbrodt
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

R.P.1, Box 302,

FARIBAULT

Minnesota

55021

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 789-6630
area code

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

5

TOWNSHIP

109

COUNTY

Rice

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

160 (1)

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

July 18, 1866 (2)

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section Five (5) of township One Hundred Nine (109) North of Range Nineteen (19) West, Rice County, Minnesota

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>John Eigenbrodt</u>	<u>1866-1886</u> 20	<u>Father</u>
next owner <u>John Eigenbrodt, Jr.</u>	<u>1886-1916</u> 30	<u>Father Husband</u>
next owner <u>Elizabeth Eigenbrodt</u>	<u>1916-1938</u> 22	<u>Mother</u>
<u>Garfield Eigenbrodt</u>	<u>1938-1963</u> 25	<u>Husband</u>
next owner <u>Mrs. Garfield Eigenbrodt</u>	<u>1963-</u>	
next owner <u>Elizabeth Eigenbrodt</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>2000</u>

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Court file in Registration Proceedings ()

Land Patent ()

County Land Record ()

Original Deed ()

OTHER

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Mrs. Garfield Eigenbrodt
(signature of present owner)

DATE

4/16/78

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Stephen Greene and Frederick Miller

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? _____

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? _____

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? _____

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? _____

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? _____

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? _____

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, soy beans

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Ebert N. Halvorson
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS R.R. 2 Box 176 Lonsdale 55046
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 334-8862
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 29 TOWNSHIP Forest COUNTY Rice

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 270 ①

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Sept. 24 1874 ②

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) S. 1/2 of S. 6 1/4
& N. 20 1/4 of S. 6 1/4 - Sec. 29-111-21

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Neils Halvorson</u> first owner		
<u>Neils Halvorson</u> next owner	FROM 1874 TO 1909	Husband Father
<u>Barbra Halvorson</u> next owner	FROM 1909 TO 1929	Mother
<u>Berent Halvorson</u> next owner	FROM 1929 TO 1959	Father
<u>Ebert N. Halvorson</u> next owner	FROM 1959 TO	SON
	FROM TO	

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

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Ebert N. Halvorson
(signature of present owner)

DATE May 30 1978

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CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Sylvester Fox

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$4.50

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Norway

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Norway

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? No.

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? _____

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? yes, house & barn & garage

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1875

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn & hay

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

In 1858 ~~the~~ United States of America gave a land patent to John Wintermute in 1858 Warranty deed ^{to} Sylvester Fox ~~in~~ ~~to~~ Neil Halverson to whom, built buildings in 1874, who was grandfather of present owner. -

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

NORMAN HOPE
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

R#1 NERSTRAND MINNESOTA 55053
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 645-7964
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

33

TOWNSHIP

NORTHFIELD

COUNTY

RICE

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

240 ①

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

APRIL 25, 1878 ②

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) The SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 and

the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Sec 33-111-19, & other land as: North 5 acres of NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of
Sec 9-110-19, containing in all 85 acres be the same more or less, subject to all taxes & tax titles
against said 5 acres 1st described.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner		
<u>Haldor M. HOPE</u>	<u>FROM 1878 TO 1934</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
next owner		
<u>BERNARD HOPE</u>	<u>FROM 1934 TO 1960</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
next owner		
<u>NORMAN HOPE</u>	<u>FROM 1960 TO Present time</u>	
next owner		
	FROM TO	
next owner		
	FROM TO	

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Abstract of Title ☒

Court file in Registration Proceedings ()

Land Patent ()

County Land Record ()

Original Deed ()

OTHER _____

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Norman Hope
(signature of present owner)

DATE

June 29, 1978

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Dorothy, Jennie, Lena + Christopher Lockrem

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 85 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$19.42

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? NORWAY

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Worked in area

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? No

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes, we think so

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? Old BARN

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1896

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn, Soybeans, Hay, small grains

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

James S. Story
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS RFD #2 Kenyon, Mn. 55946
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 789-5437
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 3 TOWNSHIP Richland COUNTY Rice

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160 (1)

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1862 (2)

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) THE SOUTHEAST
QUARTER (SE $\frac{1}{4}$) OF SECTION 3 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
first owner		
Andrew Story	FROM 1862 TO 1896	Father
next owner		
Albion Story	FROM 1896 TO 1933	Father
next owner		
Lloyd Story	FROM 1933 TO 1969	Father
next owner		
James S. Story	FROM 1969 TO Present	Father
next owner		
	FROM TO	

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

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James S. Story
(signature of present owner)

DATE 6-2-78

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CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Ansyl Wilson

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 400

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? _____

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Massachusetts

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? same

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? _____

Ship building -- fishing schooners in Mass.

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? _____

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1928

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn, Alfalfa, Hogs, Dairy

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: _____

This farmstead was the original homestead for the 400 acres.

Our son, Scott, now 20 years old is farming with us, and plans to be the fifth generation of Storys to farm this land.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner John J Varley

Name(s) to appear on certificate John J Varley

Address R#1 Box 214 Faribault Mn

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 2 Township Cannon City County Rice

Number of acres in the farm at present 225 (1)

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1862 + 1974

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

SW 1/4 in Sect. 2, Township 110 North, Range 20 West
of the 3rd principal meridian

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
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Dennis McLaughlin (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1862 to 1892	Father to Joseph & Walter McLaughlin (3)
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Dennis McLaughlin next owner	from 1874 to 1892	McLaughlin
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Dos. & Walter McLaughlin next owner	from 1892 to 1950	Brothers to Julia Varley
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Julia Varley next owner	from 1950 to 1952	Mother to Denis Varley
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1/2 Denis & Mary H. Varley next owner	from 1952 to 1964	Father & Mother of John Varley
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1/2 Clarence & Catherine Gleason next owner	from 1952 to 1964	Aunt & uncle of John Varley
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John Varley next owner	from 1964 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 Varley
(Witness sign here)

John J Varley
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-14-78

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? ^{1/2 in} 1862 from Franklin H. Sanford
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? ^{1/2 in 1874} from Harvey Mills
3. What was the cost of land per acre? _____
4. Where was the first owner born? Dennis McLaughlin born in Ireland
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Pennsylvania
6. Was this a homestead? ?
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?

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

10. When was the present home built? 1858?
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? dairy, corn, alfalfa
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Fairbault Daily News

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

Bob and Adair Dwyer

RICE COUNTY

Route 4, Box 214
FARIBAULT, MINN. 55021
Phone (507) 334-4582

June 20, 1978

Dear Julie Nathanson,

We have the honor of entering
2 Century Farms that have never before
been entered.

#1 is the Sammere Farm - homesteaded
in 1855.

#2 - The Dwyer Farm - and would
you believe - my husband's family
did not know the year that grandpa
John Timothy Dwyer bought the farm.
The abstract proved 1866, and we've now
got family members interested in
genealogy!

Can you believe - that Bob

and I are both from century farm backgrounds - we both grew up with dairy-ing parents - grand parents and great grandparents - and we are also dairy farmers? We milke 66 cows in a 1 story-tie stall barn. Other enterprises are dairy beef - hogs - and 1200 acres crops.

Our parents - Lewis & Corinne Dwyer's
Myron & Irene Sommers, as well as us
and our children wish to thank you
for the opportunity to register these
farms.

Thank you -

Alan C. Dwyer

As a special request - please make the
certificate out to my parents - (or, for them
1- for us would be desirable)

Myron W. and Irene L. Summers.

They have been married 47 years & are 81 and
79 years old respectively. They have life-lease on the house.

Mother begged Dad - to place the farm
on the century list in our court house and
he would not - saying "Fools names and fools faces
are often found in public places." Now it would
please them immensely.

Thank you
Helen E. (Summers) Dwyer

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Lewis E. and Corinne G. Dwyer
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

Route 3, Box 307 - Fairbault, Minn. 55001

PHONE

334-4095 - Lewis Dwyer
(307) 334-4582 Son

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

Same as above

SECTION

32

TOWNSHIP

Wells

COUNTY

Rice

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

100 A.

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

160

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

East 1/2 (E 1/2) of

The Southeast Quarter - SE 1/4 of Section number 32 in Township

Number 40 (Wells) North of Range number 21 West also the W.

one half (W 1/2) of NE 1/4 of Section 5, Township 108 - 43rd - North of Range #21 -

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

All west of 5th Principal Meridian.

