



## Century Farm Applications

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Christian Peter Holzem  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

19256 Bough St NW Elk River, Minnesota 55330

PHONE NUMBER

(612)

441-2797

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

30

TOWNSHIP

33 - Burns

COUNTY

Anoka

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

80

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1873

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

N 1/2 of SW 1/4 Section 30 Township 33 Range 25

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM Unknown	
Christian Peter Holzem	TO 1873 (see comments)	Father of Christian II
next owner		
Christian Peter Holzem	1873 - 1922	Father of Christian III
next owner		
Christian Peter Holzem III	1922 - 1958	Father of Christian IV
next owner		
Christian Peter Holzem IV	1958 to Present	
next owner		

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Abstract of Title (X)

Court file in Registration Proceedings ( )

Land Patent ( )

County Land Record ( )

Original Deed ( )

OTHER Box with family name & date "May 1873" still in family possession brought signed by President Arthur

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

(signature of present owner)

DATE

June 28, 1979

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Belvina (Holzem) Koehler (widow of Christian Peter Holzem III)  
HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80  
WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? 100.00 per acre in 195  
WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany  
WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Germany (Coblentz)  
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? 1975-76  
WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn - Hay, Dairy farming

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:**

The first Christian Holzem from Germany (town of Coblentz) settled on this farm before 1873 because his oldest son took over the land in '73 when he and his family arrived from Germany at the urging of his father, according to the oldest living relative. His father was born Sept. 1873 on the farm, the oldest of the 3rd generation. The first family moved on to New Ulm, Minnesota when the 2nd family arrived. We do have the records from '43 and on. According to elder members of the family the Second family did not pay for the land they filed the homestead claim after living and clearing it for farming purposes.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

~~FRANCES~~ LAWRENCE SWEZEY  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

Clinton

MINNESOTA

56225

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (612) 325-5372

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION SE 1/4-22 TOWNSHIP MALTA COUNTY BIG STONE

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

240

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1876

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) SE 1/4-22-123-45

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner		
<u>BENJAMIN SWEZEY</u>	FROM <u>nov 1876</u> TO <u>final record may 1883</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
next owner		
<u>EARL E SWEZEY</u>	<u>April 14 1934-1962</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
next owner		
<u>LAWRENCE SWEZEY</u>	<u>OCT 19 1962</u>	
next owner		
next owner		

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Land Patent ( )

County Land Record ( )

Original Deed ( )

OTHER Homestead certificate no 5639

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

Lawrence S. Swezey  
(signature of present owner)

DATE

July 9-1979

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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

HARLAN HANSEN  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

R#1 Box 207 Otterville

MINN

56278

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(612) 273-2394

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

Same

SECTION

9

TOWNSHIP

Otrey

COUNTY

Big Stone

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

320

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1879

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

NW 1/4, SE 1/4 & Lot 1 Sec. 9

Township 122 Range 45

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM	
<u>Knute C. Hansen</u>	<u>1879</u>	<u>Father of</u>
	TO	<u>Merriam</u>
next owner	<u>1944</u>	<u>Father of</u>
<u>Merriam Hansen</u>	<u>1975</u>	<u>Harlan</u>
next owner	<u>1975</u>	
<u>Harlan Hansen</u>	<u>present</u>	
next owner		
next owner		

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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.

Harlan Hansen

(signature of present owner)

DATE

July 13, 1979

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? The original 80 was homesteaded from U.S. Some other was also has a Patent and others was railroad land.

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? unknown

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Fy. Fyen, DENMARK

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? in Merri County Area - Litchfield

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 house is gone - a few other building are here

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? around 1890

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? corn, wheat, soybeans, corn pig & beef cattle.

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Our Abstract gives the date of 1884 - however all our family records & history states that Knute Hansen filed for the claim in 1879. The law was that they had to live here 5 years to get the Abstract. We have sent to the Washington National Records Center for their records - but have not heard yet. We are sure this is a Century farm. If you want to wait until we get definite proof from Washington we can but the deadline on this application was July 15.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER John A. Lannon/James D. Lannon  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS R.R. 2 Henning Minnesota 56551  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
PHONE NUMBER ( 218 ) 583-2835  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Graceville, Minnesota 56240

SECTION 15 & 16 TOWNSHIP 124N - 46W COUNTY Big Stone

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 480

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY March, 1878

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 15,  
SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 15, S $\frac{1}{2}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 15, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ /NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 16

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1878	
<u>Andrew Lannon</u>	TO 1919	Father
next owner	1919	
<u>Patrick Lannon</u>	1964	Father
next owner	1964	
<u>John/James Lannon</u>	Present	
next owner		
next owner		

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

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

John A. Lannon  
(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE 5-11-79

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? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? Not sure - probably less than \$5.00

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? County Kilkenny, Southern Ireland

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? No - He was on the

1st Board of Co. Commissioners of Big Stone Co., Minnesota

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 Approximately

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER James E. Mathews  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS R 4 Box 78 New Ulm Minn. 56073  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 947-3169  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTIONS 31 + 32 TOWNSHIP Cambria COUNTY Blue Earth

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 1253

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1860

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) W 1/2 of NW 1/4  
sect. 32-T 109-R 29 and NE 1/4 and E 20A of NW 1/4 sec.  
that part S + W of Judicial ditch 36 sect. 31 T 109 R 29

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner John S. + Sydna Jones <small>unknown to Aug 1862 1817 to 1903</small>	FROM 1860 May 1 TO 1897 June 3	Father + mother of Edward Jones
next owner Edward Jones <small>9-11-1855 to 1942</small>	1897 June 3 1942 Aug 17	Father of next owners.
next owner John D. Jones, Harry Jones, Ella Mathews, Endora Jones	1942 Aug 17 1942 Dec 30	next owners + their sisters
next owner John D. Jones + Harry Jones	1942 Dec 30 1945 Nov 20	next owner and his brother
next owner Harry Jones	1945 - Feb 1 1963	great uncle
James Mathews	Feb 1 1963 to present	

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Land Patent ☐ County Land Record ☒  
Original Deed ☒ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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James Mathews  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 6-15-79

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? From Daniel Buck who had purchased a soldier's land grant in 1858. the grant was from 1857

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 260

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? 9

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Whales

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Cambria Wis.

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? No

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? Yes original house is now used as ~~garage~~ <sup>garage</sup>

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1903

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

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

John S. Jones was killed in Aug. 1862, in the Sioux uprising. He left his wife and five small children to run the new land. The farm had not been tilled before the Jones arrived.

The neighboring farm was settled by friends from both Whales & Wausau. This farm also ~~has~~ <sup>remains</sup> in their family today. The Jones Family come to this County sometime in 1857 or early 1858

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

BERNITA BARNEY CUMMISKEY  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

Rt 1, Box 123, Madison Lake, Mn. 56063  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 243-3552  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

Good Thunder, Mn. 56037  
106 N, R 27 W,

SECTION

NW Quarter Sec. 8

TOWNSHIP

LYRA 106 N, R 27 W

COUNTY

BLUE EARTH

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

32.0

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1868 and 1871

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

NW Quarter Sec. 8 - Lyra Twp - 106 N, R 27 W

SW Quarter Sec 5 " " " "

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Abial C. Wood</u>	FROM <u>Nov. 27, 1868</u> and <u>Apr. 6, 1871</u> TO <u>Jan 27, 1900</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner <u>Mary Wood Barney</u>	<u>Jan 27, 1900</u> <u>Mar. 24, 1913</u>	<u>Wife</u>
next owner <u>ASA CROMWELL BARNEY</u>	<u>June 3, 1916</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
next owner <u>Paul Wood Barney</u>	<u>Jun 3, 1916</u> <u>Jan 13, 1939</u>	<u>Husband</u>
next owner <u>Harriette R. Barney</u>	<u>Jan 13, 1939</u> <u>Mar 4, 1962</u>	<u>Mother</u>
next owner <u>Bernita Barney Cummiskey</u>	<u>Aug. 19, 1962</u> <u>Present</u>	<u>Daughter</u>

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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.

Bernita B. Cummiskey  
(signature of present owner)

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DATE

April 10, 1979

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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I SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec 5 Twp. 106 Range 27 - 160 acres - \$510.40 Patented by Willis F. Edson 18 Sept. 1867 Signed by Pres. Andrew Johnson, Frank Cowan Sec. FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? From Hannie C. Edson, heir, by Abial C. Wood and James S. Wood (son)

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? Edson - \$3.19 Abial Wood pd \$7.50 per acre

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? New Hampshire

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? 2 A

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? ?

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? ? Maybe around 1890

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

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

II 8 NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  Qd. Sec. 8 Tsp. 106 N of Range 27 (west -  
US Patent to Joshua Burgess - Signed by Pres. A. Lincoln  
and Edw. D. Neill, Sec. Apr. 20, 1867  
May 16, 1870 - sold for \$163.10 to Andrew Howison on  
Foreclosure - Mortgage

From whom purchased - Joshua and Sarah A. Burgess  
Redeemed from John Diamond Sheriff of Blue E. Co -  
for 173.56

Acres - 160

Cost to Burgess - \$2.75 per acre

Cost to Abial Wood - 18.75 " " Ap. 7, 1871

I have the two original General Land Office greetings  
signed by Lincoln and Johnson -

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER HAROLD THOMAS  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS RR 2 HANSKA MINN. 56041  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER ( 507 ) 947-3315  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE SAME

SECTION 6 TOWNSHIP BUTTERNUT COUNTY BLUE EARTH

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 166.80

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1860

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) N $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and  
N $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 6 - Township 108 - Range 29; and the South 10 acres  
of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 31 - Township 109 - Range 29.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner THOMAS THOMAS	FROM 1860- TO 1893	FATHER OF RICE
next owner RICE THOMAS	1893- 1895	BROTHER OF ABRAHAM
next owner ABRAHAM THOMAS	1895- 1929	FATHER OF THOMAS
next owner THOMAS THOMAS	1929- 1959	FATHER OF HAROLD
next owner HAROLD THOMAS	1959- PRESENT	

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Original Deed ( ) OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Harold Thomas  
(signature of present owner)

DATE July 11, 1979

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT - by Pres. Lincoln

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 156.80

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? HOMESTEADED

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? RADNORSHIRE, WALES - 1809

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? PHILADELPHIA, PA. - 1846

DID HE FARM THE LAND? YES

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? YES

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? The granary is very old. It has hewn timbers in it.

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? Don't know date - only home ever built since log cabin.

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn, soybeans - Dairy.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

(1895)

According to the History of the Welsh in Minnesota, they came to Blue Earth County in 1857, locating on the old homestead still owned by the family..

Mrs. Thomas's family (Dackins) came to Blue Earth County in 1856.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Lester Anderson  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

R#2

Mapleton

Minn

56065

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(507)

524-3987

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

Same

SECTION

10

TOWNSHIP

Beauford

COUNTY

Blue Earth

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

140.89

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

Dec. 7, 1872

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

SE 1/4 NW 1/4

and 5 1/2 5 1/2 NE 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec 10-106-26 containing 50 acres  
more or less.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1872	
<u>Peter Anderson</u>	TO 1925	<u>Father of Anton</u>
next owner	1925	
<u>Anton Anderson</u>	1940	<u>Father of Lester</u>
next owner	1940	
<u>Lester, Alice, Margaret Anderson</u>	1957	<u>myself and sisters</u>
next owner	1957	
<u>Lester Anderson</u>	Present	
next owner		

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OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Lester Anderson  
(signature of present owner)

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10/13/79

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Jacob Bachtte

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 50 + Acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? 10<sup>00</sup>

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Norway

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

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

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? 1872

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

2 Plaques  
DONALD COOK & MELVIN COOK  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

R.R. 2, Box 51, COMFREY

MINN.

56019

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(507)

794-7169

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

2

TOWNSHIP

MULLIGAN

COUNTY

BROWN

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

120 acres

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1872

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

EAST 1/2 OF  
OF SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SEC. 2, IN TWP-108-RANGE 33,  
BROWN CO. MINN.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM	
<u>ELIZA CHERRY</u>	<u>1872</u>	<u>GRAND MOTHER</u>
	TO	<u>OF</u>
	<u>1884</u>	<u>MRS NORMAN COOK</u>
next owner	<u>1884</u>	<u>FATHER &amp; MOTHER</u>
<u>NORMAN J. COOK &amp; MARY A. COOK</u>	<u>1923</u>	<u>OF GEORGE</u>
next owner	<u>1923</u>	<u>FATHER &amp; MOTHER</u>
<u>GEORGE T. COOK &amp; BARBARA COOK</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>OF</u>
next owner	<u>1962</u>	<u>DONALD &amp; MELVIN</u>
<u>DONALD COOK &amp; MELVIN COOK</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	
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.

Donald Cook & Melvin Cook  
(signature of present owner)

DATE

July 7, 1979

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? The United States of America

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? Homestead

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Ireland

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? <sup>come</sup> to Stark Township in 1865

DID HE FARM THE LAND? no

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes, she started living in a dugout in the hills in <sup>1872</sup> ~~1865~~

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? 1916

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn, soybeans, oats and Wheat

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

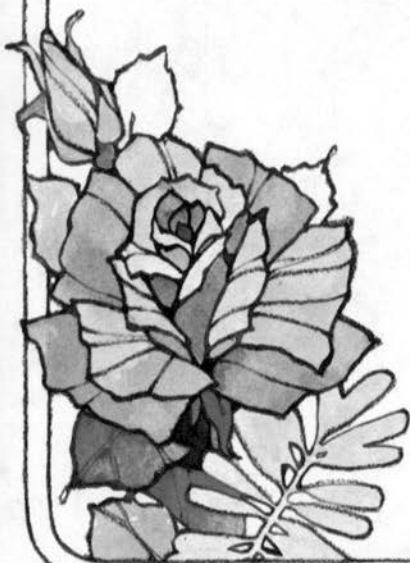
She lived in a dugout on her claim in 1872 she had to live there so many months each year. She was 68 years old and a Widow. Her daughter & family lived 4 miles north east of her and she walked to their place once or twice a week. When she came to Brown County in 1865. With her daughter & family they came from Putnam Connecticut and from Mankato to Brown County they came by Ox team & wagon and walked most of the way.

Confrey, Minn.  
July 7, 1979

Dear Sirs:

Would you please send us ~~two~~ certificates  
and <sup>two</sup> plaques of the century farm, one for Donald  
Cook & one for Melvin Cook, because there is  
two houses now on the original 80 acres and we  
would each like to have one of each of them.  
If there is any extra cost. please let me  
know and I will mail it to you. Thank-You.

Yours truly,  
Donald Cook  
R.R. 2, Box 51,  
Confrey, Minn.  
56019



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER MRS MARY COOK  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Rt 2, Box 52 COMFREY MINNESOTA 56019  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 794-7168  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION Sec 2 TOWNSHIP MULLIGAN COUNTY BROWN

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 120

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1879

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

W 1/2 of SW 1/4 of Sec 2 in TWP. 108 RANGE 33  
BROWN Co. Minn

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>ELIZA Cherry</u>	FROM <u>1879</u> TO <u>1884</u>	<u>GRANDMOTHER</u> OF <u>MRS NORMAN COOK</u>
next owner <u>NORMAN J. COOK + MARY A. COOK</u>	<u>1884</u> <u>1923</u>	<u>FATHER + MOTHER</u> OF <u>HARRY</u>
next owner <u>HARRY F COOK + MARY COOK</u>	<u>1923</u> <u>1966</u>	<u>HUSBAND OF</u> <u>MARY</u>
next owner <u>MRS MARY COOK</u>	<u>1966</u> <u>PRESENT</u>	
next owner		

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Land Patent ( ) County Land Record ( )  
Original Deed ☒ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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MRS MARY COOK  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 7-7-1979

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? tree claim from U.S. Government

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? Homestead

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Ireland

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Came to Stark Twp in 1865

DID HE FARM THE LAND? No

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 Cottonwood trees of the tree claim

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1892

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn, soybeans, Oats, alfalfa, & the 23 acres of Virgin prairie hay

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Eliza Cherry took this tree claim when she was 68 years old and a widow. She lived in a dugout on the first 80 acre tract. She had to live on the land so many months of the year and plant so many trees on the claim. She carried the little Cottonwood seedlings from the big Cottonwood River. As there wasn't a tree anywhere on the prairie. It was a sea of prairie grass waist high as far as the eye could see.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Charles and Mary Pladsen  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Rt. 1 Box 160 Hanska Minnesota 56041  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 439-6646  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 10 TOWNSHIP Lake Hanska COUNTY Brown

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Mar. 13, 1879

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

SW 1/4 of SW 1/4. E 1/2 of SW 1/4. SW 1/4 of SE 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Thore changed his name from Pladsen to Hanssen when he came to America in 1869</u>		
first owner		
<u>Thore Hanssen</u> (Note above)	<u>1879-1909</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner		
<u>Hans Pladsen</u>	<u>1909-1954</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner		
<u>Harry Pladsen</u>	<u>1954-1976</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner		
<u>Charles + Mary Pladsen</u>	<u>1976 to present</u>	
next owner		

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Abstract of Title ( ) 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.

Charles & Mary Pladsen  
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 28, 1979

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? United States of America

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 40 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$5.00 per acre

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Lesja, Gudbrandsdalen - Norway

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Near Fedge Lake 2½ mi. N. of Madelia

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? 1898 with an addition in 1934

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

### Additional Comments

The name Pladsen means (place). Thore Pladsen (Hanssen) came to America from Norway in 1869 on a sailing vessel named Hulda. The ship anchored first at Montreal and then Quebec. From there an English ship took them down the St. Lawrence River. Upon leaving the English ship they took the train to Mankato and went the rest of the way by oxen. When arriving at Madelia they rented a house from Johannes Fedge near Fedge Lake,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles north of Madelia.

For some reason, of which we are not quite sure, Thore changed his name from Pladsen to Hanssen, but yet the people still referred to him as Pladsen. Later however, as his children Hans and Olaf and their sisters grew older they changed the name back to Pladsen again.

Thore married Marit Bryggen. They were married in Goodhue county by Pastor Jonsen.

In the winter of 1870 Thore came down with typhoid fever. He was sick for 16 weeks, but recovered.

On March 13, 1869 Thore bought 40 acres of land from the United States of America at \$5.00 an acre. He wanted to buy land closer to the lake but that sold for \$10.00 an acre, which he couldn't afford. On December 17, 1889 he bought 120 acres of land from George Barnard. This is then the 160 acres of land which we are still farming today.

Our children now represent the 5th. generation of Pladsens to be living here.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER HAROLD A. WENDT  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS RT. 1 Springfield MN 56087  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 723-5916  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION 8 TOWNSHIP BURNS TOWN COUNTY BROWN

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 153.93

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1873

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

SW 1/4 SECTION 8 TOWNSHIP 109N RANGE 34W

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1873	
<u>Julius F. Wendt</u>	TO 1919	<u>FATHER OF HENRY E.</u>
next owner	1919	
<u>HENRY E WENDT</u>	1936	<u>HUSBAND OF ANNA</u>
next owner	1936	
<u>ANNA WENDT</u>	1956	<u>MOTHER OF HAROLD E.</u>
next owner	1956	
<u>HAROLD E. AND VIOLA WENDT</u>	1975	<u>FATHER AND MOTHER</u>
next owner	1975	<u>HAROLD A.</u>
<u>HAROLD A. WENDT</u>	PRESENT	

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

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\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature of present owner)

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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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? 160

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

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? 1881

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? BEANS, CORN, Hogs, Sheep.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

WALTER W. TREBESCH

(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS R. 2, Box 30 Sleepy Eye, MN. 56085

CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
PHONE NUMBER ( 507 ) 794 6784  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE same

SECTION 10 TOWNSHIP Leavenworth COUNTY Brown

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 240

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 3-3-1879

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) N  $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW  $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 10 ; TGV 17, Parcel 5700, Dist. 0084

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Ferdinand F. Trebesch</u> first owner	FROM <u>3-3-1879</u>	
<u>Ferdinand F. Trebesch</u> next owner	TO <u>1910</u>	FATHER OF WILLIAM
<u>William F. Trebesch</u> next owner	<u>1910-</u> <u>1947</u>	Father of Walter
<u>Walter W. Trebesch</u> next owner	<u>1947-</u> PRESENT	
next owner		
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.

Walter W. Trebesch  
(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE 6-21-79

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Wilhelm Blohm and Sophia Blohm

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$6,000 (paid in cash

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? New York (short time) & Illinois (10 yrs.)

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? not that we are  
aware of

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? No

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? I remember the old house, which is very old (the living  
room & bedroom & two rooms upstairs) these were remodeled and added on to in 1924.

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? corn, soybeans, sweet corn, peas, beef  
and hogs

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Ferdinand Trebesch was born in Strassburg, Germany 8-12-1841 and  
Fredericke Trebesch was born 1-18-1844. They were married in Germany 9-1866, after  
marriage they set sail for the United States in a sail boat. It took seven weeks to cross  
the Atlantic- food was short, they ate mostly crackers. After remaining in New York a short  
time they went to Chicago where they lived three years. They farmed in Illinois 10 years,  
then moved to Sleepy Eye community in 1879, settling on this farm which they lived on for  
31 years. Seven children were born to them in Illinois: Mary, died in infancy; Adolph,  
John, Ida Christine, Otto, Herman and Christ. Three children were born to them in  
MN: Alex, died in infancy, Annie and William. William married Martha Youngman 5-5-1909,  
five children were born to them, Wilbert, deceased; Alfred, deceased, Mable, deceased,  
Walter, on present farm and Violet (Mrs. Delbert Meinert), rural Sleepy Eye. Walter  
W. Trebesch married Mary Ann Olson 11-4-45 and have four children, David W., Hudson,  
Wis.; Gayle M., Minneapolis; Brenda K., Minneapolis and Richard W., who is farming.  
Walter W. has lived on this farm all his life - planning to sell it to his son Richard,  
who is at present in partnership with his Father.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Mr. Mrs. Alan E. Anderson  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS RR2 Box 94 Springfield Mn 56087  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 723-5448  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION 22 TOWNSHIP Burnstown COUNTY Brown

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 80

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Homestead April 15, 1879

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) South Half of the Southeast Quarter (S $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ), Section Twenty-Two (22), Township One Hundred Nine (109), Range Thirty-Four (34), Brown County, Minnesota.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Colbjorn Tollefsen</u> first owner	<u>April 15, 1879</u>	
<u>Colbjorn Tollefsen</u> next owner	<u>July 13, 1916</u>	<u>Father-in-law</u>
<u>Anna A Anderson</u> next owner	<u>July 13, 1916</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Rudolph L. Anderson</u> next owner	<u>Jan 23, 1934</u>	<u>Brother</u>
<u>Thomas C. Anderson</u> next owner	<u>Oct 7, 1963</u>	<u>Father + Mother</u>
<u>Alan E Anderson</u>	<u>Present time</u>	

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Abstract of Title ( ) Court file in Registration Proceedings ( )  
Land Patent ( ) County Land Record ( )  
Original Deed ( ) OTHER Homestead Certificate #3551

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

Alan E. Anderson  
(signature of present owner)

DATE April 19, 1979

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CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Farm was Homesteaded

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? Homesteaded

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? 1969

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Colbjorn Tollefsen Homesteader, was the Great Grandfather of Alan Anderson Present owner.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Dale &amp; Mary Lou Skildung

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Dale Wildung  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS R.R. 1 Box 213 Cologne Minn. 55322

PHONE NUMBER (612) 466-5659  
area code CITY STATE ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 28 TOWNSHIP Benton COUNTY Carver

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY June 10, 1862

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

NE 1/4 28 115 25 160.00

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1862	
Frederick Wildung	TO 1880	father of Dietrick
next owner	1880	
Dietrick Wildung	1916	father of Fred
next owner	1916	
Fred Skildung	1971	father of Donald
next owner	1971	
Donald Skildung	1975	father of Dale
next owner	1975	
Dale Skildung	today	

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

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Dale Wildung  
(signature of present owner)

DATE May 9, 1979

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Anna Urbach

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$550.00 total for entire farm

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? No

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? about 90 years ago

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER MAY E. GRAFF  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS R1 Young America Mn. 55397  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (612) 467-3708  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION 36 TOWNSHIP 116 Camden COUNTY CARVER

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 115.65

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1867

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

1/2 + SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 Sec. 36 Township 116 Range 26  
W

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1867	
William Patterson	TO 1876	Father-in-law to John
next owner	1876	
John Henke	1879	Son-in-law to Mary
next owner	1879	
MARY Patterson	1889	MOTHER to
next owner	1889	William Henry
William Henry Patterson	1941	FATHER OF
next owner	1941 - 1976	William Raymond
William Raymond Patterson	1976 - Present	<del>Son</del> BROTHER OF MAY GRAFF
MAY GRAFF		

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

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May E. Graff  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 4-30-79

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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? ~~120~~ \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Ireland \_\_\_\_\_

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? no \_\_\_\_\_

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1901 \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn, Oats + alfalfa \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Donald & Laverne Happ ✓  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS RR 2 Box 63 Chaska Minnesota 55318  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (812) 442-2932  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE same

SECTION 16 TOWNSHIP Lake town COUNTY Carver

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 110

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1871

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

SW 1/4 & SE 1/4 of Section 16 Township 116 Range 24  
of Laketown Township

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Casper Happ</u>	FROM <u>1871</u> TO <u>1912</u>	<u>Father of August</u>
next owner <u>August Happ</u>	<u>1912</u> <u>1941</u>	<u>Father of Joseph</u>
next owner <u>Joseph Happ</u>	<u>1941</u> <u>1974</u>	<u>Father of Donald</u>
next owner <u>Donald Happ</u>	<u>1974</u> <u>present</u>	
next owner		

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Land Patent ( ) County Land Record ☒  
Original Deed ( ) OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Donald Happ  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 6/7/79

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ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? \_\_\_\_\_

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST 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 Michael and Mary Ann Harms  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Box 105 Norwood Mn 55368  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (612) 467 - 3081  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 19 TOWNSHIP Benton COUNTY Carver

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 134.60

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1877

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
SW 1/4 Township 115 Range 25

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM	
<u>Christoph Harms</u>	<u>June 26, 1877</u>	<u>Father of Fred</u>
next owner	TO	
<u>Fred Harms (+ Dorothea)</u>	<u>Nov-11-1910</u>	<u>Father of Clarence</u>
next owner	<u>11-10-1910</u>	
<u>Clarence + Virginia Harms</u>	<u>5-17-1951</u>	<u>Father of Michael</u>
next owner	<u>5-17-51</u>	
<u>Michael + Mary Ann Harms</u>	<u>1-1-1975</u>	
next owner	<u>1-1-75-</u>	
<u>Michael + Mary Ann Harms Present</u>		
next owner		

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Original Deed ( ) OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Michael Harms - Mary Ann Harms  
(signature of present owner)

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DATE May 29 - 1979

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? George A. Langer

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? \_\_\_\_\_

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? 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? 1963

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Dairy and hogs

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

James J. & Gerald J. Hausladen  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

New Germany

CITY

Minn.

STATE

55367

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(612) + 395-2008  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

Same

SECTION

30 & 19

TOWNSHIP

117

COUNTY

Carver

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

185

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1879

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

Entire of this land, United States to N. m. Large)

from U.S. office mpls. 1864

120 acres +

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME <u>George Hausladen</u> first owner	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP <u>1879 - 1926</u>	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER <u>Father</u>
<u>Henry Hausladen</u> next owner	FROM <u>George Hausladen</u> TO <u>Beatrice Hausladen</u>	<u>of son</u> <u>his wife</u> <u>1904</u>
<u>James J. &amp; Gerald J.</u> next owner	<u>Beatrice Hausladen</u> <u>1926</u>	<u>mother</u> <u>1970</u>
<u>Henry Hausladen Dec.</u> next owner <u>Inherited</u>	<u>1904</u>	<u>Son</u>
<u>Beatrice Hausladen</u> next owner	<u>1964 - 1970</u>	<u>Wife</u> <u>mother of sons</u>
<u>James J. &amp; Gerald Hausladen</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>Sons</u>

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Abstract of Title (X)

Court file in Registration Proceedings (X)

Land Patent (X)

County Land Record ( )

Original Deed (X)

OTHER abstract of title no. 295083

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James J. Hausladen  
(signature of present owner)

DATE

Gerald J. Hausladen  
May. 24, 1979

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Henry Elling & Anna Elling. (1879)

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 120 acres. +

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? With help of his parents \$2.175<sup>00</sup>

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? With parents on 8 acres in Joigny

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? He had a saw mill

used logs from additional land he bought, saved all lumber for Crow river bridges in Carver county. done custom thrashing & feed grinding

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes. By William Sarge July 18, 1864

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? 1889. Barn 1898

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

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

The original home was just a small house 10 x 14. with dirt floor. When George Hausladen bought it. He built a nice frame home, which has been remodelled some and still is the family home. George raised 12 children. He built the barn 1898. Henry added on to make it 127ft long. and now James & Gerald who took over with mother after their Father got killed with the herd Bull. they were seventeen then 1962. Then I had 2 serious heart attacks in 66 & 67, I rented the land to the boys, and sold to them 1978. James is married and has 5 children. Gerald is single. They have a nice herd of Holstein cattle milking 98 cows with many replacement heifers.

Henry my husband added 60 acres more to this farm. James bought 120 acres in 67. 1/2 mile away, and rent 240 acres more, all soybeans and corn. They work hard but enjoy it. Would be happy to have any of you visit our farm. Sincerely (Henry's Wife) Beatrice Hausladen, mother of Gerald

Dear Fair board:—

I sort of messed up this form  
hope you can find thru.

If it is not clear enough  
please let me know and I'll  
get some one to help me.

We are planning a family  
reunion on July 15.

There are a lot of ancestors  
to get together,

Six Daughters of George  
and his wife, the first family  
are still living. The oldest is 91  
The second family Henry's  
family are 6 children

many grandchildren great  
grandchildren nieces nephews.

I've lived on a farm all my life  
and feel it's a good life

Beatrice Hanselman

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

John P. Willemms  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS 229 W 3 1/2 St. Maconia Minn 55387  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (612) 442-4691  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Cologne Minn.

SECTION S E 1/4 Sec 2 TOWNSHIP Benton COUNTY Carver

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 110 Acres

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Aug 24 - 1863

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

E 1/2 of S. E 1/4 W., Twp. 115, Rng 25

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM	
<u>Am Willemms</u>	TO 1863 - 1887	<u>Great Grand Father</u>
next owner		
<u>John Willemms</u>	1899 - 1908	<u>Grand Father</u>
next owner		
<u>William Willemms</u>	1908 - 1944	<u>Father</u>
next owner		
<u>John P Willemms</u>	1944 - 1978	<u>Owner</u>
next owner		
<u>Leo R. Willemms</u>	<u>just sold</u> Nov 27 - 78	<u>Son</u>

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John P Willemms  
(signature of present owner)

DATE July 1, 1979

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ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? John + Maria Sontheim

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$12.80

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Ikt Halland

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

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

+ sold it to make a living, also to clear for more land

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? no

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? Never learned what year

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn oats barley Alf. beans  
etc

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

LOREN ZIEROTH  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS RR 1 Box 344 WACONIA MN 55387

PHONE NUMBER (612) 446-1410  
area code CITY STATE ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE SAME

SECTION 34 and 3 TOWNSHIP WATER TOWN and Waconia COUNTY CARVER

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 90

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1877

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

S 1/2 of SW 1/4 Sec 34 Township 117 Range 25  
also 10.83 acres in E 1/2 of NW 1/4 Sec 3 Township 116 Range 25

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>THEODOR ZIEROTH</u> 40 acres	FROM 1877	
<u>DAVID BECK</u> 50 acres	TO 1889	Father-in-law of Theodor
next owner <u>THEODORE ZIEROTH</u> 90 acres	1889 1903	Father of Alfred
next owner <u>ALFRED ZIEROTH</u>	1903 1952	Father of Erwin
next owner <u>ERWIN J. ZIEROTH</u>	1952 1964	Husband + Father of Elsie et al
next owner <u>ELSIE ZIEROTH et al</u>	1964 1964	MOTHER of Loren

LOREN ZIEROTH 1964—Present

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Loren Zieroth  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 7/12/79

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED?

John and Anna Maria Funk

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL?

92

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?

No

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT?

1968

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS?

Dairy - corn + alfalfa

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Mrs. Emelia Miller ✓  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS R1 Box 16 Watson Minn. 56295  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (612) 269-7890  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION 24 TOWNSHIP Kragers COUNTY Chippewa

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 142

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1873

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) N 1/2 of NE 1/4  
and Lots 1, 2 & 4 Section 24 Township 118 Range 42

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1873	
<u>Katel Uelekon</u>	TO 1912	<u>Father of Hannah</u>
next owner	1912	
<u>Hannah Johansen</u>	1961	<u>Mother of Emelia</u>
next owner	1961	
<u>Emelia Miller</u>	Present	
next owner		
next owner		

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Original Deed ( ) OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Emelia Miller  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 7-3-1979

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? The United States of America

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 172.45 Acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? Entire Farm \$ 431.13

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Norway

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1875 and is a Log House

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? grain and livestock

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

His daughter Minnie was first white child born in Kragero Township.

Living room of present house is the original log house. It has axe hewn beams.

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No. 1

DUPLICATE.

RECEIVER'S OFFICE, LITCHFIELD, MINN.,

to

KITEL VELETSON.

File No. -----

Book A Page 140

Recorded 22 Jan 1877, 4 pm

Dated 12 Nov 1873

Consideration \$ 431.13

No. 4174.