NAME

YEARS OF OWNERSHIP

BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO
NEXT OWNER

First owner

J. Timothy Dwyer

Feb 21 4 Jan -
FROM 1866 TO 1902

Father

Next owner

John & Julia Dwyer

4 Jan 7 May -
FROM 1902 TO 1940

Father

Next owner

Julia Dwyer

7 May 29 March
FROM 1940 TO 1945

Mother of Lewis

Next owner

Lewis E. & Corinne G. Dwyer

29 March
FROM 1945 TO

continuous

Next owner

FROM TO

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Land Patent ☐

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Original Deed ☐

OTHER _____

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Corinne G. Dwyer
(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE

June 27, 1978

CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

Lewis E. Dwyer

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Harvey & Silience Goodell, Lewis & Sophia Holbrook

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160 A.

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$ 2.50 per A.

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Ireland -

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Family came from Ireland -

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes - Dairy -

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? not known -

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? 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 - Barn - 1909 -

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Crops - dairy young stock -

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Lewis' signature - on the reverse side is of poor quality because of Parkinson's disease from which he is totally disabled. My husband has operated the farm land in partnership with his parents for 23 years.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Robert & Adair Dwyer -
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

R# 4 - Box 214, Faribault

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 334-4582
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

R# 1, Northfield Myron & Irene Sommers reside on farm.

SECTION

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TOWNSHIP

Northfield

COUNTY

Rice See note attached

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

200

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1855

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

The Northwest

Quarter (NW 1/4) and the North West Quarter of the Southwest

Quarter (NW 1/4 of SW 1/4) of Section 15, Township 11 North, Range 1

Original General Land Office of U.S. at Red Wing, Minn. # 2,646 - P. 323

West of the 5th. P.M. Rice Co., Minn.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>first owner</u> <u>Fredrick Sommers -</u>	<u>FROM 1855 TO 1885</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>next owner</u> <u>William Sommers</u>	<u>FROM 1885 TO 1934</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>next owner</u> <u>Myron Sommers</u>	<u>FROM 1934 TO 1976</u>	<u>Father of Mrs Dwyer</u>
<u>next owner</u> <u>Robert L. & Adair E (Sommers) Dwyer -</u>	<u>FROM 1976 TO -</u>	
<u>next owner</u>	<u>FROM TO</u>	

The above evidence of continuous family ownership is taken from one or more of the following records. Indicate by check marks those that apply. DO NOT SEND RECORDS.

Abstract of Title (X)

Court file in Registration Proceedings (X)

Land Patent ()

County Land Record ()

Original Deed (X)

OTHER _____

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Adair E. Dwyer
(signature of present owner)

Robert L. Dwyer

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE

June 26, 1978

CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Federal - U. S. Government land

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$1.75

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? 11/30/1821 - Mecklenburg-Schwerin - Germany

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Germany - to Illinois - to Minn.

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes -

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? none known -

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes -

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE?

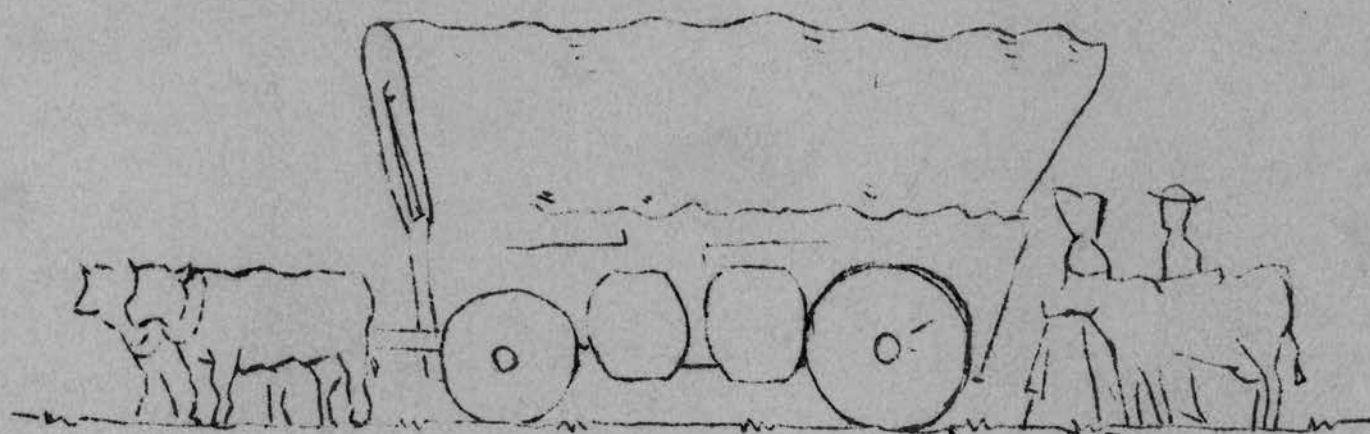
WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1902 - Unusual construction - provided bathroom space - double wall - dead air - insulation

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn - Beans -

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

I am sending a copy of the Sommers history - although crude in printing - it is factual. The researcher and writer of this document is Miss Gladys Benzg - retired professor of Nursing at the University of Iowa. (author of several books on pediatric nursing - her speciality?) Gladys is a ^{1st} cousin of my father and introduced her teaching friend - Irene Johnson to her cousin - Myron Sommers. Irene & Myron Sommers celebrate their 47th anniversary on June 10, 1958.

SOMMER CENTENNIAL



1855

Robt. Adair Dwyer
Rt 4 - Box 514,
Fairbault, Minn.
55021

1955



HISTORY OF THE FREDERICK AND ROSINE (SCHULT) SOMMERS FAMILY 1855 - 1955

Compiled by Gladys S. Benz

Life in Germany

Frederick Adam Somer (in America the name was spelled Sommers) was born November 30, 1821 in the province of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Germany. In the same province near the little town of Wismer on October 19, 1830 a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Christian Schult. This baby was christened Rosine Christine Elise. As Frederick and Rosine grew to young man and womanhood they were brought closer and closer together. They decided to establish a home together and so about 1849 they were married in Germany.

From the time of their marriage, Frederick and Rosine began to lay plans to migrate to America. It was not an easy decision to make. Mr. Sommers' parents were dead but Rosine had a difficult time to make up her mind to leave her parents, four sisters and a brother, other relatives and her many friends while she went off on an adventure which might separate her from them always. Frederick and Rosine knew there could be no turning back once the decision was made. They must face the hardships together in the new land.

While planning went forward for their journey, a son Frederick was born to them in Germany on January 8, 1851. Some time in 1852, when the baby was a little over a year old Frederick and Rosine, with stout hearts and determination, gathered together their few possessions and with their baby said farewell to relatives and friends and the familiar homeland. From Hamburg, Germany they sailed to America, the land that held so much promise and adventure, opportunity to worship as they chose and a challenge to help build the foundation of a new community in which their ideals might be realized.

In the following pages an attempt has been made to trace the history of the Sommers family in America.

BEGINNINGS FOUNDED IN THE FAITH

The Ocean Voyage

At the port of Hamburg Germany, Frederick and Rosine and the baby along with other immigrants settled themselves on the small sailing vessel for what they expected to be about a six weeks journey across the Atlantic Ocean. Their few possessions including Rosine's spinning wheel were stowed away safely in the hold of the ship. Everything went well for a while. The sails filled and the journey down the broad Elbe River was pleasant, and the shoreline gradually receded from sight. Many other boats also were plying up and down the river. Soon they were out on the ocean. A few days later a deadly calm settled over the water and there was no wind to fill the sails. Of course, there was no other means of power and no distress signals could be sent. Several times, for a few days at a time,

the boat was marooned at sea waiting for the sails to fill. This was a deeply religious group and they prayed for their safe arrival on any shore. Food and water supplies ran low. Water was rationed in very small amounts and there was little to eat but bread and thin soup during the latter part of the voyage. The first class passengers had more food, but the Sommers family could not afford first class passage and came in the cheapest accommodations.