Full payment for E $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  & Lots 1, 2 & 4 of Section 24,  
Township 118, Range 42, 172.45 acres.

J. C. Braden,  
Receiver.

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No. 2

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PATENT.

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

to

KITTIL VILLIKSON.

File No. -----

Book C Page 330

Recorded 12 Feb 1878, 10 am

Dated 15 Dec 1874

Consideration \$ Full Payment.

Certificate No. 4174.

Grants under Act of Congress of the 24 April 1820, entitled,  
"An Act making further provisions for the sale of the Public Lands,"  
the E $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and Lots 1, 2 & 4 of Section 24, Township 118, Range 42,  
172.45 acres.

By the President: U. S. Grant.

U.S. Gen. Land Office Seal attached.

Recorded in Gen. Land Office in Vol. 8, Page 18.

E. H. NELSON, Register of Deeds, Montevideo, Minn.

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Paul E.L. Peterson  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Golden Willow Farm Chisago City Minn. 55013  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER ( ) 257-4906  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 13 TOWNSHIP Wyoming COUNTY Chisago

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 227

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1869

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

NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 and S 1/2 of SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Sec. 13 Twp. 33  
R. 21 Containing 60 acres

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1869	
<u>Johannes Peterson</u>	TO 1902	<u>Father of Edward</u>
next owner	1902	
<u>Edward L. Peterson</u>	1948	<u>Father of Paul</u>
next owner	1948	
<u>Paul E.L. Peterson</u>	1979	
next owner		
next owner		

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Original Deed ( ) OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Paul E.L. Peterson  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 3-28-79

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Joachim Peterson & Louise Peterson 3-25-69

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 60 Acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$250

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Sweden

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

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? Torn down 1954 (house) all other Blds. replaced  
Saved a few of logs

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1953

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Dairy untill 1955

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Now - Corn, Soybeans

Edward L. Peterson born on this Place 1877 Spent entire  
Life on farm died 1961

Paul E.L. Peterson born on this Place 1916 Spent entire  
Life on farm

Loren Peterson - Son of Paul lives on 2<sup>nd</sup> house on farm  
and helps operate it at this time  
will be turned over to him in time.  
He in turn has two Son making them  
the 5<sup>th</sup> generation

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER ALFRED RICHARD ANACKER  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS BUTTERFIELD R.R. 1 MINNESOTA 56120  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 877-5631  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE COMFREY R.R. 2 MINNESOTA

SECTION 24 TOWNSHIP SELMA COUNTY COTTONWOOD

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 320

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY ENTERED Homestead Act  
OCTOBER 1, 1879

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

NE 1/4 SEC. 24 T. 107 N., R. 34 W. SELMA  
TOWNSHIP, COTTONWOOD COUNTY, MINNESOTA.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1879 -	
CHRISTIAN ANACKER	TO 1947	FATHER OF RICHARD
next owner	1947 -	
RICHARD C. ANACKER	TO 1965	FATHER OF ALFRED
next owner	1965 -	
ALFRED R. ANACKER	TO PRESENT	
next owner		
next owner		

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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.

Alfred R. Anacker  
(signature of present owner)

DATE May 15, 1979

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? FIRST 160 ACRES HOMESTEAD NEXT 160 ACRES PURCHASE FROM MENDOTA RAILROAD 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? 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? YES

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? the ORIGINAL House HAS ALL BEEN REMODELED

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? CORN, OATS & <sup>S</sup>BOY BEANS and DAIRY HERD & RAISING HOGS

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

When my grandfather (Christian Anacker) homesteaded this land he built his house and other farm building close to a Fresh water Spring. This very same Spring is still being used. It supply all the water that is needed for the household and all the livestock. At first, all of the water had to be carried up from the ~~Spring~~ well that has been build over the Spring. A hand pump sits on a platform that was place a foot above the ground. Now the water is piped up to the house and all the other farm buildings. It is the only source of water on the farm. It has always supplyin plenty of water for everything. Another landmark is a huge Cottonwood tree that stands between this spring and the house. It was one of the first trees planted on the homestead. It now measures 16 feet in circumference. (4 feet above the ground) and estimated to be 125 or 130 feet tall.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Mary Agnes Moynihan and Margaret Fletcher  
(this name will appear on certificate) see attached sheet for her address.  
ADDRESS 254 Cimarron Rd Apple Valley Mn 55124  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (612) 454-1860  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE 4209 138<sup>th</sup> ST. Rosemount, Mn 55068

SECTION 23 + 26 TOWNSHIP Rosemount COUNTY DAKOTA

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 100

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1879

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

E 1/2 of SE 1/4 of Section 23 and W 1/2 of NE 1/4 of  
NE 1/4 of Section 26, all in Township 115, Range 19

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1879 -	
<u>Patrick Fitzgerald</u>	TO 1930	<u>Father of Thomas</u>
next owner	1930 -	
<u>Thomas Fitzgerald</u>	1975	<u>Father of Mary + Margaret</u>
next owner	1975 -	
<u>Mary (Fitzgerald) Moynihan</u> <u>Margaret (Fitzgerald) Fletcher</u>	<u>Present</u>	
next owner		
next owner		

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Original Deed ☒ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Shawn M Moynihan  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 7/11/79

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? \_\_\_\_\_

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? Approximately \$500 for The whole farm

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? London, 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? 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, some of the sheds

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? Around 1932

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

254 Cimarron Rd.  
Apple Valley, Minnesota 55124  
July 11, 1979

Century Farm Recognition Program  
Minnesota State Fair  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55108

Dear Mr. Hammer:

I am a son of one of the current co-owners of the century old farm. I am registering in your recognition program as a surprise for my mother and my aunt, Margaret Fletcher. Therefore I was wondering if it would be possible to receive 2 certificates so that my Aunt may also receive one. Both certificates may be sent to me at the above address. Also I am including Margaret Fletcher's address as there was insufficient room on the application form.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at home. Thank you so much.

Sincerely yours,  
Shawn Moynihan

MARGARET Fletcher  
600 S. Greenleaf Dr.  
Eagan, MN. 55123  
454-2979

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

GENE HALLAWAY  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS R 2 BOX 55 CLAREMONT MN 55934  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 374-2280  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE SAME

SECTION 2 TOWNSHIP RIPLEY COUNTY DODGE

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 912

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1865

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

S.E. 1/4 of SECTION 2 TOWNSHIP 106 RANGE 18

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1865	
<u>Jesse Hallaway</u>	TO 1896	<u>Father of Thomas</u>
next owner	1896	
<u>Thomas Hallaway</u>	1937	<u>Father of Herbert</u>
next owner	1937	
<u>Herbert Hallaway</u>	1977	<u>Father of Gene</u>
next owner	1977	
<u>Gene Hallaway</u>	Present	
next owner		

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Original Deed ( ) OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Gene Hallaway  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 4-26-79

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CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? James Tidd

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$1800.

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? England

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Pine Island, Mn.

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? 1900

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Lowell & Mavis Nelson  
~~Lowell Nelson~~  
 (this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

RR 1 Box 108 Hayfield Minn 55940

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 477 2191  
 area code CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

Same

SECTION

13

TOWNSHIP

Hayfield

COUNTY

DODGE

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

323

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

May 31 1873

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

S 1/2 of SE 1/4 Section 13 105-17 in Hayfield Township and NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 Sec 19 105-16 Vernon Township original 120 acres

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>and Mary John Lewison</u>	FROM 1873 TO 1894	Parents of Bertha
next owner <u>Soren &amp; Bertha Mol</u>	1894 1945	Parents of Gillett
next owner <u>Roy &amp; Gillett Nelson</u>	1945 1978	Parents of Lowell
next owner <u>Lowell &amp; Mavis Nelson</u>	1978 —	
next owner		

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Land Patent ( )

County Land Record ( )

Original Deed ( )

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Lowell & Mavis Nelson  
 (signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE April 4 1979

CENTURY FARMS  
 MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
 ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED?

John Sherrad

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL?

120

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE?

unknown

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?

Not to my

knowledge

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD?

No

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

The original Home is still being used

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT?

addition built 1912 & 1967

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS?

Dairy Corn & Soybeans

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

John Sherrad Homesteaded this Land he sold it to a Lewis Johnson who ~~lost~~ Lost it Back to Sherrad on a Mortgage Foreclosure. He Then sold it to John & Mary Lewison. who were my Great Grandparents. They farmed it from 1873 until John Died at an Early age leaving widow and 5 children. Mary Lewison and children continued farming until children were grown she then sold it to her oldest Daughter Bertha & Soren Molin' 1894.  
(Mary Lewison must have been a Gutsy person)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Rolland Quimby  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

RR 2 Box 43 West Concord Minn. 55985

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 527-2648  
area code

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

Same

SECTION

344

TOWNSHIP

Concord

COUNTY

Dodge

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

220

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

Oct. 29, 1870

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

S. 1/2 N. W. 1/4 NW 1/4

S. 1/2 SE 1/4 Section 3 Township 108 North Range 17 West  
Section 4 Township 108 North Range 17 West

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Henry McLean</u>	FROM 1870 TO <u>Oct. 24 1881</u>	Blood Relationship father IN Law
next owner <u>Herbert B. Quimby</u> <u>Emma Quimby et al</u>	<u>Oct 24 1881</u> TO <u>July 2, 1939</u> TO <u>Dec. 14 1944</u>	Father of Clifford Mother of Clifford
next owner <u>Clifford Quimby</u>	from <u>Dec. 14 - 1944</u> to <u>June 30 - 1976</u>	father of Rolland
next owner <u>Rolland Quimby</u>	1976 Present	
next owner		

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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.

Rolland Quimby

(signature of present owner)

DATE

June 10, 1979

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Herman Eastman William Booth

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 60 + 80

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? 600.<sup>00</sup> 1200.<sup>00</sup>

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Penn.

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? 1895 House 28x28

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1895 2 story Corp. Bill 100.<sup>00</sup>

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Barn 30x40 Hip 16 ft. Dairy farm Hay, Corn, Oats

## ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Clifford and Rolland added on barn 64 ft in 1958 total barn 104 ft.

1970 remodel house 1970

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Donald L. Olson  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS R.R.1 Farwell MN. 56327  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (612) 283-5774  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 29 TOWNSHIP Holmes City COUNTY Douglas

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 88.45

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY mar 10, 1876

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

SW 4 NW 4 LOT 2 OF SEC 29 T 29 S 4 R 18 E  
N 44 AC SEC 29-127-39 9C 88.45

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1876	
<u>Erick Anderson</u>	TO <del>1899</del> - 1899	<u>Husband of Stina</u>
next owner	1899	
<u>Stina Anderson</u>	<del>1940</del> - 1940	<u>mother of Tillie</u>
next owner	1940	
<u>Tillie Olson</u>	1955	<u>mother of Donald</u>
next owner	1955	
<u>Donald L. Olson</u>	<u>Present owner</u>	
next owner		

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Original Deed ( ) OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Donald L. Olson  
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 28, 1979

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? General Land office of United States

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 88 acres plus

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? \_\_\_\_\_

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? 1960

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER DAVID LUSTY  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS MILTONA MINN 56354  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (218) 943-2181  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 34 TOWNSHIP 130 Spruce Hill COUNTY Douglas

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT ~~290~~ 290

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1973 Homestead

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

M. E. 1/4 section 34, Township 130  
range 36 Spruce Hill town, Douglas Co. of Minn.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1973	
Andrew Lusty	TO 1996	Father of John
next owner	1996	
John Lusty	1935	Father of Leslie
next owner	1935	
Leslie Lusty	1965	Father of David
next owner	1965	
David Lusty	PRESENT	
next owner		

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Land Patent ( ) County Land Record ( )  
Original Deed (X) OTHER and Church records

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

David Lusty  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 4-24-1979

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? This Farm 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? Orrens 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? None

It WAS ~~THIS~~ A HOMESTEAD? by Andrew Gustafson 1873

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? 1936

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: and Dairy and Hogs.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Mabel J. Peterson  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Box 593 Frost Minn. 56033  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 878-3289  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 22 & 27 TOWNSHIP Emerald COUNTY Faribault

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT (207)

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY (1870)

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

S.W. 1/4 of S.E. 1/4; and S.E. 1/4 of S.W. 1/4 S.E. 1/4 of S.E. 1/4 Township 102  
Range 26-Sec. 22. N.W. 1/4 of N.E. 1/4; N.E. 1/4 of N.W. 1/4 Sec. 27

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner		
<u>Gulick Peterson</u>	<u>FROM Sept. 10, 1870</u> <u>TO Feb. 11, 1899</u>	<u>Father of Iver</u>
next owner		
<u>Iver G. Peterson</u>	<u>Feb 11, 1899</u> <u>Feb. 24, 1941</u>	<u>Father of Godwin</u>
next owner		
<u>Godwin Peterson</u>	<u>Feb 24, 1941</u> <u>Feb 20, 1965</u>	<u>Husband of Mabel</u>
next owner		
<u>Mabel J. Peterson</u>	<u>Feb 20, 1965</u> <u>to present</u>	
next owner		

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Mabel J. Peterson  
(signature of present owner)

DATE July 5, 1979

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? U. S. Government

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? Norway

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Emigrated to America.

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? Granary - Barn still in use.

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1922

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn, soybeans & hogs.

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

~~At~~ In 1890 Gulick bought 7 adjoining acres from his brother Peter G. Peterson for \$100.<sup>00</sup>

At Godwin's death in 1965 I became sole owner of the 207 acres.

My son, Irving now resides on and rents the land.

Mabel J. Peterson

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Wilfred B Eckhardt  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Blue Earth, Minnesota 56013

PHONE NUMBER (507) 526 2673 CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 4 TOWNSHIP Emerald COUNTY Fairbault

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 200

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY March 10, 1883 1878

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) E<sup>2</sup> NW<sup>4</sup> and  
W<sup>2</sup> NW<sup>4</sup> Section 4 Township 102 Range 26 west of the  
5<sup>th</sup> Principal Meridian in Fairbault Co. Minn.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Christopher Eckhardt</u>	FROM <u>March 10, 1883</u> TO <u>April 12, 1909</u>	<u>Grandfather</u>
next owner <u>Dustave Eckhardt</u>	<u>April 12, 1909</u> <u>Nov 12, 1954</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner <u>Wilfred B Eckhardt</u>	<u>Nov 12, 1954</u> <u>Present</u>	<u>Self.</u>
next owner		
next owner		

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Original Deed ( ) OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Wilfred Eckhardt  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 6-28-79

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? \_\_\_\_\_

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? Homestead

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Posen, Germany

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

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

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? 1901

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Our County records do not indicate when Christopher Eckhardt first paid his homestead fee and moved upon the Homestead Claim, however it had to be at least 5 years prior to the Patent if not more. (It was determined that it was after 1865 since another made an original claim upon a portion of the premises and did not stay to complete the terms of the Homestead Act)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Eugene Bauman  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS RR 1 WALTERS MINN 56092  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 294-3342  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE SAME

SECTION 21 TOWNSHIP Foster COUNTY Fairbault

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160 [80 acres of original 160 passed generation until back to 160 now.]

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1876

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

Sec. 21 twp 102 Range 24 S 1/2 of SE 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1876	
<u>Barnard L. Lischefski</u>	TO 1902	Father in law of Frank
next owner	1902	Father of Silas
<u>Frank Bauman</u>	1935	<del>SON-IN-LAW</del>
next owner	1935	Father of Eugene
<u>Silas F Bauman</u>	1963	<del>SON</del>
next owner	1963	
<u>Eugene F Bauman</u>	Present	<del>SON</del>
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.

Eugene Bauman  
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 11, 1979

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Don't know

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160 I think

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? Yes. House and granary.

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? under comments.

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? corn, hay - pigs & sheep

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

*I have a picture taken around 1898 of the original house.*

*The granary has been resided but used every year by us for storage.*

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Mildred Schroeder and Hazel Schroeder  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Rt. 1 Box 199 Bricekn Minnesota 56014  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 653-4351  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION 23 TOWNSHIP Brushcreek COUNTY Faribault

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1877

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

SW 1/4 Section 23 Township 102 Range 25

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1877	
Heinrich Schroeder	TO 1919	FATHER OF HENRY
next owner	1919	
Henry August Schroeder	1960	FATHER OF Mildred and Hazel
next owner	1960	
Mildred Schroeder and Hazel Schroeder		
next owner		
next owner		

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Original Deed ( ) OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Hazel Schroeder  
(signature of present owner)

DATE May 24, 1979

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? the 1st 80 acres was homestead, the 2nd 80 was bought

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? homestead - 2nd 80 acres <sup>16</sup> 612 for the 80 acres.

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Hanover Germany

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Worked as farm laborer

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? Grainery & part of the barn

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1880

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Martin Berndt  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

Route 2

Blue Earth, Mn.

56013

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 526-5572

area code

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

same

SECTION

4  
32

TOWNSHIP

Emerald  
Barber

COUNTY

Faribault

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

198.43

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

June 30, 1876

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

N.W. 1/4 Township 102 Range 26

S.E. 1/4 of S.E. 1/4 township 103 Range 26

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Henry Berndt</u>	FROM <u>1876</u> TO <u>1879</u>	<u>Father of Adolph</u>
next owner <u>Adolph Berndt</u>	<u>1879</u> <u>1953</u>	<u>Father of Martin</u>
next owner <u>Martin Berndt</u>	<u>1953</u> <u>Present</u>	
next owner		
next owner		

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Court file in Registration Proceedings ( )

Land Patent (X)

County Land Record ( )

Original Deed (X)

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Martin Berndt

(signature of present owner)

DATE

6-5-79

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? \_\_\_\_\_

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST 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

MARVIN REDMAN  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Rt. 1 Box 203 WELLS MN. 56097

PHONE NUMBER (507) 553-3036  
area code CITY STATE ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 5 TOWNSHIP BRUSH CREEK COUNTY FARIBAULT

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 200

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY MARCH 14, 1877

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

SE 1/4 SEC. 5 TWP. 102 RGE. 25  
TOWNSHIP: BRUSH CREEK COUNTY: FARIBAULT

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner		
<u>FRIEDRICH REDMAN</u>	FROM <u>MARCH 14, 1877</u> TO <u>MAY 1878</u>	<u>GREAT-GREAT GRANDFATHER</u>
next owner		
<u>MICHAEL REDMAN</u>	<u>MAY 1878</u> <u>DIED-FARM WENT TO</u>	<u>GREAT GRANDFATHER</u>
next owner		
<u>FREDERICH REDMAN</u>	<u>APRIL 8, 1895</u>	<u>GRANDFATHER</u>
next owner	<u>FARMED BY SONS</u>	
<u>FRED T. REDMAN</u>	<u>APRIL 8, 1895</u> <u>TO: MARCH 1, 1920</u> <u>TO: DEC 28, 1948</u>	<u>FATHER OF MARVIN</u>
next owner	<u>Farmed by Marvin after Fred retired, and died Dec. 1946</u>	
<u>MARVIN W. REDMAN</u>	<u>TO: PRESENT</u>	

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

Some of the deeds (☒)

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

Marvin Redman  
(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? IT IS NOT KNOWN FOR SURE, BUT THE OLDEST MEMBER OF THE FAMILY BELIEVES IT TO HAVE BEEN PURCHASED FROM A RAILROAD COMPANY.  
HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 200

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? NOT KNOWN

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? GERMANY

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? NOT KNOWN FOR SURE

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? NOT KNOWN

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? \_\_\_\_\_

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? NOT TO OUR KNOWLEDGE

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? PART OF THE HOUSE NOW STANDING WAS BUILT BY MICHAEL REDMAN. A PART WAS TORN DOWN IN 1937 AND REMODELED AT THAT TIME, BUT I DON'T KNOW IF THERE WAS AN OLDER HOUSE.

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? CORN, SOY BEANS, HOGS

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

MARVIN'S SON WILLIAM PLANS TO CONTINUE TO FARM ON THIS FARM ALSO.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER ORVILLE K. & JUNE L. OLSON  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Amboy MINN. 56010  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 674-3517  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE SAME

SECTION 5 TOWNSHIP DELA VAN COUNTY FARIBAULT

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 254

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY APRIL 14, 1879

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

W 1/2 of NE 1/4 & E 1/2 of NW 1/4 TOWNSHIP 104 RANGE 27

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1879	
<u>STENER OLSON</u>	TO 1912	<u>FATHER</u>
next owner <u>OIE, ANDREW, THOMAS</u>	<u>1912</u>	
<u>BERTHA, HALVER &amp; GUSTAV.</u>	<u>1913</u>	<u>BROTHER</u>
next owner	<u>1913</u>	
<u>HALVER OLSON</u>	<u>1946</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
next owner <u>HAROLD, JO ABELLE,</u>	<u>1946</u>	
<u>CORA, STANLEY, ARLA,</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>BROTHER</u>
<u>ORVILLE &amp; MARCELLA</u>	<u>1972</u>	
next owner	<u>PRESENT</u>	
<u>ORVILLE &amp; JUNE OLSON</u>		

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Land Patent ( ) County Land Record (X)  
Original Deed (X) OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Orville & June Olson  
(signature of present owner)

DATE May 14, 1979

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? O/E W. TORGERSON & ELISA TORGERSON

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 169 <sup>40</sup>/<sub>100</sub> ACRES

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$6.56

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? KVITSEID, NORWAY

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? BLUE EARTH, COUNTY

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 - HOUSE

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? SAME AS ABOVE

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? CORN, SOYBEANS, OATS, HAY, CATTLE, HOGS

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Wanda and Donald Brant  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

Memisole Lake

Minnesota

56068

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 462 3678

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

11

TOWNSHIP

Memisole Lake

COUNTY

Fairbairn

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

80

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1862

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

Q6 E 1/4 N. E 1/4, Township 104 Range 25

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Wilhelm Brant</u> first owner	FROM <u>1862</u>	
<u>Wilhelm Brant</u> next owner	TO <u>1921</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Emil Brant</u> next owner	<u>1921</u> <u>1974</u>	<u>Son of Wm</u>
<u>Donald and Wanda Brant</u> next owner	<u>1974</u>	<u>Son + wife of Emil</u>
<u>same</u> 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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Donald and Wanda Brant  
(signature of present owner)

DATE

May 8 1979

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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? 80

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? ✓ don't know

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? ✓ can't tell for sure

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

*Written as good as we can remember  
Thank you*

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER LAWRENCE LANGSEV  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS RR 1 BOX 58 BRICELYN MINNESOTA 56014  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER ( 507 ) 653-4570  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE SAME

SECTION 31 TOWNSHIP SEELY COUNTY FARIBAULT

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 75

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1878

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

NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 AND NE 1/4 of NW 1/4

TOWNSHIP 101 RANGE 25

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>first owner</u> SYVERT P. LANGSEV	FROM 1878 TO 1895	HUSBAND OF ANNA
<u>next owner</u> ANNA HELANA LANGSEV	1895 1896	MOTHER OF PETER
<u>next owner</u> PETER S. LANGSEV	1896 1960	FATHER OF HEIRS
<u>next owner</u> LANGSEV HEIRS	1960 1974	BROTHERS & SISTERS OF PALMER
<u>next owner</u> PALMER LANGSEV	1974 - 1976	FATHER OF LAWRENCE
LAWRENCE LANGSEV	1976 - PRESENT	

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Land Patent ( ) County Land Record ( )  
Original Deed (X) OTHER FAMILY RECORDS

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Lawrence Langsev  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 5/11/79

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? SOUTHERN MINNESOTA RAILWAY COMPANY

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? FORTY

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$7.20

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? ARENDAL, 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? \_\_\_\_\_

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? pre-1897

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? CORN, SOYBEANS, LAMBS, & OATS

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

CURTIS H. ANDERSON  
(this name will appear on certificate)

3

ADDRESS

MABEL

MINN

55954

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(507)

493-5573

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

20-21

TOWNSHIP

NEW BERG

COUNTY

FILLMORE

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

161

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1876

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) 21 101 81 AL 238 Corn  
R DUE E from SW Cor. of NW 1/4 NW 1/4, N 1/4 R 7 FT E 1 R. THENCE W & SE 1/2 DIR 1/2  
R 5 FT to a PT on 40 line of due E. Section 20 21 101 839 AL 238 Corn 8 R W of NW  
Cor. SE 1/4, 772 R 380 R, E 86 R, NW 1/4 Sec. 21 101 81 AL 238 1 A in SW 1/4  
N 1/2 of NW 1/4, 20 101 85 AL 238 E 5 A of NE 1/4 NE 1/4, 20 101 8 115 A 238  
NE 1/4 NW 1/4 & NW 1/4 NE 1/4 & NE 1/4 NE 1/4 EX 5 AC

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM	
<u>Erik Anderson</u>	TO <u>1876 - 1906</u>	<u>Father of Bernard</u>
next owner		
<u>Bernard Anderson</u>	<u>1906 - 1940</u>	<u>Husband of Ellen</u> <u>Father of Curtis</u>
next owner		
<u>Ellen Anderson</u>	<u>1940 - 1951</u>	<u>(Mother of Curtis)</u> <u>Wife of Bernard (deceased)</u>
next owner		
<u>Curtis H. Anderson</u>	<u>1951 - 1979</u>	<u>Son of Ellen</u>
next owner	<u>(Present)</u>	

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Abstract of Title (X)

Court file in Registration Proceedings ( )

Land Patent ( )

County Land Record ( )

Original Deed (X)

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Curtis H. Anderson  
(signature of present owner)

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DATE

May 29, 1979

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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*Peder Nilson 1873 price 5,025*

~~transferred~~ *↓ sold to Enoch Anderson*

FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED?

~~Mrs. Ellen Anderson~~

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL?

*161*

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE?

*app. \$31.00 acre*

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN?

*Norway*

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM?

*Spring Grove, Minn.*

DID HE FARM THE LAND?

*yes*

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

*Blacksmith*

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD?

*no -*

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

*Barn - house*

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT?

*1874*

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS?

*grain, hay, corn*

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Donald E. Anderson  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

Mabel

Minn.

55954

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 493-5099  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

22

TOWNSHIP

Newburg

COUNTY

Fillmore

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

200

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

Feb 10, 1872

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

22 101 B 160 AL 238  
N 1/2 of SW 1/4 + N 1/2 of NW 1/4 15 101 8 42 AL 238 W 2A of  
SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 + NE 1/4 of SW 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Ole Haagenon</u> (Haagenon)	FROM TO <u>1872 1927</u>	<u>Father of John</u>
next owner <u>John A. Haagenon</u>	<u>1927 - 1972</u>	<u>Father in-law of Curtis</u>
next owner <u>Curtis H. Anderson</u>	<u>1972 - 1976</u>	<u>Father of Donald E.</u>
next owner <u>Donald E. Anderson</u>	<u>1976 - 1979</u>	<u>Son of Curtis</u>
next owner	<u>Present</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.

Donald E. Anderson  
(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE

July 13, 1979

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

(Written by Curtis Anderson)

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Charles Bacon <sup>part</sup> & the (part) John A. Hargraves Government

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? ~~100 acres~~ 80 acres-

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$ 2<sup>00</sup> ac

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Norway

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? ~~Barney~~ <sup>Joe</sup> ~~Barney~~ <sup>Barrie</sup> } <sup>son</sup>

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes (part)

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 hay

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Waldo O. Marzolf  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

Preston

Minnesota

55965

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(507)

765-2435

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

13

TOWNSHIP

Carimona

COUNTY

Lillmore

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

320

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

Feb. 27, 1873

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

W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, SW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> and W<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> SE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>, Section 13, <sup>100</sup>102 No. Range 11 W.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Johannes Marzolf</u> <u>Johannes Mortzoff</u>	FROM 1873 TO 1882	Father
next owner <u>John Marzolf, Sr. aka</u> <u>John Marzolf, Jr.</u>	FROM 1882 TO 1939	Father
next owner <u>Oscar W. Marzolf</u>	FROM 1939 TO 1978	Father
next owner <u>Waldo O. Marzolf</u>	FROM 1978 TO Now	
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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Waldo O. Marzolf

(signature of present owner)

DATE

July 11, 1979

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CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Nathan P. Colburn & wife

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 200

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$28.25 per acre

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Alsace Lorine (Germany - France)

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? Not to our knowledge

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Upon coming from Alsace, he moved here & purchased this farm.

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? A few years after purchase of farm.

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Grade A Dairy - Hogs - Registered Charolais Beef Cattle

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Major crops - corn - oats + Hay

Enclosed is a photo of Johannes Marzef home still on present farm but used for storage only. Unknown date of building.



Johannes Marzolf  
home

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

MR & MRS. LAWRENCE, McCARTY  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

HARMONY CITY MN STATE 55939 ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 88-6-2161  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

31

TOWNSHIP

HARMONY

COUNTY

FILLMORE

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1865

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

NORTH EAST QUARTER OF SECTION 31  
TOWNSHIP 101 NORTH OF RANGE 10

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1865	
<u>CHARLES McCARTY</u>	TO 1920	<u>FATHER OF JAMES</u>
next owner	1920	
<u>JAMES McCARTY</u>	1948	<u>FATHER OF LAWRENCE</u>
next owner	1948	
<u>LAWRENCE McCARTY</u>	PRESENT OWNER	
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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LAWRENCE McCARTY  
(signature of present owner)

DATE

6-26-1979

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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 Melvin O Dolalie  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Rushford CITY Minnesota STATE 55971 ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER ( 507 ) 864 7873  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE same

SECTION 14 TOWNSHIP Norway COUNTY Fillmore

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 181 1/2

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1857

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

W 1/2 OF NW 1/4 Sec. 14 103 RANGE 8

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1857	
OSCAR EVENSON	TO 1905	FATHER OF CARL
next owner	1905	
CARL A EVENSON	1960	FATHER OF MELVIN
next owner	1960	
MELVIN O DOLALIE	PRESENT	
next owner		
next owner		

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Original Deed ( ) OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Melvin O. Dolalie  
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 11 1979

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? united States

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Seljord, Telemarken Norway

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? Oscar's father

Evan was a shoe maker and made simple furniture

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? 1961

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

*Oscar and Carl Evenson were also known as Oscar Dolatic and Carl Dolatic*

*Oscar Evenson with his Parents one brother and three sisters. Left Norway in the spring of 1851 and sailed for America, it took eighteen weeks in a sail boat. They lived at Whitewater, Wisconsin for four years before moving to Fillmore County Norway township Minnesota*

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

PAUL A. LUNDE  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS RTE 1 BOX 48 PRESTON MINN 55965  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 765-2406  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE SAME  
80 ACRES 80 ACRES

SECTION 10 AND 15 TOWNSHIP PRESTON COUNTY FILLMORE

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1878

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

SE 1/4 OF SW 1/4 AND S.W. 1/4 OF SE 1/4 SECTION 10 TOWNSHIP 102-10  
NE 1/4 OF NW 1/4 AND NW 1/4 OF NE 1/4 SECTION 15 TOWNSHIP 102-10

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>JOHN JOHNSON LUNDE</u>	FROM <u>APRIL 13, 1878</u> TO <u>NOV 25, 1902</u>	<u>FATHER OF CLARENCE</u> <u>HUSBAND OF PAULINE</u>
next owner <u>PAULINE MUNSON LUNDE</u>	<u>NOV 25, 1902</u> <u>DEC 31, 1932</u>	<u>MOTHER OF CLARENCE</u>
next owner <u>CLARENCE MORTON LUNDE</u>	<u>DEC 31, 1932</u> <u>JAN 24, 1965</u>	<u>FATHER OF PAUL</u>
next owner <u>PAUL ANES LUNDE</u>	<u>JAN 24, 1965</u> <u>PRESENT</u>	
next owner		

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

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Paul A. Lund  
(signature of present owner)

DATE May 27, 1979

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? \_\_\_\_\_

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST 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 Helen Hanley Allen  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Chattfield Mbl. Bldg. Chattfield Mn. 55923  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 867-3136  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION 20 TOWNSHIP Jordan COUNTY Pillmore

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY May 13, 1862

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

N.W. 2 quarter of Section 20 Twp. 104 Range 12

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1862	
<u>Samuel Hanley</u>	TO 1873	<u>Father</u>
next owner		
<u>Samuel &amp; Charles Hanley</u>	1873-1891	<u>Brothers</u>
next owner		
<u>Samuel Hanley</u>	1891-1930	<u>Son of 1st. Samuel</u>
next owner		
<u>Charles Hanley &amp; wife</u>	1933-1953 <del>1979</del>	<u>Dow of Samuel</u>
next owner		
<u>Helen Hanley Allen</u> <u>Charles Hanley &amp; wife</u>	1953 1979 —	<u>widow of Charles Hanley</u> <u>now remarried</u>

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

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Helen Hanley Allen  
(signature of present owner)

DATE May 15, 1979

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Isaac S. Green & wife

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Ludlow, Vt.

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? \_\_\_\_\_

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, Soy beans, Hay

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

small grain

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Orvin G. Tollefson  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS R. R. 4, Box 152, Austin, Minnesota 55912  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER ( 507 ) 433-2474  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 2 TOWNSHIP Moscow COUNTY Freeborn

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1878

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) from abstract of title  
SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 2 Township 103 Range 19W

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1878	
Simon Thompson	TO 1918	Father of Bernhard
next owner	1918	
Bernhard E. Thompson	1965	Uncle of Orvin
next owner	1965	
Orvin G. Tollefson	Present	
next owner		
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.