Mrs. Sommers became very seasick enroute. During her illness a blood vessel in one eye ruptured. Medical help was sought when they reached America but nothing could be done. She was blind in that eye for the rest of her life.

The little company of travel weary immigrants finally reached Quebec, Canada about nine weeks after sailing from Hamburg. Mr. and Mrs. Sommers and son Frederick made their way to Joliet, Illinois via Chicago. The means of transportation and the reason for choosing Joliet are unknown. For about 3 years Mr. Sommers worked with pick and shovel on the Joliet Railroad to earn enough money to buy equipment and supplies to migrate farther westward to the untouched prairie. During the three years that the Sommers family lived in Joliet there was much planning with other families about the site of their future home. There were many meetings to discuss such things as the most desirable site, when to start, what to take, how to plan for food, shelter and emergencies enroute, which trail to follow, what safety precautions would be necessary, who should lead the colony. During this period of preparation a son John was born to the Sommers family in Joliet, March 28, 1854.

Migration to Northfield Township

By the spring of 1855 plans for the migration were well laid, supplies and equipment were purchased and the date of departure set. Six families joined the group under the able leadership of Gottlieb Prehn. In their covered wagon, Frederick and Rosine had stowed their meager material possessions including a pick and shovel, a breaking plow, a few farm and garden seeds, Rosine's precious spinning wheel, clothing bedding, cooking equipment and enough food for at least one days' journey. Early one morning in mid April of 1855 Frederick tied his two cows to the rear end of the wagon, yoked the oxen, helped Rosine into the high seat, and lifted up their two sons, Frederick just past 4 years and John only 13 months old. Then taking his place on the seat beside them he signaled the oxen to start. The wheels began to turn and creak and their wagon swung into line with those of the other five families, all of which had made similar preparations for the journey. They waved goodbye to their friends and neighbors in Joliet and set their course in a westerly direction. The caravan consisted of the following families:

Frederick Sommers, born in Germany November 30,
1821. Deceased November 11, 1885.
Buried in Prairie Creek Cemetery

Phillip Miller, born in Germany 1832. Deceased
1905. Buried in Prairie Creek Cemetery

John Drentlaw, born in Germany. Buried in
Prairie Creek Cemetery

Stephen Krantz, born in Germany. Buried in
Prairie Creek Cemetery

Gottlieb Lechelt (We were unable to trace any
record of his family)

Gottlieb Prehn (Grandfather of Arthur Bierman)
Leader of the caravan

Mr. and Mrs. Prehn lived in the Northfield community for some years but returned to Joliet, Illinois after their children were grown. Several of the Prehn family are buried in the Prairie Creek Cemetery.

The trip from Joliet to the Northfield Minnesota community was made in about 6 weeks. The caravan reached Northfield Township near the first of June 1855 and all six families settled in that area. Mr. Sommers chose a piece of land in section 15 of Northfield Township and obtained it by pre-emption for \$1.25 per acre through the land office in Red Wing. The farm has been in the Sommers family continuously since that time. After the death of Frederick it was owned and operated by his son William until his death in 1928. Since then, it has been operated by William's son Myron, grandson of the original owner, except for a 3 year period when it was rented to Donald Rock. Myron purchased the farm in 1945.

Grass grew wild and the virgin timber was thick in areas near Northfield when the little band of pioneers chose to settle in this community. The fertile soil and now richly developed farms show how wise was the selection of this spot for their new home. As these midwestern pioneers set about building a new home they must have had lofty aspirations, many fears and misgivings and an ever present realization that only by Faith, pluck, continued hard work and rigorous discipline would it be possible to develop the foundations of a community in which their children and future generations could grow up in a democratic society free to work and worship as they chose.

In early June of 1855, when the ox drawn covered wagons of this little caravan rolled to a stop in Northfield Township, Franklin Pierce was president of the United States (1853-1857). The California gold rush was on, having begun in earnest in 1849, and Minnesota had been a territory for 6 years (organized 1849). What is now known as the city of Northfield consisted of one log house which was occupied by Mr. and Mrs. North and family who had moved here in January of that year. The nearest store was in Lewiston on the Cannon River where a few staples supplies could be purchased. In 1855 a post office was established at Fountain Grove $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of Northfield. A few months later the post office was moved to Northfield.

1855, '56 and '57 were the three years of greatest immigration in the Territorial days of Minnesota. The fever of real estate speculation which had been feebly developed before 1855 now had

a great upsurge. The number of real estate dealers was innumerable. Many of them sold imaginary sites and thus fleeced unsuspecting strangers. With so many travelers crowding the roads, the tiny homes of the first settlers could not accommodate all who had to stop for the night. The first public "stopping place" in the Northfield area was built in 1855, one half mile north of Northfield. In its heyday, it was known as the "best furnished hotel west of Chicago". June 1856 marked the arrival of Northfield's first merchant, Hiram Scriber. In September of that year Miron Skinner and his brother opened another store.

LIFE IN THE PIONEER COMMUNITY

Early Buildings

Upon arrival in the Northfield Community, Mr. Sommers broke some sod and did a little planting before starting to build a house. Although large quantities of excellent building sandstone was quarried along the Minnesota River as early as 1838 and used in buildings and bridges in the St. Paul and Mendota areas, its transportation was difficult and costly. Log buildings were more readily and cheaply constructed by the early pioneers. The Sommers family lived in the covered wagon about six weeks while a log house was built. Logs were obtained west of the Cannon River near Northfield from land set aside as school property. Logs were smoothed with a broad axe which has a broad blade and short handle. Spaces between logs were chinked up with wood and plastered with mortar (lime and sand) to make a one room house.

A saw mill was built in Northfield in the summer of 1855 where boards were obtained for the floor and slabs for the roof of the house. No nails were used except in the floor and roof. There was one window in the house which was a one-half sash window with six panes of glass each measuring 8 x 10 inches. Before the cold winds of fall blew across the prairie foretelling something of the rugged winter ahead, the Sommers family was snugly settled in their new home. A one room addition was built a few years later. It also had one window like the main room. Plastering was re-done each fall before frost.

A latch string, which is still a sign of old fashioned hospitality, hung on the outside of the door. A large flat stone which served as a doorstep is still beside the porch on the old homestead. Furniture in the log house was meager and plain. It contained two second hand purchased beds and six chairs. Other beds, benches, tables and so forth were home made. Basswood, smoothed with a draw shave was used for making the furniture. Mr. Sommers fashioned a smooth basswood dough trough in which Rosine made bread. There were no large pans in those days. Other types of household equipment often were home made. Twisted strands of hay were used in place of a scrubbing brush, and the tables, benches and floors were thoroughly scoured weekly.

Log and board stables and a log granary were built on the Sommers farm. Part of the granary was used as a threshing floor where a flail was used to thresh out the grain.

Growth in Agriculture

Even in its early days the state of Minnesota showed marvelous growth in agricultural products as seen in the following table found in Holmes, Frank R. "Minnesota in Three Centuries" (Volume IV Page 391)

<u>Products</u>	<u>1850</u>	<u>1860</u>
Wheat (bushels)	1,401	2,195,812
Indian corn "	16,725	2,987,570
Oats "	30,582	2,202,050
Rye "	125	125,257
Potatoes "	21,145	2,202,050
Hay (tons)	20,119	274,952
Butter (pounds)	1,100	2,961,598

According to the report of the Commissioner of Statistics of that day the following comparison give some idea of the growth of Minnesota:

<u>Estimated</u>	<u>1850</u>	<u>1860</u>
Improved land (of which 1900 was tilled)	5,035 acres	546,951 acres (of which 133,267 acres were tilled)
Cash value of farms	\$161,948	\$19,070,737
Number of swine	734	101,252
Number of sheep	80	13,123
Number of milch cows	607	40,385
Number of working oxen	655	27,574
Number of horses	860	17,122

In the early days on the Sommers farm grain was cut with a cradle and hand bound. Mrs. Sommers often helped bind the sheaves. Agriculture and its allied industries are the foundation of Minnesota's greatness. One of the important spurs to the development of agricultural interests was the invention of the reaping machine. Cyrus H. McCormick placed his invention on the market in 1840. However, the Falvey reaper was Mr. Sommers choice.

Mr. Sommers purchased his first Falvey reaper some time during the early years here. This reaper had two seats. One at the front was for the driver, which often was a youngster in the family. The straddle seat was at the back of the machine. Here a man sat and with a fork pushed off the cut grain in bundle size. Others followed on foot to bind the bundles and shock them. This machine was often driven by Alvina (Mrs. John Koester) or Amelia (Mrs. William Benz.)

A few years later Mr. Sommers purchased a Marsh harvester. There was a seat in front for the driver. The cut grain was carried up on canvasses while two men stood on the back platform and hand bound the grain in bundles. Mr. Sommers had two of these harvesters at one time when he increased his grain acreage. Amelia sometimes bound grain for a short distance just for fun. Usually she and Will shocked while John and Mr. Sommers bound the grain. One of the younger children drove the team.

After the Marsh harvester came the wire self binder. These wire bands were cut by hand on the threshing machine platform and the wire went through the threshing machine. Occasionally cattle died from eating small pieces of the wire. When straw stacks were burned, piles of this wire would be left. Next came the twine binders which were more satisfactory and with certain improvements are still used in some places.

One year, Mr. Sommers borrowed a hay rake from Dan Bunday who lived on the present Donald Rock farm south of Northfield. Hay racks were home made. Oxen were used for transportation until Mr. Sommers purchased his first horses in 1864.

Although Minnesota was a prosperous agricultural state it also had its' handicaps. The grasshopper invasion of 1856-1857 left complete destruction in its wake. Fortunately they missed the Northfield settlement but destruction of crops in nearby areas affected the total economy. Hennepin and Ramsey counties were particularly hard hit. The flying swarms passed over Southern Minnesota as far east as Winnebago City. Fortunately the state was free from the pest for the next seven years.

The panic of 1857 which reached Minnesota in October of that year found the state in a prosperous condition. But the real estate bubble burst and hard times soon commenced in earnest. Newspapers were crowded with notices of foreclosures of mortgages and other results of the crash.

Pioneer life in the 1850's was fraught with many potential dangers. Indians going between Faribault and Red Wing often followed trails which led quite near the Sommers homestead. Although they were known to be of friendly tribes many of the settlers were uneasy when they knew Indians were going through. When any were approaching on the trail the Sommers children often hid until the Indians were again out of sight. The well on the Sommers farm was some little distance from the house. Sometimes when Mrs. Sommers went for water Alvina would be left in the house to care for the younger children. Although she could see the well from the house she often was afraid that the Indians might come before her mother returned.

For several years, but especially during the first winter (1855), food was limited in this small community where the Sommers family settled. The first winter the Sommers family had twenty-five pounds of side pork for meat. There were potatoes and a limited quantity and variety of vegetables stored for winter use. Coffee was made from roasted barley, ground and then boiled. The cows gave little or no milk in the winter. The barns were cold and there was little feed for the live stock. Planning a substantial meal for a growing family was something

of a problem. Mr. Sommers bought a pig from a neighbor for \$4.00 and soon began to raise pigs himself. Apple trees were purchased to start a small orchard and the food problem gradually improved.

Grist Mills

From 1850 - 1855 small grist mills to accomodate the general public were built on streams in many counties in the Minnesota Territory. One at Taylor's Falls was built in 1852. The first substantial merchant milling was begun in Minneapolis at "The Minnesota Mill" in 1854. The flour was shipped to Eastern markets. Since there was not enough wheat raised near Minneapolis to supply the milling demands, it was hauled in wagons from Wisconsin and brought by boat from Iowa.

About 1856 John W. North built a flouring mill in Northfield. About the same time in Dundas, a canny Scotsman, the famous Archibald, established a flouring mill producing a whiter floud which excited the envy of his competitors.

Farmers took grain and corn to the grist mills to be custom ground for meal and flour. Middlings, bran and flour were the ground products of wheat. The miller took every eight pound of grain for his toll. One day Alvina (Mrs. John Koester) went along with her parents and the baby to Dundas with a load of grist to be ground. The miller had so much to do that day that the Sommers family was unable to start for home with their grist until about 10 o'clock in the evening. Although it was much farther, they drove home through Northfield as Mr. Sommers was afraid they might be attacked by wild cats springing from low hanging boughs if they came through the woods east of Dundas. Alvina lay on the grist in the back of the wagon, frightened all the way as she thought wild cats might spring on her even though they came on the open road instead of through the woods.

ARRIVAL OF RELATIVES FROM GERMANY

Some years after the Sommers family settled in Minnesota they were saddened by the news of the death of Mrs. Sommers mother in Germany. Grief gave way to joy when Mrs. Sommers father, Christian Schult, and two of her sisters, Sophie and Lizette decided to brave an Atlantic crossing and settle in Minnesota. They came to the Northfield community and were happy in their new home. Sophie later married Jacob Glor of Nerstrand where she lived until her death. She is buried in what is called the Beckley cemetery near Nerstrand. Lizette married Joseph Evert. Lizette is buried in Middle Creek, Minnesota, near Redwood Falls, near the place where the Everts made their home for many years.

Christian Schult lived in the Northfield community until his death September 19, 1874. He is buried in the Prairie Creek cemetery, near Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Sommers.

THE FRAME HOUSE

The Sommers family lived in the log house for ten years and in 1865 built a two story frame house which stood where the present house stands. Building a frame house was quite an event in those days. The whole family eagerly watched its progress during the summer months. It was a gala day in the fall of 1865 when Mr. and Mrs. Sommers and their seven children moved from the two room log house to the spacious two story frame house. George Sommers was then a baby not quite one year old. Alvina, then eight years old, remembers carrying the baby (George) up the slope from the log house to the new frame house. The house contained the following rooms:

First floor	Living room Two bedrooms Kitchen and pantry
Second floor	Two bedrooms and one closet

Furniture purchased at Hastings at this time:

- 1 large rocker
- 1 small round table
- 1 dresser (now at the Donald and
Harold Sommers home)
- 1 cradle
- 6 cane seated chairs

The family moved to the new house before it was completed and lived on the second floor while the first floor was being plastered. Although the weather was cold the windows were opened and the plaster froze dry.

Four more children (Sarah, Frank, Calista and Hattie) were born to the Sommers family after they moved into the new house. All eleven children grew to adulthood.

The present house on the farm was built in 1902 by William Sommers. In this house appropriately placed rooms were built for bathrooms. In 1946 when the house was modernized no structural changes were necessary.

Planting Trees and Flowers

The Sommers family always was interested in beautifying the home place. Very early a grove was started by planting maple seeds gathered in the village of Northfield. The Coburn family who were near neighbors had come from Eastern United States and settled in the Northfield community. They brought cuttings of poplar, willow, and Balm of Gilead trees with them. The Coburn's were very generous in sharing cuttings, seeds and seedlings with their neighbors. When John Sommers was about ten years old, Jake Coburn gave him a cottonwood seedling about three feet tall. Since trees were scarce on the prairie it was quite an event to plant one and watch it grow. This cottonwood tree always spoken of as "John's tree" still stands south of the barn on the Sommers farm. Amelia often wondered if the Balm of

Gilead trees were the same as those mentioned in the Bible but she was too bashful to ask the minister. Some of the neighbors made a salve of the Balm of Gilead trees and used it to help in healing wounds. The Sommers family never made any of this salve.

A lilac bush near the driveway bloomed each year until it was removed when the road was widened in recent years. Beds of blue flags and tiger lilies planted by the original family still bloom annually on the Sommers farm. In early spring the blue flag sends out a blossom much like the miniature iris. In mid-summer the bed of tiger lilies in the middle of the front yard is profusely covered with gold and orange blossoms.

Transportation

River transportation in the Minnesota Territory had been carried on in a limited way for more than a quarter century before the Sommers family settled in Northfield. The arrival of the first steamboat at Fort Snelling was one of the leading incidents in Minnesota history in 1823. It came from St. Louis with a cargo of stores for the garrison at the Fort. The event opened a whole new era of commercial development in this area. The evening before the arrival of the steamboat the Sioux Medicine Men were frightened by a dream of seeing the "fire canoe" on the river.