Orvin G. Tollefson  
(signature of present owner)

DATE July 9, 1979

PLEASE RETURN TO:

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Everett Robinson

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$8.00

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Norway

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? With his parents in Newry Tonship  
Freeborn, County, Minnesota

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? 1898

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn, Beans, Oats and hay

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Simon Thompson was Orvin G. Tollefson's Maternal grandfather. ~~Simon Thompson~~ lived on this farm continuously until his death in 1923. Then Bernhard Thompson, Simon's son continued to live there until his death. Orvin Tollefson lived at the farm with his uncle and did the farming until he purchased the farm.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Richard P. Sipple  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

RR 2 Box 285 Albert Lea MN. 56002

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 323-5809  
area code

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SAME

SECTION

22, 23, 27

TOWNSHIP

MANCHESTER

COUNTY

Freeborn

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

190

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1861

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

Sec. 22 SE 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 23 W 1/2 SW 1/4  
Sec. 27 NE 1/4 NE 1/4 + E 30A SE 1/4 NE 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM	
<u>John Sipple</u>	<u>1861</u>	
	TO	
<u>1871</u>	<u>FATHER</u>	
next owner		
<u>FRANK Sipple Sr.</u>	<u>1871</u>	
	<u>1914</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
next owner		
<u>FRANK Sipple Jr.</u>	<u>1914</u>	
	<u>1947</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
next owner		
<u>Paul A. Sipple</u>	<u>1947</u>	
	<u>1973</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
next owner		
<u>Richard P. Sipple</u>	<u>1976</u>	

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Court file in Registration Proceedings ( )

Land Patent ( )

County Land Record ☒

Original Deed ☒

OTHER

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Richard P. Sipple

(signature of present owner)

DATE

6-25-79

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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 OSCAR and ESTHER BIDNE  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS EMMONS MINN. 56029  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 297-5864  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION 19-101-22 TOWNSHIP NUNDA COUNTY FREEBORN  
30-101-22

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 161 1/2

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Jan. 3, 1871

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

S<sup>2</sup> S<sup>2</sup> 1/4 19-101-22 - 12.06

N<sup>2</sup> N<sup>2</sup> 1/4 30-101-22 - 12.13 Copied from Tax receipt June 1872

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME <u>IVAR OLESON</u>	<u>1871 to 1884</u> YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER <u>FATHER</u>
first owner		
<u>IVAR OLSON</u>	FROM <u>1871</u> TO <u>1884</u>	<u>FATHER of OLE</u>
next owner		
<u>OLE I. OP DAHL</u>	<u>1884-1923</u>	<u>FATHER of GURI</u>
next owner		
<u>GURI BIDNE</u>	<u>1928</u> <u>1940</u>	<u>MOTHER of OSCAR</u>
next owner		
<u>OSCAR and ESTHER BIDNE</u>	<u>1940,</u>	<u>SON</u>
next owner		

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

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Oscar Bidne  
(signature of present owner)

DATE APRIL 23, 1979

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Homestead Jan. 3, 1871

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 16 1/2 acres

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? Wisconsin

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

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? 1915

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Original Entry  
Dated Jan. 3, 1871  
Recorded in book 1 Original Entries,  
Page 38.  
Certificate of transmission duly certified  
by Mons Grinager, Register of General  
Land Office, Northampton, Mass.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Arnold M. Lightly  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS R. 3, Box 184 Austin Minn. 55912  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
PHONE NUMBER (507 ) 437-4340  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 1 TOWNSHIP Oakland COUNTY Freeborn

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 240

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1878

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

S  $\frac{1}{2}$  of N.W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  and N.W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of N.W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 1 Township 102-Range 19

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1878 -	
John Lightly Jr.	TO 1908	Father of Henry B.
next owner	1908-	
Henry B. Lightly	1944	Father of Arnold M.
next owner	1944-	
Arnold M. Lightly	Present	
next owner		
next owner		

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

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Arnold M. Lightly  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 4-26-79

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Stephen A. Frisbie

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 120 A

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? 17.50

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? New York

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Sec. 2 Oakland Township Freeborn Co.

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes <sup>Antwine</sup> ~~Antwine~~ Robart

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? 1887

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Charles W. Lightly  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS R. R. 3, Box 183 Austin Minnesota 55912  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER ( 507 ) 433-4816  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION 11 TOWNSHIP Oakland COUNTY Freeborn

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 75.9

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY March 8, 1878

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

N $\frac{1}{2}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 11, Township 102, Range 19 West in Freeborn County, Minnesota

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1878	
John Lightly	TO 1909	Father to Charles H.
next owner	1909	
Charles H. Lightly	1973	Grandfather to Charles
next owner		
Charles W. Lightly	1973 --	
next owner		
next owner		

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

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Charles W. Lightly

(signature of present owner)

DATE April 9, 1979

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Minnesota Central Railway Company

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$7.50

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? England

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? 1962

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER ALAN Brinkman  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS RR 3 Goodhue MINN 55027  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (612) 923-4151  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE SAME

SECTION 25 TOWNSHIP Belvidere COUNTY Goodhue

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Sept 20 - 1875

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

NW 1/4 of section 25 Township 111 North of  
Range 14 West.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner		
John Brinkman	FROM <u>Sept 20 1875</u> <u>March 24</u> TO <u>March 1914</u>	Great-grand Father
next owner		
Lawrence Brinkman	<u>March 24 1914</u> <u>Dec 10 1960</u>	Grand Father
next owner		
Delmar Brinkman	<u>Dec 10 1960</u> <u>Sept 18 1968</u>	Father
next owner		
Darlene Brinkman	<u>Sept 18 - 1968</u> <u>June 23 - 1977</u>	mother
next owner		
ALAN Brinkman	<u>J</u> <u>June 23 1977</u>	

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Land Patent ( ) County Land Record ☒  
Original Deed ( ) OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Alan Brinkman  
(signature of present owner)

DATE July 10 - 1979

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ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Frank E. Palmer

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? 31.35

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? across the road sec 24

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? 1925

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

My grand Father built all the buildings House grainery, barn, ~~garage~~ garage, Hog house main barn, between 1924 & 1926 all in good repair & in use. My mother & I built two silo cattle shed & machine shed from 1975-77.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Howard Alexander McKinley  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Route 1 Box 19 Cannon Falls Minnesota 55009  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER ( 507 ) 263-2192  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE SAME

SECTION 35 TOWNSHIP Stanton COUNTY Goodhue

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 166

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1866

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

N  $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 35 Township 112 Range 18

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner ALEXANDER MCKINLEY	FROM 1866- TO 1912	FATHER OF JOHN
next owner JOHN ALEXANDER MCKINLEY	1912- 1952	FATHER OF HOWARD
next owner HOWARD ALEXANDER MCKINLEY	1952- PRESENT	FATHER OF DALE
next owner DALE HOWARD MCKINLEY		
next owner		

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

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Howard A. McKinley  
(signature of present owner)

DATE July 10, 1979

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Hannah A. Love

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$ 3.125      \$250 for 80 acres

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Baltimore, Maryland      October 31, 1847

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? On his grandfather George McKinley's farm nearby in Sec. 2 in Warsaw Twp.

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes, his father John McKinley also helped the first 10 years.

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? Yes, he worked with his father in a cotton factory when 12, and served in the Civil War in 1865.

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 barn and a few others are still in use.

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1900 for Alexander McKinley and his family.

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn, oats, alfalfa and dairy products.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER ORVILLE AUGUSTIN  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS R.R. 4 Red Wing Mn 55066  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (612) 388-3474  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 31 TOWNSHIP Hay Creek COUNTY Goodhue

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 370

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1870

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

W 1/2 of NW 1/4 of sec. 31 Township 112 North Range 14 West

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1870	Father of Rudolph
<u>Hans &amp; Metta Augustin</u>	TO 1919	
next owner	1919 -	Father of Orville
<u>Rudolph Augustin</u>	1963	
next owner	1963 -	
<u>Orville Augustin</u>	Present	
next owner		
next owner		

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Original Deed ( ) OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Orville Augustin  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 6-27-79

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Peter Damaam

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 65 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? about \$15 per acre

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Germany, then at a neighbors

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes but not by a relative of the present owner

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? the original home was a log house which no longer exists

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1969

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

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

the barn is still in use, and was built sometime before the stone house was, which we ~~are~~<sup>believe</sup> to be 1878, the stone house ~~is~~ is still used for storage, but not lived in

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER BERNARD KYLLO  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Zumbrota Minn. 55992  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 824-2665  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION 12 TOWNSHIP Wanamingo COUNTY Goodhue

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 120

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 6-1-1871

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

N.W. of S.E. 1/4 Sec. 12-110-17

and E 1/2 of S.E. 1/4 Sec. 12-110-17

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM	
<u>Erik Kylo</u>	<u>7-1-1871</u>	
	TO	
	<u>6-17-1899</u>	<u>Father of Ola S.</u>
next owner		
<u>Ola S. Kylo</u>	<u>6-17-1899</u>	
	<u>6-8-1930</u>	<u>husband of Anna</u>
next owner		
<u>Anna Kylo</u>	<u>6-8-1930</u>	
	<u>10-22-1954</u>	<u>Mother of Bernard</u>
next owner		
<u>Bernard Kylo</u>	<u>10-22-1954</u>	
next owner	<u>Present</u>	

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Land Patent ( ) County Land Record ( )  
Original Deed (X) OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Bernard Kylo  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 6-8-79

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ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? \_\_\_\_\_

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST 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 Lowell E. Broin  
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address R1, Wanamingo, MN 55983

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

Section 32 Township Wanamingo County Goodhue

Number of acres in the farm at present 116

Date of original purchase by member of your family December 16, 1867

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement) The N $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 32, Twp. 110N, R. 17 W of 5th Meridian, and the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Section 32, Twp 110N, R17 W of 5th Meridian, Co of Goodhue, State of Minn. excepting therefrom the railroad right of way.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
	from to	
owner in 1877 or before <u>Agrim Olson</u>	from <u>1867</u> to <u>1873</u>	Father of Guri (Jens wife)
next owner <u>Jens &amp; Guri Knutson</u>	from <u>1873</u> to <u>1895</u>	Father of Andreas
next owner <u>Andreas &amp; Ellen Broin</u>	from <u>1895</u> to <u>1945</u>	Father of Arthur
next owner <u>Arthur &amp; Edna Broin</u>	from <u>1945</u> to <u>1974</u>	Father of Lowell
next owner <u>Lowell &amp; Judy Broin</u>	from <u>1974</u> to <u>present</u>	
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 ☒  
Land Patent ☐  
Original Deed ☐  
County Land Record ☐

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

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

Robert Broin  
(Witness sign here)

Lowell Broin  
(Signature of present owner)

Date April 20, 1979

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

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From whom was the farm purchased? Elick Jansen

How many acres were in the original parcel? 120

What was the cost of land per acre? 1867 total \$2000

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

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

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

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

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

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

When was the present home built? 1958

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

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Peter H. and Hannah L. Brandvold  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS RR# 1 Dennison, Mn 55018  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 778-3242  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE same

SECTION 32 TOWNSHIP Leon COUNTY Goodhue

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 147

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY June 1, 1861

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) S.W. 1/4 of N.W. 1/4 and  
the N.W. 1/4 of the S.W. 1/4 of Sec. thirty-two (32) in Twp. one  
hundred and eleven north of Range Seventeen West  
Containing 80 acres.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>United States</u> <u>to Martha Cowley</u>	FROM <u>May 8, 1857</u> TO <u>1861</u>	<u>None</u>
next owner <u>Gulbrand Nelson</u>	<u>Patent June 1</u> <u>1861</u>	<u>None</u>
next owner <u>Marthina Nelson Ring</u>	<u>1901-1931</u>	<u>Daughter of</u> <u>Gulbrand Nelson</u>
next owner <u>Peter H. and Hannah L.</u> <u>Brandvold</u>	<u>Feb. 28, 1931 to</u> <u>Present</u>	<u>Hannah is</u> <u>daughter of Marthina</u> <u>Nelson Ring</u>
next owner		

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Land Patent ☒ County Land Record ( )  
Original Deed ☒ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Peter H. Brandvold  
(signature of present owner)

Hannah L. Brandvold  
PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE June 28, 1979

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Martha Cowley

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

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? Wisconsin

DID HE FARM THE LAND? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Carpenter

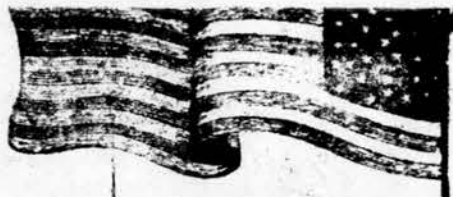
WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? \_\_\_\_\_

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? 1928

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? corn. soybeans. small grain.  
and hay

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:



TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENT:

LL COME, GREETING:

Whereas, In pursuance of the Act of Congress, approved M. granting Bounty Land to certain Officers and Soldiers who have been engaged in the Military, the GENERAL LAND OFFICE, Warrant No. 41,188 for 80 acres, in favor of Robert Cowley Private Captain Keady's Company with evidence that the same has been duly located upon the south west quarter of the west quarter of the south west quarter of section the two, north of Range seventeen west, in the District of lands containing eighty acres according to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said Land returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE, the said warrant having been assigned by the said Robert Cowley in favor said tract has been located

1855, entitled "An Act in addition to certain ice of the United States," there has been deposited in the office of the Surveyor General the said land in favor of Sarah Cowley widow of Robert Cowley Private 1812

the west quarter, and the north township one hundred and the at to sale at Henderson Illinois

by the SURVEYOR GENERAL the said land to Sulbrand Nelson in which

Now know ye, That there is therefore granted by the UNITED STATES unto the said Sulbrand Nelson as assignee as aforesaid and to his heirs the tract of Land above described: To have and to hold the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said Sulbrand Nelson as assignee as aforesaid and to his heirs and assigns forever.

In Testimony Whereof,

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these Letters to be made Patent, and the SEAL OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE to be hereunto affixed.

GIVEN under my hand, at the CITY OF WASHINGTON, the first day of June YEAR OF OUR LORD one thousand eight hundred and eighty one and of the INDEPENDENCE the eighth of the UNITED STATES the BY THE PRESIDENT: Abraham Lincoln



By

G. V. Stradford

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Harold V. Betcher

(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

Route #1

Red Wing

Minn.

55066

PHONE NUMBER

(612) 923-4541

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

Same

SECTION

33/34

TOWNSHIP

Hay Creek

COUNTY

Goodhue

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

200

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1873

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

NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 Sec. 33;

N 1/2 of SW 1/4 Sec. 34; SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 + NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 Sec. 34

All in T. 112 N. R. 14 W.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>William Betcher</u>	FROM <u>1873</u> TO <u>1914</u>	<u>Father of Wm. Jr.</u>
next owner <u>William Betcher Jr.</u>	<u>1914 - 1947</u>	<u>Husband of Elise</u>
next owner <u>Elise Betcher</u>	<u>1947 - 1967</u>	<u>Mother of Harold</u>
next owner <u>Harold Betcher</u>	<u>1967 - Present</u>	
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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Harold V. Betcher

(signature of present owner)

DATE

4/5/79

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? John Hartman

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? \_\_\_\_\_

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? 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? 1870's with later additions

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER IRVIN LUNDELL  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS RR 2 Box 314 Cannon Falls Minn 55009  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (612) 258-4375  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE SAME

SECTION 34 TOWNSHIP CANNON FALLS COUNTY Goodhue

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 130

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1862

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

E 1/2 OF SW 1/4 TOWNSHIP 112 RANGE 17

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM	
<u>MAGNUS LUNDELL</u>	<u>1862</u>	
	TO	
<u>1895</u>	<u>FATHER OF ANDREW</u>	
next owner		
<u>ANDREW LUNDELL</u>	<u>1895</u>	<u>FATHER OF IRVIN</u>
	<u>1946</u>	
next owner		
<u>IRVIN LUNDELL</u>	<u>1946</u>	
	<u>PRESENT</u>	
next owner		
next owner		

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Original Deed ☒ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Irvin Lundell  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 4-9-79

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ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? UNITED STATES

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$500 FOR 160 ACRES

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? 1876

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Norman Nerison  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

RR 1 Box 161 Goodhue Minn 55027

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 824-2657  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

Same

SECTION

32

TOWNSHIP

Belle Creek

COUNTY

Goodhue

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1870

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

SE 1/4 Sec 32 Township 111 Range 16

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1870	
<u>Krute Nerison</u>	TO 1909	<u>Father of Nels</u>
next owner	1909	
<u>Nels K. Nerison</u>	1948	<u>Father of Norman</u>
next owner	1948	
<u>Norman Nerison</u>	Present	
next owner		
next owner		

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Court file in Registration Proceedings ☐

Land Patent ☐

County Land Record ☐

Original Deed ☐

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Norman Nerison  
(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE April 6, 1979

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 Eldon L. and Kaye L. Hinsch  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS R.R. #1 Goodhue Mn. 55027  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (612) 923-4126  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION 25 TOWNSHIP 111 (Goodhue) COUNTY Goodhue

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 240

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Feb. 6, 1878

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

Conveys S. 1/2 of S.W. 1/4 of Section 25, Township 111, Range 15  
This is the 80 acres of the original purchase

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Heinrich or Henry Hinsch</u>	FROM <u>Feb. 6, 1878</u> TO <u>Sept. 11, 1916</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
next owner <u>Henry Hinsch, Jr.</u>	<u>Sept 11, 1916</u> <u>March 6, 1947</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
next owner <u>Edwin H. Hinsch and</u> <u>W. Verona Hinsch</u>	<u>March 6, 1947</u> <u>Dec. 30, 1968</u>	<u>FATHER &amp; Mother</u>
next owner <u>Eldon L. And Kaye L. Hinsch</u>	<u>Dec 30, 1968</u>	
next owner		

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Original Deed ( ) OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Eldon L. Hinsch  
(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE 6/29/79

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Peter P. Wiberg

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? In the abstract a sum of \$2,500 is listed as the mortgage amt., but we don't know if that was the full price or not

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany (Hamburg?)