In the winter of 1849, a 223 mile long blazed and marked stage road was laid out from Hudson Wisconsin via Black River Falls to Prairie du Chien. This was also the mail route for those traveling east from St. Paul. The first stage ever operated in Minnesota Territory began in 1849 between St. Paul and St. Anthony as a two seated open wagon drawn by a span of horses.

The building of railroads is one of the heralds of advancing colonization. On June 22, 1862 the first locomotive in Minnesota, a 25 ton wood burner, with a train of cars left St. Paul for St. Anthony. At the close of 1862 there were only 10 miles of railroad in the state. Early Minnesota settlers near the Mississippi River and its navigable branches did not feel the need of railroads, but those in and around inland towns promoted their building. Southern Minnesota filled up rapidly with settlers in the 1850's and agitation for better transportation began at once. The first "iron horse" (Minnesota Railway Company) steamed into Northfield in September 1865, ten years after the Sommers family arrived. This line was later absorbed by the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul Railroad Company. The early train engines were wood burning and had whale oil lights.

There was no bridge across the Cannon River at Northfield for many years after the first settlers came in 1855. The river was forded near where the Marshall store stands on the east side to near where the Anderson Furniture store stands on the west side (formerly the William Ebel store.) The approach on the east side of the river was very gradual but there was a steeper bank on the west. The river was not very deep but was rather swift at times. Alvina (Mrs. John Koester) remembers fording the river with her father when the wagon box swung around due to the swift current. Her father stood on the tongue of the

wagon between the oxen to guide them.

Oxen were used for farm labor as well as for transportation on the Sommers farm until the first horses were purchased in 1864. Some of the early teams of oxen were Buck and Bright, Tom and Jerry, Star and Mig, Duke and Dime. Hickory yokes were hand whittled in winter. The older Sommers boys taught the young steers to lead and gradually to carry a yoke. At one time a team of them kept turning around so the yoke would fall below their chins. Fred and John were annoyed and tied the tails of the steers together to keep them from turning around. They were driven about the fields for a while and then they laid down near the slough and refused to get up. The boys were disgusted so they removed the yoke and went home. Later the steers got up and when they found their tails tied together a great pulling began. The knot finally gave way and they were again free.

The First Fruit Jars

One year Alvina (Mrs. John Koester) helped Mrs. Coburn in threshing time. In appreciation for this help Mrs. Coburn gave her a fruit jar that sealed with a rubber ring and screw top. This was the first fruit jar that the Sommers family had. Mrs. Sommers bought two two-quart jars which were not perfect sealing. Highbush cranberries gathered in the Dundas woods were made into jelly and put into the jars as the first contents. Most of the preserving of fruits was done in open containers.

Spinning Yarn

Rosine Sommers brought her spinning wheel with her from Germany. Later a larger one was purchased here. She carded wool and spun yarn but had the weaving done by someone who lived near Nerstrand. Before aniline and cud bear dyes were on the market Rosine made grey dye from sumac pods. Black walnut shells were used for various shades of brown.

Music Lessons

Amelia (Mrs. Benz), Alvina (Mrs. John Koester) and Ella (Mrs. Berg) took organ lessons from Mr. Hollman whose father was pastor of Prairie Creek and Nerstrand congregations. He gave lessons when his father came to hold services. Lessons were few and irregular. Ella later took lessons from Mary Bowe who lived east of the Drake schoolhouse. (Mary is a sister of Elbert Bowe). Mary rode horseback to her pupil's homes. The Sommers family owned the first organ in that community. This organ has been made into a china closet and is in use in the home of Hattie (Mrs. Charles Wallace of Dundas), the youngest Sommers daughter.

Education

The first school house in Rice County was built in Northfield in 1865 where the Congregational Church now stands. A public reading room was established and \$50 sent away for books

and periodicals. The first school in the Sommers community was organized in the Phillip Coburn home in 1865 as District 78. Sarah Coburn, daughter of Phillip Coburn, taught several summer sessions in the Coburn kitchen for young children of the neighborhood. Fred and John Sommers went there evenings to be taught. Mr. Sommers went to learn the English language. Helen Kennedy, daughter of Northfield Postmaster Kennedy, also taught in the Coburn home. Coburns lived on the farm later owned by Frank Sommers, located north of the old homestead. The older children of the neighborhood attended winter school in adjoining districts. When it was no longer satisfactory to hold school in the Coburn kitchen a one-room structure to be used as a schoolhouse was built on the Coburn farm. This building known as "the shack" was on the west side of the road between what was later the Frank Sommers farm and the corner north of them. Mary Roberts taught there at one time. After several years, this building was torn down and the lumber was used in building the Lyman school house, District No. 78.

School buildings were simply equipped. In the Coburn home the kitchen table was used with home made benches. There were regular desks and seats in the later school buildings.

Some of the Sommers children attended school in the Field kitchen. Fields lived on what is now the Margaret DeWolfe farm. Mrs. Olin taught there at one time. Some of the Sommers boys attended school held in a vacant log house south of Prairie Creek Church. Several of the family also attended District No. 47 which was on the road between Prairie Creek Church and Dennison. C.W. Pye, David Orr and John Watts all taught in District No. 47 at some time.

District No. 94 came into existence about 1868. While waiting for the completion of the school building in District No. 94 the spring term of school was held in Clark's granary. Edith Clark was the teacher. Clarks lived on the farm later known as the John Drentlow farm just south of the schoolhouse. Before the spring session was over the school building was completed and the school moved in. The children had watched its construction and had chosen their seats long before moving day. All the Sommers family except Frederick attended school in District No. 94. May Wallace taught there in 1930. Gladys Benz, youngest daughter of Amelia Sommers Benz and William Benz, taught in District No. 94 the school year of 1921-1922.

The Sommers children won many special prizes in school. It was customary for the teacher to give a ticket for perfect spelling for a week. At the end of the month those with the most tickets received a small prize such as a picture card or poem. Reward of Merit cards were given to acknowledge achievement in various subjects and in deportment. Some of the known individual prizes are listed below. There were undoubtedly others of which we have no record.

Alvina Sommers (Mrs. John Koester) received from the teacher, Miss Clark, a New Testament and Book of Psalms as an award of merit for good behavior. She later gave the book to her granddaughter Blanche (Mrs. Fred Heinz). Amelia (Mrs. William Benz) at the age of ten years, received a New Testament from Edith Clark as an award of merit. At the age of thirteen she

received for achievement a pair of small vases from the teacher, Sarah Swartwood. The Testament and vases are in the home of her daughter Edna Benz in Northfield. John Sommers received a writing portfolio for achievement in District No. 94. Mary Judd was the teacher at that time. Hattie received Scott's "Lady of the Lake", a pen knife, a bright colored pencil box and several small booklets with gay covers containing a poem or two.

After the Jesse James bank raid of 1876 the Sommers children found walking to school a real ordeal because they feared that the "gang" might be lurking nearby.

William Sommers was the only one of the family to attend a more advanced school. He enrolled in the Preparatory Academy (later called Carleton College) the winter term of 1881-82. Record of his attendance and grades are on file at Carleton. It is interesting to note also that grades in deportment were given by the Academy at that time.

Religious Services

Four religious denominations (Congregational, Baptist, Methodist and Episcopal) were organized in Northfield during the first year of its existence. The English Methodists held meetings in homes for a time. The first Methodist Church building was erected on the corner of Washington and 3rd street about 1857. When this structure was replaced in 1887 Frederick Sommers purchased the old building and moved it to his farm. Some of the hand hewn oak timbers from the building were used in the barn built in 1914 and still is use on the old homestead.

A German Methodist Church was organized in Northfield about 1856 but a separate building for the congregation was not constructed until some years later. The original building still stands in the same location on West Third Street in Northfield. It is now the Danish Lutheran Church.

The first religious service in the newly settled Sommers community is said to have been conducted in the Drentlaw home in 1855 by the Rev. Mr. Solomon. The Prairie Creek and East Prairie German Methodist Churches were organized in 1857. The first church in Prairie Creek was built about 1867. Mr. Charles Ebel generously donated 3 acres of land to be used as a cemetery. In the interim 1855-1867 circuit riders came through and held services in the various farm homes. Services often were held in the Sommers' log house. The Cannon River area included Brush Prairie, Prairie Creek, Northfield and Dundas.

The Prairie Creek minister taught classes in catechism as well as teaching the children to read and write in German. In Sunday School, German also was learned and then Bible stories were read in the German language.

Amelia (Mrs. William Benz) was one of the early organists in the Prairie Creek Church. Later three of her daughters, Clara, Luella, and Edna played there. It is not known where the first organ was obtained. In 1918 the old Prairie Creek Church was sold to Albert Zimmerman who moved it to his farm south of the church site and a new church was built. The

pews of the old church were used in the basement of the new church. They are now in the recreational room at Frontenac. A new organ was purchased in Faribault in 1928 with funds raised at a basket social held at the William Hildebrandt home. Cora Koester was organist for a time after that. Karl Koester purchased an organ to be used in the church basement. The Prairie Creek Church disbanded in 1943 and the church building has since been taken down.

Members of the Northfield Congregational Church came to the Sommers community various summer seasons to conduct afternoon Sunday School. Mr. Wiley conducted the Sunday School held in the Coburn kitchen. Mr. Wiley was the father of Mrs. Myron Skinner who gave the Memorial Chapel to Carleton College. Sunday School was later held in the schoolhouse of District No. 94. Charles Hulbert was Superintendent there (Mrs. Hulbert was a Goodsell). The Observatory at Carleton College is named for C.M. Goodsell whose vision and labor were largely responsible for the establishment of Carleton College which was opened September 25, 1867. Others who helped with the Sunday School were Mr. G.M. Phillips, (Cashier of First National Bank), Mr. and Mrs. Fred Goodsell and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Goodsell.

One summer the District 94 Sunday School held a picnic near Dundas. Strawberries were furnished by the Hulberts and Goodsell. Picnics were a treat. The Sunday School picnic was usually small but the Fourth of July picnic included the whole community. Fried chicken, cold ham, bread and butter, lemonade, cakes and cookies were popular items on the menu. Hot covered dishes and salads were not made much at that time.

During the winter there usually was a period of special religious services and weekly prayer meetings in the homes. Sometimes there were Gospel Song Services with devotions led by some member of the community.

Reading Material

Other than the family Bible, the children's school books and the almanac, the reading material in the Sommers home consisted chiefly of The Weekly Rice County Journal, The Christian Advocate (published in German) and The Youth's Companion.

Weddings

Instead of a shower for the prospective bride, often each of her friends made a quilt block of any pattern but all of equal size. The donor embroidered her name in white on the block. These blocks then were put together to fashion a "Friendship Quilt". These friends would meet at some home during the day and quilt it. In the evening the prospective bridegroom and other young men of the community would join them for a party.

Weddings usually held in the home of the bride were community affairs. The ceremony was followed by a feast at noon or supper time, depending upon the hour of the wedding. There was always a big lunch if the wedding was an evening affair.

Sometimes the wedding guests stayed in the home all afternoon and evening, making merry until well into the night.

Christmas

The Sommers family brought with them many Christmas customs from Germany. Although actual cash was hard to come by in the early years, the family always had some little festivity on Christmas day. As church and schools were organized a Christmas program was held in one or the other place and sometimes in both. At least one member of each family would be on the program. The tree decorations were home made of colored paper streamers and festoons and very special cookies. As orchards began to bear fruit and popcorn was grown additional decorations included shiny red apples and strings of snowy popcorn. Candy, apples and popcorn would be passed through the audience after the program.

Then there were the Christmas dinners, and what feasts those proved to be. Besides the family, guests often included members of a bereaved family of the neighborhood, a few close friends or someone who otherwise would have been alone that day. Shortage of food the first few years taxed the ingenuity of the homemaker. There was always something extra that found its way to the table that day. As years went by and times became a bit better the feast usually centered around roast goose. Even after Mrs. Sommer death, Mr. Sommers kept up the Christmas gatherings as long as he lived. Then the married members of the family took it over. The families rotated in acting as hosts for Christmas Day.

Preparations for the festive meals were started days in advance. The whole family had a hand in the preparations. The mother in the home rose early Christmas morning to get the fowl in the oven for its long slow roasting. By 10 or 11 o'clock in the morning sleighbells and creaking runners of the sleds announced the arrival of the first guests. From then until noon the door opened frequently to welcome other arrivals. The delicious odor of the roast, the dressing, cooking vegetables, and the sight of other foods plus the stimulation of the snappy air whetted the appetites. By twelve o'clock the first tables were seated. Any disadvantage of small houses was overcome by taking down beds and setting up an improvised saw horse table in the bedroom so more could be seated at once. Tables were reset until all had eaten.

In the afternoon there was singing, exchange of gifts, and of course much laughter and merriment throughout the day. The children and young folks often played out door games or went sliding. Before dusk all were again on their way home secure in the thought that this had been the best Christmas ever experienced.

Various members of the family took turns entertaining the relationship until about 1918. By that time families were somewhat scattered, grandchildren of the first settlers had married and established families so it was difficult to meet in a home in the winter. Since then the summer picnic has replaced the annual Christmas get together.

Entertainment, Games and Leisure Time Activities

Although the early pioneers were hard working and had little money to spend on games and amusements they were rich in ingenuity and initiative. Parlor games, outdoor sports and home talent plays, husking, quilting, and spelling bees were favorite forms of entertainment. People would walk miles to attend a spelling bee. District 94 was often the winner in competition with a neighboring district. Several of the Sommers children were very good spellers. Hattie (Mrs. Charles Wallace) at the age of eleven won a spelling contest there on the word "Fort Du Quesne" and was carried aloft on the shoulders of the last opponent, Lew Wertz, to the cry of, "Behold, the Winner." Sarah (Mrs. Frank Koester) won a spelling contest when her last opponent was Albert Drentlaw.

Parties and home talent plays were sometimes held in the cheese factory located on the Orr place which is the first farm south of Herb Zimmerman's where Austin Kasa now resides. This building still stands on that farm. Donation parties were sometimes held for the minister and his family. Often a collection was taken for them also. Sometimes they were recipients of a pound party where everyone brought a pound of some commodity.

Except for the very busy haying and harvesting seasons Mr. Sommers always tried to make it possible for the boys to play ball or engage in some other types of games or amusements on Saturday afternoon. Horse back riding also was a popular form of recreation in the community. The Sommers family kept a gentle horse that the children could ride. At times several would be on his back at one time. Sarah (Mrs. Frank Koester) enjoyed riding side saddle when she went out with her close friend Mary Ferstler.

The girls of the neighborhood were busy learning the art of cooking, baking, tatting, quilt piecing, quilting, dress making and other types of household sewing. Learning to sew was part of the home training of every girl. Being able to make the children's and one's own clothes, household linens and bedding as well as shirts and sometimes over-alls and jackets for the men was considered essential in the girls' preparation for homemaking. In sewing there were always scraps of material left over. These were used for piecing quilts. Exchanging pieces with the neighbor girls was exciting and interesting. One pattern of quilt pieces in those days was called a "charm" quilt. In it there was only one piece of a kind. Pieces were cut diamond shaped and put together in a 6 pointed star pattern. The charm quilt pieced by Amelia for her hope chest is a cherished heirloom in the Benz family. Tatting was done with ordinary sewing thread so the product was very fine and delicate. The coarser crochet cottons now used for tatting were not available then.

On Sunday afternoons and on winter evenings the young folks would gather for a song fest in a home where there was an organ. The Sommers family owned the first organ in the community so their home was a favorite place of meeting. Hymns and folk songs were the favorites. The organ was used chiefly as an instrument to accompany singing rather than for instrumental numbers. Sarah (Mrs. Frank Koester) enjoyed playing when her

brothers Will and George sang. Sheet music was scarce and expensive. When a new piece was purchased it was practiced until it could be played from memory. The piece was then passed around the community for others to learn.