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? No? Abstract lists first owner in 1857

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1900

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

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

The home & barn built in 1900 are still standing and in use. We remodeled the home (again) in 1976. There is a stained glass window in the home dated 1900. We didn't lower the ceilings in the house so we could incorporate the window into our front door entrance. The house is large, having been built for 2 families, and had 3 closets built in upstairs, which we feel was quite unusual. The barn is still used for youngstock & hay storage and little has been changed or added to its outside features.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Palmer Ferguson  
Joseph Ferguson  
(this name will appear on certificate)

Mabel Kaasa  
Oliver Ferguson

ADDRESS

R.1

ELBOW LAKE MN.

56531

PHONE NUMBER

(218) 458-2548  
area code

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

28

TOWNSHIP

Elbow Lake

COUNTY

Grant

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1975

1878

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

VE 1/4-28-129-43-  
760

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner Halvor Ferguson	FROM 1878 TO	
next owner John Ferguson	FROM TO	
next owner Palmer Ferguson, Mabel Kaasa, Joseph Ferguson, Oliver Ferguson	FROM 1975 TO 1979	
next owner	FROM TO	
next owner	FROM TO	
next owner	FROM TO	

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

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5-3-1979

(signature of present owner)

DATE

Palmer Ferguson

Joseph Ferguson  
Mabel Kaasa  
Oliver Ferguson

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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? Home Stead FREE

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Norway

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

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? 1940

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Wheat, barley, soy beans etc.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Corn, oats, alfalfa.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

FRANKLIN MICKELSON ✓  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

ELBOW LAKE MINNESOTA 56531

PHONE NUMBER

(218)

CITY

589-8116

STATE

ZIP CODE

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SAME

SECTION

3

TOWNSHIP

POMME DE TERRE

COUNTY

GRANT

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1870

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

SE 1/4 SECTION 3 - TOWNSHIP 130 RANGE 42

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM	
<u>Halvor Mickelson</u>	<u>1870</u>	
next owner	TO	
<u>Norman Mickelson</u>	<u>1915</u>	<u>Father of Norman</u>
next owner	<u>1915</u>	
<u>Elven Mickelson</u>	<u>1959</u>	<u>Father of Elven</u>
next owner	<u>1959</u>	
<u>Franklin Mickelson</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>Father of Franklin</u>
next owner	<u>1967</u>	
	<u>present</u>	

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Land Patent ( )

County Land Record ( )

Original Deed (X)

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Franklin Mickelson  
(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE

July, 12, 1979.

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? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$2.50 an acre

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Norway

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

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? 1885

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Mrs. & Mrs. La Vern Meiners  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

City

CITY

Minn

STATE

55931

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(507)

area code

495-3128

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

Same

SECTION

31

TOWNSHIP

Winnabgo

COUNTY

Houston

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

120

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1878

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

SW 1/4 NE 1/4

W 1/2 SE 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM	
<u>Lambert Lunde</u>	<u>1878</u>	
	TO	
	<u>1915</u>	<u>Grandfather to Louie</u>
next owner		
<u>Fredrick Meiners</u>	<u>1915</u>	<u>Father to Louie</u>
next owner		
<u>Louis Meiners</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>Father to La Vern</u>
next owner	<u>1962</u>	
<u>La Vern Meiners</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Father to <del>La Vern</del></u>
next owner		

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Land Patent ( )

County Land Record (X)

Original Deed ( )

OTHER

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Mrs. La Vern Meiners  
(signature of present owner)

DATE May-8-79

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
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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

Ralph E. Hiller and wife Marlys Hiller  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

RR 1

Zimmerman

Minnesota

55398

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER ( 612 ) 856-2860

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

Same

SECTION 5

TOWNSHIP

Stanford

COUNTY

Isanti

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

120

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1879

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

NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ,

SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ,

SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$

Township 34 Range 25

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1879	
CHARLES HILLER	TO 1940	FATHER OF WESLEY
next owner		
WESLEY HILLER and wife MARY HILLER	1940-1970	FATHER OF RALPH
next owner		
RALPH HILLER	1970-Present	
next owner		
next owner		

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Original Deed ( ) OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Ralph E. Hiller  
(signature of present owner)

DATE

April 18, 1979

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? St. Paul, Minneapolis & Manitoba R.R. Co.

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$120.00 for the 40 acres.

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Hamburg Germany (Charles)

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Across the rd. homesteaded by his parents

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? ? (don't think so)

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? got pictures of log house, 1st barn etc.

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? most of buildings standing were built around 1902  
1912

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn, oats, beef & hogs

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Charles Kellers major crops was potatoes  
another brother <sup>(August)</sup> Charles farmed nearby & his  
younger brother <sup>Wick</sup> farmed the home place. He  
are at present the only Kellar farm left in the  
area.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Francis V. Norberg  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Rural Route #2 Stanchfield Minn. 55080  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER ( 612 ) 689-1228  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 1 & 12 TOWNSHIP Springvale COUNTY Isanti

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 120

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY January 23, 1879

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

SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  Township 36 Range 24 Section 1

N $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Township 36 Range 24 Section 12

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner		
Peter Mattson	FROM 1879 TO 1889	Father of Lewes
next owner		
Lewes P. Mattson	1889 1919	husband of Bina father of Geneva, Morris Hazel & Rachel
next owner		
Bina Mattson, Geneva Mattson Morris Mattson, Rachel Mattson	1919 1952	Mother and daughters
next owner		
Rachel Norberg, formerly Rachel Mattson	1952 1970	Mother of Francis V. Norberg
next owner		
Francis V. Norberg	1970 Present	

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Original Deed ( ) OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Any information you can add to this form will be most valuable to future historians. The questions below are only a guide. Feel free to add other data, especially family or pioneer stories concerning the farm and the area around it. This is not a requirement for Century Farm certification.

FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? United States of America by the President, R. B. Hayes  
by Wm. H. Cfook, Sec'y., S.W. Clark, Recorder of the  
general Land Office

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? Homesteaded

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Sweden

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL  
STANDING OR IN USE? Original home was a dugout in side of hill, original log part of home  
still is used, this was when log home was built  
WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? when Built

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

## TALES OF LONG AGO

TIME - Spring of 1855. PLACE - Dalarne, Sweden.

Peter was busy finishing his engagement chest. He had worked on it all winter. It must be made right. It had a secret compartment under the special little chest within the larger chest. The cover fit snugly, and on the front was a painted design with the date 1855. A silk scarf was placed in the little chest. Now all was ready, and Peter decided this was the time to carry his gift to Anna.

Anna lived down the road. Peter had known her since childhood. They had had their scraps, but enjoyed each others company - and now Peter was ready to ask her to marry him. If she accepted the gift, it would mean "yes". If not, too bad. She saw him coming with the chest on his shoulder. Her heart beat hard. She liked Peter. He went back without the chest. She began filling it with things for their home, and soon they were married.

Peter had a business, a little store. People used to gather there to visit, talk about the local news, as well as news from America. Several young men had gone there, and others were planning to join them. It was a wonderful country across the Atlantic.

Three children were born to Peter and Anna: Louis, Andrew and Maggie. They too loved to listen to the stories told in the store. They also enjoyed sliding down the big hill and out on the ice on the lake. They were a happy family until a famine struck. Food was scarce and business poor. They ground bark from the trees to mix with the grain when they baked bread, to make it go further. What should they do?

Letters came from America from folks who had made their homes there. There was plenty of land being given as homesteads. Soil was fertile. There was food, and there was work for those who needed money. Peter and Anna talked it over and decided to sell their business and belongings, and use the money for tickets to America.

They couldn't take much with them, but the precious chest must go along. So in the summer of 1871 they said good-bye to their friends and homeland, and started on a sailboat for America, the land of opportunity.

The trip across the ocean was no pleasure trip, for on stormy days the boat rocked and they were sick. So when they saw the Statue of Liberty and land, they were happy. Now they had a long train ride. Their destination was Minnesota, and the train went only as far as Anoka.

They filed for a homestead and were given the northeast forty of section 12 in Isanti County, Spring Vale Township. That was 38 miles north of Anoka. They were strangers in a strange land. It was getting cold and they must find shelter before winter. Some snow had fallen. They bought a big sled, four chairs, a stove, a shovel, ax, saw, and 100 lbs. of flour. They loaded the sled carefully including their luggage and the little chest; and then set off on foot to their new home. Louis was thirteen and could help pull the sled. The whole family took turns pulling and pushing, and were glad when they finally reached their home. But there was no house - the land was covered with woods.

They set to work at once. There was a steep hill facing the south. They started digging, making a hole the size of a room. The ax was busy too cutting down trees to make the roof and front of the dug-out house. On the side facing the sun, they put a door and window. Around the walls they put props to prevent cave-ins. They set up the stove. There was plenty of fuel so they could keep warm and cook food. The nearby lake furnished fish; and the woods, partridge and venison.

But they needed some cash. Mother Anna and Louis went to Minneapolis where they had relatives. From human hair Anna made beautiful watch chains and flowers. Louis canvassed from house to house to take orders and deliver the hair work his mother made. Many had things made from their own hair as presents for loved ones. They did well, and when spring came they had earned enough to buy a yoke of oxen.

Peter had worked hard all winter cutting logs for the log cabin, which they built as soon as possible. The land must also be cleared to plant the garden and grain. They all worked hard, and soon they had a three-room cabin which consisted of a large living room and two bedrooms. Later a kitchen was added; and still later a back bedroom and a pantry.

The animals too needed shelter. The same hill facing south was a good place to build a barn. The north side of the barn was a stone wall built up against the hill. The three walls were built of logs and boards. There was room for the chickens, calves, sheep, cows, and horses. There were five doors and six windows. A large hay loft and oat bin were over the barn. You could drive right into the hay loft, for the hay loft was much bigger than the barn and extended north so the opening was on solid ground.

The land was cleared and the oxen were traded for horses. The barn was filled with animals. The sheep furnished wool for socks, mittens, undershirts, etc.; the chickens, eggs; the cows - milk, cream and butter. All had plenty to eat and wear, and they prospered to the extent that there was some extra money which was hidden in a grain bin in the grainery that had been built north of the house. A cellar was also built that held 1,000 bushels of potatoes; and over the cellar, a blacksmith shop. Louis was the blacksmith and shod horses for the neighbors, as well as sharpening plows and general needs.

They all worked together until Andrew found a wife. Now he needed a home, so Peter helped him buy a farm five miles west of the home place. It was understood that Andrew had gotten his inheritance, and Louis should have the home place. Andrew's family lived there for sometime; then bought land in Webster, Wisconsin and moved there. They put their belongings in a wagon, and their animals went on foot, as did those who herded them. They had a big family: Clara, Oscar, Anna, Enoch, Florence, etc. Some of the family still live there.

Mention should be made of how the Mattson family got in contact with Seventh-day Adventists. Dr. Lee came to preach some distance away. Even if it was far to drive with horses, the farmers tried to attend services. They were impressed with the message and began keeping the seventh-day Sabbath. Peter chewed snuff. The day after he heard Dr. Lee preach on tobacco, alcohol, etc., he was cutting hay with a scythe. He took his snuff box out of his pocket, looked at it and asked, "Who is boss?" Then he threw it as far as he could, and never used it again. No one in the Mattson family used any form of alcohol. They helped build the Adventist church on the hill by the cemetery where they now rest. The church has since been moved to Grandy and is now used as a community church.

TIME - January 29, 1863. PLACE - Öringe, Halland, Sweden.

A baby girl whom they named Bina was born to Sven and Ingrid Erlandson. Little Nels toddled around not knowing what to make of it. They lived in a little house belonging to Patron Hammar, who owned a large estate and lived in a beautiful large house with many servants. On this estate were many small homes consisting of a house on several acres of land to be used by the occupants who would work certain days for Patron Hammar to pay for the use of this home. He farmed his little place to provide for his family, for what he grew belonged to them.

The family grew until there were eight children: Nels, Bina, Andrew, August, Peter, Otto, Nellie and Eric. There was always room for one more. Near the house were fruit trees - pear, cherry and plum. Never were any cherries as sweet as those! The plums were delicious and so were the pears. Better than any grown in America - so it seemed to Bina in later life. The children loved to climb trees and play together, but as soon as they were old enough there was work to do at home and for Mr. and Mrs. Hammar. Bina learned to knit, weave and sew when she was very young. They got up before daylight and worked long hours, but didn't seem to mind. Bina was sixteen when Eric was born. His mother wasn't well, so Bina took full charge of the little fellow and loved him dearly. She never lost that special love for him.

Nels and Andrew sailed to America while in their teens. They worked hard and wrote home about the wonderful country, urging the others to come. When Andrew left he had a girl friend, Tilda. He saved money and sent her a ticket to join him. Nels sent Bina one also, so the two girls were to travel together. They each had a small trunk, and took a big lunch with them. Their food was furnished on the ship, but not too good; so some hardtack, boiled eggs, and cookies tasted good as a supplement.

It was hard to say good-bye. Bina was eighteen. Little Eric was at a cute age. She didn't know if she would ever see them again. The trunks had been sent on ahead. She carried her lunch, and her mother walked with her some distance. The time came to part, and the last time she saw her mother was at a distance waving good-bye. She must hurry to be on time.

The voyage was stormy and many times they had to take to their beds, they were so sea sick. Some were sure the boat was going to sink, and asked Bina to get up and pray. She had given her heart to God while she was young and was not afraid to die. The Lord watched over them, and after many days, yes weeks, they arrived safely in New York. Then they had to go by train to Minneapolis, Minnesota.

They were met by Nels and Andrew. Soon Andrew and Tilda were married. Bina found work first in a boarding house, and later as a housemaid. She was in a strange land and didn't know the language, but soon learned. There were other Swedish young people, and they felt in need of a place to worship. There were nineteen who got together, read their Bibles, and prayed. These get-togethers were a real help to all of them, spiritually and morally. They read their Bibles and found that the commandment said that the seventh-day was the Sabbath and no work should be done on that day. They were surprised, for they had all been brought up to keep Sunday. They knew of no other group, except the Jews, who kept the seventh-day Sabbath. But if the Bible said the seventh-day was the Sabbath, they felt they should do what the Bible said, and the next Sabbath there were four who worshipped, and one of them was Bina. Soon all nineteen were keeping the seventh-day Sabbath.

The English Seventh-day Adventists heard of this group of Swedes and sent a Swedish worker to visit them. After some studies they were organized into a church, and Bina was a charter member of the Swedish Seventh-day Adventist Church of Minneapolis.

A young man, Gust Johnson, attended this church and became interested in Bina. They kept company for several years, but while in Duluth canvassing, he took a girl out three evenings. Bina found out about it, and that finished that courtship. They were still friends and both were sorry for the break. Am afraid neither one really forgot. But it was lucky for another young man who had been looking longingly at Bina for a long time.

Louis Mattson from the country came to work in Minneapolis during the winter when there wasn't too much work on the farm. He attended the Swedish Seventh-day Adventist Church. Here was his chance, and he wasted no time. He told her of the good home in the country. Why should she have to slave in the city! She had worked for the Woodburns for six years. She was happy and they appreciated her good work. She loved their little boy, Morris, and taught him about God and to pray. Great sadness came to the home when Morris died from diphtheria when in New Orleans. He was five years old, and their only child. This experience drew them still closer together.

Bina loved children and was good help in the Sabbath school. She had a class of girls whom she loved dearly, especially Minnie Larson and Betty Iverson. She not only saw them on Sabbath, but visited in their homes, sewed for them, and took a real interest in them.

It did take some time for Louis to persuade Bina to give up her good job, her church, her Sabbath school class and all, and go to live on a farm. But he won out, as usually these persistent men do. They were married July 4, 1894 at the John Larson home, 4020 Clinton Avenue, Minneapolis. The Woodburns were there and Mr. Woodburn gave Bina her first kiss after she was married. In fact, Louis had never kissed her, for she had saved her first kiss for her husband - and even then he was cheated!

Their wedding trip was to the farm fifty miles north of Minneapolis. Harris was the nearest railway station, twenty miles from the farm. The neighbors were all anxious to see the city girl Louis had married. It didn't take long. The young folk of the countryside came for a shivaree. What a noise! They marched around the house beating wash tubs, saws--anything that would make noise. Shots were fired. One poor fellow stepped into a kettle of soap "Muna" had set out to cool. All were invited in to see the new bride. They were treated bananas, and Emil Anderson brought his home to show his mother. They all decided Louis had married a fine cook who could bake cake with a skin over it (the bananas!). They had never seen bananas before!!

Soon the furniture arrived. They had bought a bedroom set, a sewing machine, and a dining room set. They received lovely gifts, and this all made a big improvement in the house. Mother Anna, who was called "Muna", was very happy with her new daughter-in-law. Father Peter wasn't so sure. He was afraid the city girl would be too extravagant. He held onto the money. There was to be vegetable soup for breakfast; potatoes and meat for dinner; and grot or "välling" for supper. Muna said, "Let her cook and we eat; she makes things so good." After awhile father Peter agreed.

That first year was a hard year for farmers. Potatoes sold for 5¢ a bushel. They had to haul them to Harris, twenty miles away, and received \$2.50 for the fifty bushel load. Bina had \$1.00 worth of sugar that winter. They had bees and plenty of honey, so it wasn't too bad. They churned butter, gathered eggs, and traded these for kerosene and necessary groceries at the Spring Vale store, one and a half miles to the west. That is where they got their mail too. The grain was ground for flour, so there was good food to eat.

On April 15, 1895, Geneva arrived. Dr. Shuleen, from the little town of Cambridge, delivered the baby. She was a fine lady and served the community for many years; in fact, she gave Geneva a wedding present.

Betty Iverson, still a young girl, spent the winter with Bina and family and went to school in Spring Vale. She met a bear one day, but didn't know enough to be afraid; and it didn't hurt her. She loved to hold the new baby, and rock the cradle.

Baby Geneva was well dressed for Bina loved to sew, knit and crochet. She had knit little white shirts made from Saxony fine yarn. She had little chimeses to wear under these wooly garments. There were belly bands, pinning blankets, slips, and dresses - all fancy and long. Bina had so much fun getting ready for the new baby. The baby had good food, mother's milk, until she was two years old. In fact, when Geneva was nearing two she would say, "Tāt deg pō stolen o giv mig bata bu."

Morris was born October 28, 1897. A son, great! Louis brought home a guitar as a gift of appreciation for that son, but Bina was so busy she never had time to learn to play it.

Grandfather Peter was getting old. He was a fine looking man with curly white hair and beard. He suffered with dropsy and spent sometime in bed. He would call, "Where is my little girl?" Little Geneva would answer, "Here I am, 'far.'" "Will you get me a drink?" Off she would run to the kitchen pump and fill his bottle with water. He passed away September 7, 1898. Muna lived only a short time after his death. She came down with pneumonia. The doctor lived in Princeton, twenty miles away. Louie went to get him, but it was too late. She passed away December 2, 1898. Both rest in the Seventh-day Adventist cemetery near Grandy, Minnesota. Their work was over, and a new generation came on the stage of action.

That left only four in the home, but it didn't stay that way very long. Two more children were born: Hazel, February 28, 1901, and Rachel, March 4, 1904. That meant more work for Geneva, who had to care for them when Bina had so much to do. They were fat, heavy babies, and her back would ache between her shoulder blades. Bina kept the salt on a shelf behind the stove. Geneva would take some in her hand and rub it in. It seemed to help.

NOTE: This is now written in the first person by Geneva Mattson-Anderson.

Both mother (Bina) and dad (Louis) liked company. Uncle Otto was single and lived on a big grain farm in Wheaton, Minnesota. He would come and spend the winter with us. He had a pipe in his mouth much of the time, even if it wasn't lit. Uncle Pete, another one of mother's brothers, also came. He had been married, but he lost both his wife and baby in childbirth. He was heartbroken and lonely, so he came to our house for love and sympathy. Maggie, father's sister who was still single, came to visit at the same time. You guessed it! They fell in love and were married. They were happy and came to visit us often. Uncle Otto married, so he brought his wife, Nellie, and two children, Ortlly and Ruby, and came to spend much of the winter. We loved to have them come.

Another Uncle August lived in Sweden. He brought his girl friend and came to America. They were married in Princeton, but came and lived with us until they found a place to live. They later bought a farm about two and a half miles west of us. Uncle Andrew too came to spend time with us after he broke up with his wife and after her death. He finally died in California.

We always had hired help to cut wood, fence posts, cordwood, and sometimes dad sawed lumber. In the summer Frank O'Brien, Dallstrom, Pete, Ole and others came to work. We also had girls from Minneapolis spend part of the summer with us. There were Judith, Esther and Jemima from one family; Emma, Florence and Hulda from another. We did have a good time, but mother put us all to work. Don't know where she put them and how she managed the big washings done on a rubbing board. The water came from rain barrels in the summer time, and melted snow on the kitchen stove in the winter. We used the hard water from the pump for rinsing. Wool was spun, stockings and mittens were knit, quilts were made, and sewing was done for the family - not only our family, but for the neighbors, as well as her brothers, Nels and Eric's, big families. Nels had ten children and appreciated getting clothes from mother. Eric's family needed clothes too, especially after the fire that took the lives of his wife and three of his five children.

When father became lame and couldn't work the farm, mother and we children had to work in the fields. Father did what he could and tried to take the heavy end. When we stacked grain, he would pitch it up to me, and told me where to place the bundles so the stack wouldn't soak up the rain but shed the water. This knowledge came in handy after we had to run the farm by ourselves. We would dig the potatoes which was our money crop; he would haul them to market or to the cellar to store them.

Often mother expressed the desire that she would like to take a trip to visit her mother and father in Sweden. The children were all in America except Nellie, who spent sometime over here; but when she decided to marry Nels Skogland, a former boyfriend threatened her life, so she and Nels decided to go back to Sweden to live. They were still living in Sweden when she passed away.

Uncle Otto, still unmarried, decided to visit his folks for the 1900 Holiday Season. He went to Sweden, and along with Aunt Nellie and her family, drove out to the little farm house on Christmas Eve. Grandfather came to the door to welcome them. Grandma was sick in bed. How happy she was to see Otto again, and the grandchildren! She said to Nellie, "You have such lovely children. Bring them close to me." They came close, she placed her hands on their heads and prayed, "Dear Heavenly Father, save my grandchildren." That was her last prayer. It has had a lasting effect on her grandchildren. After the prayer she closed her eyes, and with a smile on her face, breathed her last. Uncle Otto's visit was cut short, but how lucky he was to get to see his mother alive, and to have a few words with her.

They decided it would be best for grandpa to go to America with Otto to visit the rest of his children, so in 1901 Uncle Otto brought Grandpa Erlandson to our house. The back bedroom was his abode. He lived with us for six years. At first he was able to help with the farm work, and Dad gave him a couple acres of potatoes for his own as wages. He followed the plow and helped cultivate the potatoes and corn. He was very contented and happy, but was getting older, and that last year he slept much of the time. He would get up in the morning, eat his breakfast, read his Bible, and have a nap. Then he would eat his dinner, talk and walk, and have another nap. After supper he would often bring his Bible into the living room and read to

all of us. Then to bed again. He attended the Baptist church. He naturally rested on the Sabbath also while he lived with us.

He knew no English, so we had to learn to talk Swedish so we could talk to him. His bad habit was snuff he drew up his nose. He wore a beard that got contaminated once in awhile.

He went to visit Uncle Pete and Uncle Otto who both lived in Moose Jaw, Canada and while there he died. A lovely tomb stone marks his resting place. I am told that Grandmother Erlandson also has a tomb stone, the nicest marker in Öringe cemetery, placed there by her children.

I have a cousin, Nellie's daughter, living in Malmö. Her name is Effie, and her address is: Mr. and Mrs. Gösta Berggren, 50 A.P.A. Hanssons Väg, 21463 Malmö, Sweden. If any of you travel in Sweden, look her up. She is my first cousin, daughter of mother's sister, Nellie.

Of course, we children all went to school when the time came. I didn't start school until I was seven, and the usual thing happened - I finished two grades the first year. I remember the third grade was a bit difficult, and perhaps it would have been better if I hadn't done two years in one. At any rate, I loved school. The first year the first and second grades were taught in a little church west of Blomgren's store. We had to cross the creek to get there. It was fun playing in the water. One day a little girl named Lily came to school in a dirty dress. Theresa ran home for a bar of Lenox soap. We took her to the creek and washed her dress. Don't think it was very dry when the bell rang! That school was 1 3/4 mile from home. Many times we sat down by the roadside to rest. We lifted up our dresses to compare panties. I usually did, for I had crocheted lace or embroidery on mine.

One day when mother was washing clothes on the washboard she took my dress off a hook in the kitchen and threw it into the tub. A snake stuck its head and fangs out at mother. I must have carried that snake home in my dress somehow. Vera Gesellius heard the story. The next day she thought she felt something crawling. She grabbed the front of her dress tightly, thinking she was hanging onto a snake, and ran home crying all the way. It was all her imagination! Vera was such a little "lady" and could wear the same dress all week if she chose to. My mother gave me a clean dress almost every day, and I would come home a mess. I heard a hundred times, "Vera can wear a dress a whole week, and you look like a pig every day." Guess I was a real tom boy.

The second year I went to the regular school at Spring Vale which was half a mile closer. Morris started school there. Then the Oxbow School was built only a mile from home. That is where Hazel and Rachel spent their grade school years. I finished there in 1909.

I wanted to go to Maplewood Academy, but Betty Iverson, who was teaching there at the time, thought I was too young to leave home and live in a dormitory. I was determined to go to school and gave the folks no peace day or night. So it was decided that I should stay with the Larson family, where mother and dad were married in Minneapolis, and attend Minnesota College, a Lutheran school. In three years I had finished their normal course and was ready to teach. I graduated in the spring of 1912 and went back home to help on the farm.

One day I helped plant potatoes in the rain and then fed the planters without changing into dry clothing. As a result I had a real case of pneumonia and wasn't able to do much that summer. I was only seventeen, so my folks thought it best for me to stay home for a year before teaching. It was a happy year, associating with neighborhood young people, but remembering that I was a Christian, for I had given my heart to God and was baptized at camp meeting in Hutchinson the spring of 1910 by a Swedish worker named John Anderson. My relationship to my Lord was very important.

Often we would go to a school program or a spell down. We always walked, often in groups. The weather was no problem. We dressed warm and had a good time. Although I was seventeen, I always asked my parents permission to go. There was to be a party at Agnes Coleman's on a Friday night. When I asked mother she said, "No. You know it will be a worldly party, but go ask dad." I did. Dad said, "You are old enough to make your own decision. Do you think the Lord wants you to go?" I didn't go, and when I heard what the party was like, I was glad I hadn't gone. Young men came to see me, but the family was always around, and I crocheted. No necking to be sure. Sometimes we played dominoes. Often we just talked.

When summer came I applied for a job teaching. I was accepted in Day County, South Dakota, and was to begin the second week of September but then tragedy struck.

#### THE TRAGEDY

The telephone rang. "Bina, how would you like to go with me to visit the Mattsons in Webster? We haven't been there for sometime." Anna Mattson was Mrs. Laman's sister, and Andrew Mattson was my father's brother.

"Oh, I'd like to, but I can't; I have too much to do. We plan to thrash, and we have much to do before Geneva goes away to teach. But I'll ask Louie."

When she asked dad, he was all for her going. He felt she needed the vacation and should take it while I was home to care for the house and take mother's place in general. Sure, we all thought she should go. "Will you promise that you won't thrash until I come back?"

Dad said, "I promise." She replied, "But I don't feel I should go. I'm afraid something will happen while I'm gone."

"What do you think can happen? We'll take care of everything and you just go and have a nice time." I felt she had a vacation coming.

We got so many admonitions before she left: Do this and don't do that; keep the rainbarrels covered so no one will fall in, etc. Finally on Thursday morning mother rode with the Lamans to Webster, Wisconsin to visit Uncle Andrew and Aunt Anna.

Sunday morning the phone rang. It was mother calling from Minneapolis. "Where are you, mother?"

"I'm in Minneapolis at Laura's. How are you all?"

"We are fine - the chickens, cows, kids and all."

"How is Dad?"

"He's fine. He's at the table. We are just ready to eat breakfast."

"I was so worried I just couldn't stay any longer, so Uncle Andrew took me to the depot. I took the train early this morning."

"Mother, we are fine and you just stay at Laura's for a few days and enjoy yourself. We will be fine."

We sat down to eat breakfast. There were five of us: Dad, Hazel, Rachel, Edna O'Brien, and me. Edna and Frank O'Brien were with us for the summer. Morris and Frank had gone to Maplewood Academy for the week-end. Frank was going back to school, and Morris went with him to see if he would like to go to school there too. We had just started to eat when a bird flew against the window pane and fell back dead. Dad spoke up, "This is the seventh of September, isn't it? Just fifteen years ago my father passed away. Do you remember how a bird flew against the window that morning?" We sat in silence for a few seconds.

Breakfast over, dad took a gadget that had come in the mail the day before and went up to the steam engine parked near the hay mow. He repaired the ailing part and decided to see if it would work. A steam engine must have water to make steam. He hitched up the horses to the water tank which had been placed on the big farm wagon. At the east side of our farm was a road through a low land. There was a ditch on each side of the road that ended near the little hill. He planned to pump water from the ditch into the water tank. He drove as far as the little hill and decided to turn. He backed the wagon into the tall grass by the side of the road. He didn't see the stump, nor that the ditch was so close. One wheel went on the stump and the opposite wheel into the ditch. The wagon over-turned with dad under the heavy tank.

The horses were frightened and somehow the aveners came loose. They came running and would have turned into our yard, but Rachel gave a terrible scream and frightened them still more. They ran onto the next neighbor's.

I told Hazel to go and see how Dad was while I got the horses. I had the horses under control and drove them with me to find out what had happened. Poor Hazel had found dad under the tank dead, and she couldn't move anything. She ran to Emil Anderson for help. As I came from the west, they came from the east, and together we went to the scene of the accident. Father was dead from a broken neck. We lifted the tank and stood there helpless.

Neighbors came to help and brought dad to the house. We called the undertaker. He came out and cared for the body right in the bedroom, and placed him in a casket.

But we must tell mother. We phoned Laura. Yes, mother was there. When she came to the phone I tried to break the news gently. "Mother, dad." I got no further. "Dad is dead," she screamed. It was true! She came home on the next train.

Funeral arrangements had to be made. Uncle Otto came as soon as he could to help her. Dad was laid to rest beside his mother and father in the little Adventist cemetery six miles away. The funeral train consisted of wagons and surreys. The casket rode in a light wagon.

Mother at the age of fifty was left alone with her four children. It wasn't easy. What should she do? I must go to fill my teaching position. The beginning

of school had been postponed two weeks. Leaving home at that time wasn't easy for me either. And poor Morris walked around in a daze. He just could not understand!

Mother had a letter of sympathy from the Woodburns. How could they be of some help to the family? They would like to adopt one of the children, preferably Hazel. Mother asked Hazel if she would like to live with the Woodburns where she would have nice clothes, good food, beautiful home, and even love, for they were lovely folk. But Hazel chose to live with the family. She was twelve years old and good help, both on the farm and in the house.

Morris was through the elementary school. With dad gone mother felt she couldn't afford to send him to Maplewood. She knew later that was a mistake. We had a colt raised on the farm named Fanny. Dad had bought her a new harness and a one-seated top buggy. In those days that was as good as a convertible. He was very proud of his horse and buggy and started going out with the neighborhood young people. Morris was a bright boy and the life of the party. He began smoking and taking an occasional drink. He would come home late and sleep in the morning. The girls helped as they could before going to school, but mother was left with the feeding of the cattle, cleaning the barn, milking, etc. He would get up after awhile, often to get ready to go out again. This worried mother. With dad gone, she couldn't do much with Morris.

I was far from home living in a farm house in South Dakota. My room had no heat, but I stayed with the family until bedtime and then took a warm flat iron to bed with me. My school was just a short distance away from where I lived. Had a stove and coal for heat. We were quite comfortable. I put in full time, making the school a success, so didn't get too lonesome.

In April I received a card telling me that mother had had a stroke. That worried me, but she seemed to be coming out of it quite well. Then came another message - she had had a second stroke. I felt I must go home to care for her, so asked the School Board to release me from the one month left of school. We found a teacher and I started for home. I had been instructed by mother not to carry much money. I pinned my savings of \$90.00 to my underclothing and started for home.