Dominoes, checkers and authors were popular and often several sets would be played around a long table when young folks gathered for the evening. At community parties young people played such games as "Happy is the Miller", "Gopher Girl", "Going to Boston" and others which were a type of folk dance. "Winkum" and "Spin the Platter" caused much merriment and laughter.

Out door games and sports included anti over, one old cat, two old cat, baseball, winter sports of sliding and sleighing. Sliding parties frequently were held on moonlight nights on the Fuller Bluffs which are near the present Herb Zimmerman farm. In summer croquet was a favorite. The Sommers family had a 6 mallet set. Frequently when one went visiting the croquet set was taken along. Two or three sets might be played at one time. It was great fun for teams to play against each other to establish the winning team of the community.

The younger children also had their games which included: button, button, who's got the button, tit tat toe, ring around a rosy, teeter totter, hide the thimble, pussy wants a corner, drop the handkerchief, hop scotch, chickety chickety craney crow, crack the whip, hide and seek, fox and geese and pom pom pullaway. There also were home made dolls and doll clothing to gladden the heart of the little girl.

The Family Circle is Broken

Frederick, the oldest son, married Mary Miller and established a home where Donald and Harold Sommers now live. In May 1875 he suddenly became ill with "brain fever". His mother came to help his wife Mary care for him and their two young children. They faithfully carried out the doctor's orders, which included the application of ice compresses to relieve unbearable headache and burning fever. In spite of medical attention and the loving care of his family, Frederick's condition rapidly became worse. On May 9, 1875 he died leaving his wife Mary (nee Miller) and two small children, Julius and Clara. Frederick was buried in Prairie Creek Cemetery.

The strain of caring for her eldest son during his last illness, grief over his passing, coupled with an illness which developed in the summer of 1875 took its toll from Rosine. Medical attention was to no avail and all means of helping her regain her health failed. Just a little over four months after the passing of her son, Rosine died, (September 19, 1875) leaving her husband and ten children. She was laid to rest beside her son in Prairie Creek Cemetery.

At the time of Rosine's death the youngest child, Hattie was about 1½ years old. Alvina (17 years) and Amelia (15 years) were the two oldest girls and upon them fell the task of managing the household and caring for the younger children. Alvina was employed in the Sumner photographic studio and Amelia was ready to enter high school. Both girls changed

their plans in order to carry the home responsibilities. Of course, they long had helped with the baking, cleaning, washing, ironing, preparing meals, mending, sewing, gardening, caring for the younger children and countless other household jobs. Working under their mother's guidance was quite different from the sudden weight of full responsibility. The father and all the children worked together to fill the gap left by the mother's passing and to make it a comfortable, happy home for all the family.

Alvina was the first of the Sommers girls to marry. After Alvina's marriage Calista spent part of the time with her and attended the Koester school. Part of the year she was at home and attended school in District 94. Ella, the next to marry went to live on a farm west of Northfield. Hattie spent some time with her and attended the Albers school.

With the marriage of Amelia, the management of the home fell to Sarah, Calista and Hattie. After the marriage of Sarah the two youngest girls (Hattie and Calista) carried on at home for their father and unmarried brothers until the sudden death of the father on November 11, 1885. When the estate was settled in the spring of 1886, Calista went to live with Alvina and Hattie with Sarah. Each lived in those homes until her own marriage. The boys who were still at home batched until William brought his bride to the new home March 7, 1888.

A Look to the Future

In this closely knit pioneer community, neighbors felt a keen responsibility for each other's welfare. This spirit still exists here today. The effective, energetic men and women who first carved out a new life in this community have laid a pattern for us. May we pause to look with pride on our heritage and to look forward with determination to carry on the high ideals of Faith, integrity, and hard work which our forefathers possessed.

Only a few highlights of the family and community life have been recorded here. Much more could be written. Data accumulated has been obtained chiefly from conversation with the family members, from old newspaper clippings and letters. Historical facts about the country have been verified in the following books:

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THE FAMILY TREE

Frederick Sommers, born in the Province of Mecklenberg-Schwerin, Germany

November 30, 1821

Deceased Northfield, Minnesota, November 11, 1885

Buried in Prairie Creek Cemetery

Rosine Christine Elise Schult, born in Wismer, Province of Mecklenburg-Schwerin, Germany

October 19, 1830

Deceased in Northfield, Minnesota September 19, 1875, age 45 years and 11 months

Buried in Prairie Creek Cemetery

Frederick Sommers and Rosine Schult were married in Germany about 1849. The following are their descendants. There were eleven children, one born in Germany, one in Illinois and nine on the Sommers farm in Northfield Township.

- I. Frederick Louis, born in Germany, January 8, 1851
deceased May 9, 1875. Buried in Prairie Creek Cemetery
Married Mary Miller, daughter of Phillip Miller, whose
parents came from Illinois with the Sommers family. So far
as is known this is the only marriage between the families
which arrived in this colony.
Mary, born November 25, 1847 in Illinois, Deceased
August 25, 1911.
 - a. Julius
Married Anna Buker
Anna Buker Sommers deceased Buried in Waseca
Minnesota.
 1. John, born deceased buried in Waseca, Minnesota
Married
 - a. Marlin, born deceased at age 6 years, buried
in Waseca
 - b. Joan
 2. Alice
Married Bernard Carter
 - a.)
 - b.)
 - c.)
 - b. Clara, born September 1874, deceased
Married Hubbard Schrunk
 1. Walter Ben
 2. Hubert Eugene
 3. Clarence Arthur
 4. Carl Roy
 5. Lillian Florence
 6. Raymond Lee

7. Elmer Wilbur
8. Robert Rolland
9. Clara Adeline
10. Lucille Emma
11. Irvin Lester

II. John Charles, born in Joliet, Illinois, March 28, 1854
deceased October 12, 1928, buried in Oaklawn Cemetery
Married Sarah Holmes July 20, 1879 in Martin County
Sarah Holmes was left motherless at the age of 1 1/2 years.
She made her home with the Stollcop family until her
marriage. She was sometimes called Sarah Stollcop.
Sarah deceased April 1, 1945, buried in Oaklawn Cemetery

- a. Amy, born, deceased, buried in Oaklawn Cemetery
- b. Infant born, deceased, at one day of age. Buried
in Oaklawn Cemetery
- c. Infant born, deceased, at eight days of age. Buried
in Oaklawn Cemetery

d. Frederick

Married Edna Nelson, Edna deceased. Buried in
Oaklawn Cemetery

- 1. Infant son born Deceased at one day of
age. Buried in Oaklawn Cemetery

2. Douglas

Married Frances Cassel

a.) Sonia

b.) Sue Ann

Frederick married Mrs. Anna Lueleman

e. Herbert

Married Ruth Johnson

1. Alice Marie

Married Howard Calway

a.) Kristine

b.) Karen

c.) John Hayden

The following nine children of the original Sommers family were born on the homestead in Northfield Township

- III. Alvina, born May 16, 1857
Deceased August 12, 1954, buried in Oaklawn Cemetery
Married John Koester, October 10, 1878
John deceased December 18, 1942, buried in Oaklawn Cemetery
- a. Karl Ellsworth
Married Sarah Bickel
1. Reuben Karl
Married Esther Hoefs
 - a.) Harold William
 - b.) Lyle Ellsworth
 - c.) Robert Frederick
 - d.) Kathleen
 2. Gilbert Frederick
Married Alice Christopherson
 - a.) Paul
 3. Robert John, born deceased. Buried in Oaklawn Cemetery
 4. Blanche Marie
Married Fred Heinz
 - a.) John Rolin
 - b.) Larry Joseph
 - c.) Thomas Edward
 5. Maxine Fedas
Married Fred Revier
 - a.) Deanna Jean
 - b.) David Frederick
 - c.) Nancy Lynn
 6. Phyllis Grace
Married Lyle Shinnick
 - a.) Gary Joel
 - b.) Jacqueline Barbara
 - c.) Shirley Ann
- b. Clarence Garfield
Married Mary Bickel
1. Mildred Elberta
Married Warren Kleeman
 2. Verno J.
Married Christine May Raffan
 - a.) Noreen Carol

3. Lorne Dean

c. John Frederick

d. Clifford Ralph, born deceased Buried in
 Prairie Creek Cemetery
Married Hattie Langer
1. Clifford
2.

e. Minard Arthur, born deceased Buried in
 Oaklawn Cemetery
Married Della Pruett
1. Infant son, born deceased Buried in
 Northfield Cemetery

IV. Amelia Augusta, born January 3, 1859, deceased March 22, 1948
Buried in Oaklawn Cemetery
Married William Benz, February 1, 1883
William deceased August 4, 1948

- a. Clara Isabel
Married Edward Gethmann
 - 1. Elmer William
Married Pauline Bauerle
 - a.) William Edward
 - b.) Nancy Jean
 - c.) Kathryn Ann
 - d.) Mary Carol
 - e.) Myron Charles
 - f.) James Allen
 - 2. Robert Donald
Married Doris McClain
 - a.) Linda Jean
 - b.) Douglas Paul
 - 3. Gladys Mae
Married Robert Elmore Feltz
 - a.) Ruth Ann
 - b.) Rachel Elizabeth
 - c.) Rebecca Rose
 - d.) Rhoda Jean
- b. Luella Lydia
Married Fred K. Bruene
 - 1. Warren Benz
Married Mildred Claire Meyer
 - a.) Julia Beth
 - b.) Jo Carol
 - 2. Richard Karl
Married Rose Hartford
 - a.) Denise Ann
 - b.) Janna Lue
 - c.) Debra Kay

3. Doris Emelie
Married Donald Kenny Richards
 - a.) Cynthia Lou
 - b.) Charles Coleman
 - c.) Donald Kenny
 4. Jean Lucille
Married Martin Polhemus
 - a.) Diane Louise
 - b.) Ray Nelson
 - c.) Carl Eugene
 - d.) Donna Jean
 - e.) Lynne Elaine
 - f.) Burt
 5. Merle Edna
Married Boyd Turner
 - a.) Bruce Alan
 - b.) Marilyn Kay
 - c.) Douglas Charles
 - d.) Kent Robert
- c. Edna Hattie
- d. Gladys Selma

V. William, born February 13, 1861. Deceased April 13, 1928.
Buried in Oaklawn Cemetery
Married Minnie Clute March 7, 1888.
Minnie deceased September 18, 1944. Buried in Oaklawn
Cemetery

a. Earl

b. Myron William

Married Irene Johnson

1. Adair Eldred Summers

Married ~~Robert L. Dwyer~~

a.) Joy Irene Dwyer (Charles Fuller)

b. Kerry Wendell Dwyer

2. Lynne Felice married Charles Mulliner

(a) Charles Mulliner

c. Verna (b) Kristin Lynne

Married Chester Foster. Chester deceased

1. Marilyn June

Married Stafford Trinklein

a.) Donna Marie

b.) Stafford George

2. Corinne Verna

Married Ronald Slancik

3. Rosamond Carol

Married Joseph Damore

a.) Rose Carol

4. Willa Mina

Robert L. Dwyer

C. Patrick Robert Dwyer

d. Brian Lewis Dwyer

- IV. Ella Belle born January 24, 1863, deceased October 6, 1913,
buried in Oaklawn Cemetery
Married Charles Berg, March 8, 1882.
Charles deceased March 1922, buried in Oaklawn Cemetery
- a. Infant born. Died in infancy. Buried in Albers
Cemetery (on the Dutch Road)
 - b. Roy Llewellyn born. Deceased March 1922, buried
in New Ulm, Minnesota
Married Selma Frenzel
 - c. George
Married Margaret ("Gretchen") Fick
 - d. Mildred Ella Bernice
Married Walter Norbeck
 - 1. Beverly
married Bernard Blanness
 - e. Arnold born. Deceased at about 4 years. Buried in
Albers Cemetery (on the Dutch Road)
 - f. Esther Calista Susan
Married Charles Otte.. Charles deceased ..
 - 1. Lois Bernice
married Harry Vincent
 - 2. Charles Roger
married Betty Jane Stiger
 - a.) Charles Roger
 - b.) Vince Henry

VII. George Henry born December 1, 1864. Deceased October 3, 1954.
Buried in Oaklawn Cemetery

Married Louise Pfeiffer August 17, 1898

Louise deceased May 26, 1940, buried in Oaklawn Cemetery

a. Helen

married Harold Smith

1. Lois May born Deceased day of birth

2. Dolores LaVonne

married Richard W. Nelson

3. Audrey Corina

4. Joanne Elaine

5. Jean Marie

6. Ellen Louise

b. Donald

married Borghild Gilge

1. Ronald

2. Dale

c. Harold

VIII. Sarah Amelia born April 28, 1866, deceased February 27, 1954
buried in Oaklawn Cemetery

Married Frank Koester September 30, 1885. Frank deceased
February 3, 1928, buried in Oaklawn Cemetery

a. Walter

married Florence Gill

1. Robert born.. Deceased in infancy. Buried
in Oaklawn Cemetery

2. Marion Lucile

3. Ralph Douglas
married Gladys Kasa
a.) Larry Gene

b.) Rene Douglas

4. Malcolm Louis
married Ruth Nelson
a.) Sharon Ann

b.) Daniel Malcolm

5. Richard Gill
married Gloria Fossum
a.) Craig Richard

6. Barbara Jeanne
married W. Donald McClure

b. Grace Belle born.. Deceased. Buried in
Oaklawn Cemetery

married Edward DeWolfe

1. Lorraine Arvilla
married Mason Swarts
a.) Marilyn Beth

b.) Beverly Ann

c.) Bonnie Patricia

d.) Mendel Harvey

c. William Dewey
married Cora Baalson
1. David William

2. Eunice Corinne

3. Joan Marie

4. Doris Elaine

5. Vernon Eugene

6. Marcia Jean

7. Lois Sarah

d. Cora Mae

e. Rose Marie
married Arthur Decker

- IX. Frank Edgar born April 29, 1868, deceased April 28, 1908,
buried in Oaklawn Cemetery
Married Mary Albers May 5, 1892, Mary deceased April 2, 1944
- a. Son born Deceased in infancy. Buried in
Prairie Creek Cemetery
 - b. Blanche born. Deceased at 10 months. Buried
in Prairie Creek Cemetery
 - c. Ralph born. Deceased. Buried in Oaklawn Cemetery
 - d. Glenn
married Alice Vail
 - 1. Raymond
married Betty Lou Porter
 - a.) Jane
 - b.) Harvey
 - 2. Everett
 - 3. Dorothy
married Gordon Fisher
 - 4. Della
married Lester Gunderson
 - a.) Joyce
 - b.) Carol
 - c.) Mary Beth
 - 5. Dolores
 - 6. Roger
 - 7. Donald
 - 8. Lester
 - 9. Betty Lou
 - e. Frank
 - f. Walter
married Merle Taylor
 - 1. David
 - 2. Mary Lou
 - 3. Allen
 - g. Sumner Clifford "Dick"

- X. Calista Melvina born December 18, 1870. Deceased April 20, 1949. Buried in Canada
Married Jay William Fletcher 1896. Jay deceased
November 2, 1898.
- a. Clifford Leroi
married Joy Hazel Cross
 - 1. Joy Evelyn
married John Lawrence Shaw
 - a.) John Lorne
 - b.) Lorne Clifford
 - c.) Nancy Louise
 - d.) Michael Patrick
 - 2. Marjorie Elva
married Charles Stanley Teale
 - a.) Ronald Stanley
 - b.) Robert Elwyn
 - c.) Donald Wilfred
 - d.) Florence Hazel
 - b. Jay Russell
married Hazel Edith Murphy
 - 1. Hazel Colleen
married Richard Arthur Grodzki
 - a.) Judith Ann
 - b.) Joan Ellen
 - c.) Richard Arthur
 - 2. Carmen Rose
married James Reed
 - a.) Valerie Jane
 - b.) William James
 - c.) Infant girl born. Deceased.
 - d.) Marilyn Joan

XI. Hattie Sophia born January 5, 1873
Married Charles Wallace June 18, 1902

- a. Harriet
married George Doran
 - 1. Charles Francis
 - 2. Norbert Allen