On the way a man came and sat with me, carrying on a conversation. He told me he was on his way east, but when we got to Minneapolis he insisted on getting off with me and carrying my suitcase. It was about 10 P.M. I must go to another depot to catch the train that went to Cambridge, arriving at 2:30 A.M. When I told him I was going to the Union Depot, he wanted to take me out somewhere first. I wasn't interested. Then he suggested that we walk. I was acquainted with the city and knew that was not a safe part of town. We boarded a street car and reached the Union Station. He was still carrying my suitcase. How could I get rid of him? I phoned home. I told them to be sure to be at the station in Cambridge on time. Couldn't tell them why, for he was listening. I had over an hour to wait for my train. He couldn't talk me into leaving my seat, and after awhile he got discouraged and left me sitting, waiting for my train. I still was frightened, and wasn't sure that I was safe. Morris was there to meet me in Cambridge, and after a six mile ride, I was home with mother.

She was ill, but able to sit up part of the time. We feared another stroke, but thank God she recovered. It took time, but she learned to walk, got the use of her arm again, and by summer she was working some. I was the farmer. Morris tinkered

with a couple old cars. In fact, he made one car out of two. He got some good experience, and before long he hired out to an auto repair shop. He did that work for years.

Dad had planned to build a new house, and had been sawing lumber for that purpose. However, mother felt it would be better to build a new barn first, so she hired a carpenter and a new barn was built on a knoll west of the house. New maple floors were put in the house. It was painted and papered, and was very livable.

I taught three years at Bradford in a two-room school. The first two years I had grades 1-3, and the last year 4-8. Had 42 pupils the last year there.

Hazel finished the eighth grade after I had been in Bradford two years. I tried to tell mother she should go to one of our Christian schools. But how could mother get along without her? I promised to pay her tuition, but she was mother's best help. I kept mother awake all night to plead with her. I had seen Morris going down hill, and I just couldn't have that happen to Hazel! Finally she consented, but thought me really hard-hearted.

Just then Elder Lund came to the Grandy church. A school at Broadview, Illinois had recently been started. He thought that was just the place for Hazel. He was going to Chicago and would like to take Hazel with him. I thought it was a good idea, but after all Hazel had to make the final decision. Should she go to Maplewood or Broadview? - that was the question. It wasn't decided when she went out to plow in the morning, and we were to let Elder Lund know by eleven o'clock. He phoned and I said she would go to Broadview. When she came in, the first thing she asked was if Elder Lund had called. I said, "Yes." "What did you tell him?" "That you would go to Broadview, o'k?" "You will have to give me a fountain pen for that." I did, and the next morning her trunk was packed and she was on her way to Broadview, where she spent many years. She finished academy, college, married Harvey Philbrick, and worked there as matron for some time. They lived in Canada for a number of years, teaching at C.U.C. Later they did pastoral work in Canada and in the Greater New York Conference. Now they are retired, living in Florida.

I was asked to teach our home school. Enjoyed that so much. I stayed home with mother and Rachel. Uncle Pete and Aunt Maggie spent the winter with us. I received my board free in exchange for paying Hazel's tuition. I also paid tuition for Oliver Olson. At \$60.00 per month, there wasn't much left.

Elder Hiatt, the Educational Superintendent of our Conference, had been anxious to have me teach church school. It was a hard decision to make. Rachel, who went to school with me, was a real help. She cleaned the school room while I prepared lessons for the next day. I paid her 5¢ a day. They raised my wages to \$80.00 a month, but I prayed about it, and was impressed to take the St. Paul church school. Uncle Pete assumed Hazel's tuition. While in St. Paul, I visited Broadview and decided to take the college course the following year. I had no money. I worked on the farm that summer as usual. Hazel canvassed and made a scholarship. I had two acres of potatoes, but it rained so much, most of them were drowned. The potatoes netted me \$35.00. The train fare was \$17.00. I registered, got a job, and worked while going to school. The next year I canvassed and Hazel farmed. I earned two scholarships so we both went to school, and made ends meet by sewing for the girls and ironing in LaGrange once a week at 50¢ an hour.

While attending school I met August, and we were married June 1, 1921. Could fill this book with more recent "Tales" - but that is not for now. We have been

married almost fifty-five years. They have been happy years. We love our children and grandchildren - even great grandchildren - and pray that we may all love our Lord and spend eternity with our blessed Jesus.

Mother stayed by the farm for many years. Rachel was only nine when our father passed away, but she did what she could. Geneva and Hazel were home during the summer. Morris left the farm and did mechanical work near home, and later around Chicago. Much of the time he was working for Reuben and Arthur Hanson.

About 1915 Carl Sundin came to live with us. He was younger than Rachel, so he became the baby of the family and got the candy bag mother brought home when she went shopping. Carl's mother was ill, convalescing from T.B. He felt right at home, and he too did what he could to help. One day he was weeding the pumpkin patch, leaning on his hoe. Mother watching from the kitchen said, "Carl really is lazy. I'm afraid he won't amount to much." I always stuck up for him and said, "You wait and see. He won't always be weeding."

His mother got well and he went back to live with his family. He attended Adventist schools and decided to be a minister. He married Laura Carlson, and they went to Sweden to brush up on their Swedish, for they planned to work for the Swedes in America. When they came back they were sent to Duluth, where they preached in the little Swedish church, but also served the English church. English was his mother tongue and much easier for him to use. He did very well wherever he worked. He was district leader, conference president, and then taken on by the General Conference. He has given many years to the Adventist ministry, and they plan to retire next year in California. We still think of him as one of the family. He used to come to visit mother real often while she was alive.

Rachel came to the age when it would be good for her to go away to our boarding school. I tried hard to talk mother into letting her go, and it may have worked out, but Rachel didn't want to go. She would rather do farm work, and mother did need her help.

Brother and Sister East lived next door. A grandson, Alphonse, used to come to visit them. He met Rachel and spent much time in the Mattson home. He helped with the chores and felt right at home. In March, 1924, he did make it his home by marrying Rachel. Mother turned the managing of the farm and the milking over to them. They rented the place for half of the milk check, and other cash that came in. Mother paid the taxes, repairs, telephone, etc. Babies were born and mother spent much time keeping her foot on the buggy while she knit and mended. For exercise she washed dishes. She had a full time job.

The children grew and grandma was an important part of the family. When we (Geneva and August) brought our family and came home to the farm for the holidays, it was really a full house and we had such a happy time.

In 1936 we (Geneva and August) moved to New York. Hazel and Harvey lived in Canada now. Harvey taught at Canadian Junior College for several years; then entered the ministry. We always planned it so that mother could visit us and Hazel at least once a year. Mother traveled by train to New York for awhile, but then she felt she should have someone with her. Clinton often went to spend the summer on the farm. We would take our vacation in Minnesota and bring them back with us. Mother couldn't stand the cold winters with the facilities they had on the farm.

The last twelve years of her life she lived with us. She was content and happy. She loved the church, her grandchildren and friends. Her hands were always busy. She crocheted using No. 100 thread around handkerchiefs that she gave away; some to dignitaries, such as, Mrs. Eisenhower, Bess Truman, Mrs. Youngdahl, the Queen of England, and the Crown Princess of Sweden. She received letters and pictures from these folk. She pieced many quilts and kept busy all the time.

She loved to go with us on trips and never got tired riding. When thirsty she would say, "August, how about a root beer?" She loved root beer and she knew August was always ready to cooperate, for he likes it too. August was always good to his mother-in-law. Not once do I remember any unkind words spoken between them. We all loved mother and were happy to make our home her home. Every summer except the last we took a trip to Minnesota to visit Rachel's family and the old farm she loved. The farm was finally given to Rachel who paid the rest of us our share. Rachel has ten children, and they all live nearby. They come home often, and are very good to her. Alphonse passed away, but she still lives in the house originally built with logs in 1872.

In the fall of 1956 mother spent sometime with Hazel and Harvey in Chatham, Canada. Thanksgiving we were all invited to have dinner with Don and Vad in Cortland. Mother wasn't feeling well. She had a bad cold and felt under the weather. She went home with us and came down with pneumonia. Our doctor came to see her and soon she improved. However, she was very weak and often she had a gall bladder attack. She had to take medication that sometimes made her confused. Normally she was very alert and sharp.

The children came home for Christmas, and on Christmas Eve two men carried her downstairs so she could enjoy the tree and gifts. She enjoyed the evening, but was too weak to stay up very long. We were all glad to have had her with us. She seemed to be getting weaker, and she again suffered a gall bladder attack. Don and Vad came to see her often, and Don said he dared not give her stronger medication. When the attack was over it left her still weaker. I was with her day and night, and was getting very tired. I phoned Hazel on Saturday evening, January 5th. She was fighting a cold, but took the next train and came on Sunday. Mother was glad to see her, but sensed the reason for her coming. Don and Vad came too and stayed all night. Mother was delirious and "crocheted" all night. I would cover her arms up, but she would throw the covers off and go through the motions of crocheting as though she was really doing it.

Monday morning as I was going to give her her bath, she refused to let me bathe her for she thought she saw some men in the corner of our room watching us. I opened the door and ordered them out. Then she was willing to proceed. She was able to sit on the edge of the bed and put her feet in the water. During the day she got worse, and by evening, she was spitting a dark substance. We called the doctor and he said there was an obstruction of the bowel, ordered her to the hospital. She had refused to go to the hospital before, but now she was so sick, she consented when I promised not to leave her. When we got there, the nurse removed her clothes and put a hospital gown on her. Then she asked me to leave. She was going to give mother an enema. I obeyed; wish I hadn't. Hazel and I sat outside the door to be as close as we could. Soon an intern rushed by. We were told she was gone. How I wished I had kept my promise, but it was too late. Mother could never sleep on her left side because of her heart. The nurse had put her on the left side and she went out like a light. She had breathed her last.

The funeral was held Wednesday evening at the little white Seventh-day Adventist church in Schenectady, and the next morning she was laid to rest in the Park View Cemetery to await the call of the Lifegiver. In a short time, we will meet again if faithful. She was the last one of her family of eight to go, only three weeks short of being ninety-four years old. She had lived a long life consisting of hard work, but she was always happy and thankful for the help of the Lord. Her influence for good can yet be seen. God bless her memory.

#### A STRANGE HAPPENING

It was a quiet Sabbath afternoon. Mother saw a man walking down the road. He stopped at our gate, and looked around as though he was uncertain what he ought to do. Then he opened the gate and came toward the house. Mother didn't know the man, but he was invited in. He asked if he might stay all night. That wasn't unusual, for many way-faring folks stopped for the night at our home. The neighbors would tell them to go to Mattsons for we had room.

In the course of the conversation that evening, he told us the Lord had sent him to our house. "You are having a hard time," he said. "Your cows have aborted, your horses are sick, and your baby has been sick for some time. Witchcraft has been used here. Someone is jealous of you and has cast a bad spell upon you."

Neither mother nor dad believed in anything that gruesome. He went on to describe the situation. Morris, the baby, was about a year old and he had been sick most of his life. He spent much of his time in a swing the folks had made that was suspended from a hook in the ceiling. In that swing was a thin pillow on which he slept. "Open that pillow," suggested the stranger. That was done and the good feathers that had been used in it had turned to dust. He suggested that we keep it until the next day.

In the morning they went out to the barn. True the horses were ill. The cows had cast their calves. One had died. The sheep and the chickens were all right. He asked for a shovel and dug in the empty manger. There he found a sack. He opened it. There were bones - human, cow, horse, etc. Muna said, "Oh, that is right under where I pray since the cow died."

"I will do something for you," said the stranger. "I will put some pegs in the doors so if anyone ever enters, with a curse such as this he will die."

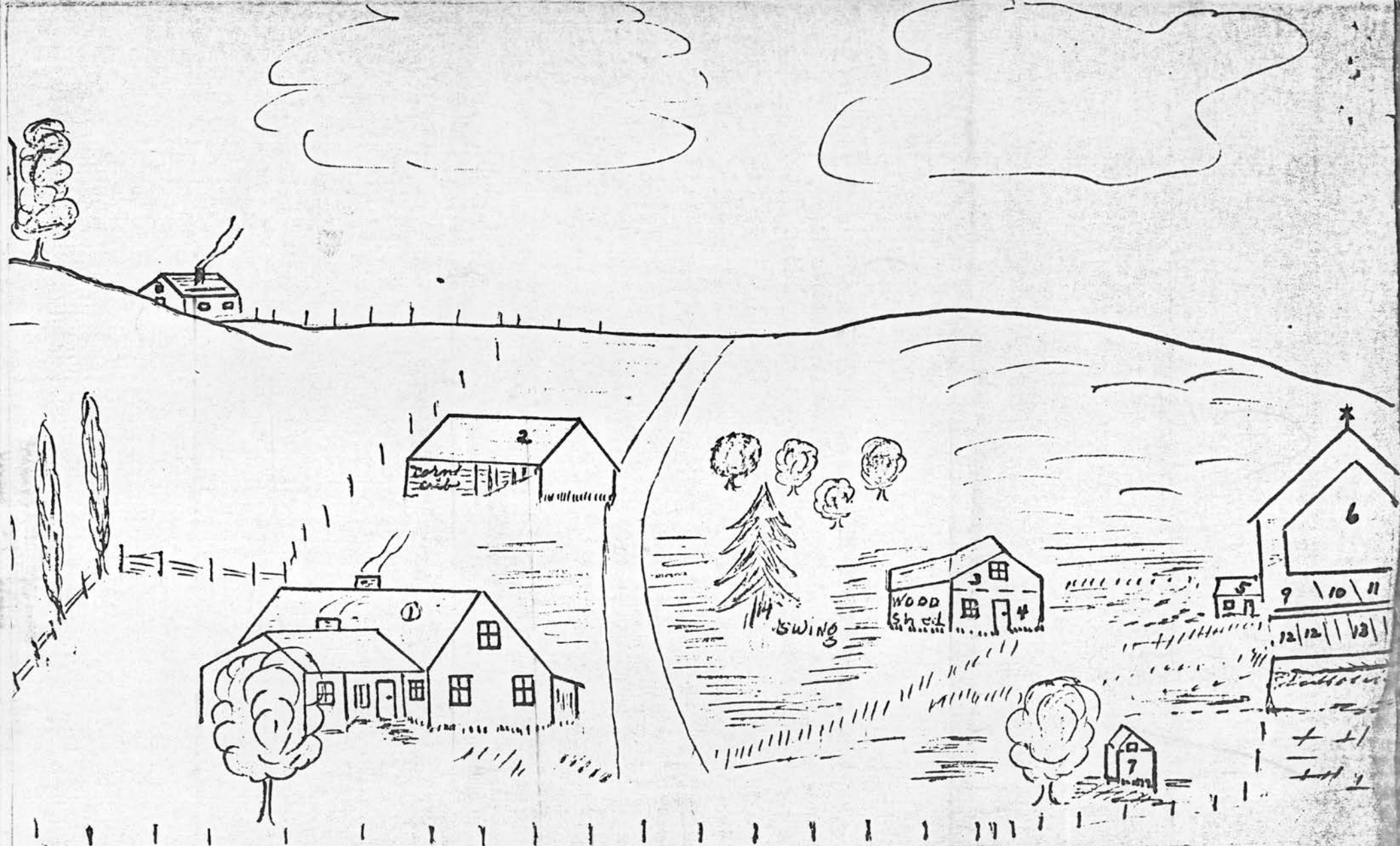
Then he asked what we wanted him to do with the bag he had dug out. "You can bring it to the man who had it put here; you can throw it in the air to fall on someone at random; or you can burn it."

"Burn it!" they all agreed. Dad made a fire in the blacksmith shop. They got the baby pillow and the sack of bones, and burned them all.

They asked what they were owing him for his kindness. "I know the young folks have very little, but the old man here has money in a can in the wheat bin. He can give me what he thinks I'm worth."

The baby grew healthy, the cows and the horses recovered, and all was well again.

Believe it or not, but it happened at the old farm many years ago.



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|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. House                    | 8. Downstairs barn |
| 2. Grainery drive-in shed   | 9. Chickens        |
| 3. Blacksmith shop upstairs | 10. Calves         |
| 4. Cellar downstairs        | 11. Sheep          |
| 5. Chicken coop             | 12. Horses         |
| 6. Drive-in lay loft        | 13. Cow stalls     |
| 7. Restroom                 | 14. Pine tree      |

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

ERBEN W. NORMAN  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

Route 1 CAMBRIDGE MINN. 55008  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(612) 689-2539  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

8

TOWNSHIP

CAMBRIDGE

COUNTY

ISANTI

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

9/16/1878

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

S $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  (AKA Lot 4)  
Township 36 Range 23

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1878 -	
<u>Peter NORMAN</u>	TO 1894 -	<u>FATHER OF ERICK</u>
next owner	1894 -	
<u>ERICK NORMAN</u>	1922 -	<u>HUSBAND</u>
next owner	1922 -	
<u>Betsey NORMAN</u>	1935 -	<u>MOTHER</u>
next owner	1935 -	
<u>ERBEN W. NORMAN</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	
next owner		

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Abstract of Title (X)

Court file in Registration Proceedings ( )

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Original Deed ( )

OTHER

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

Erben W. Norman

(signature of present owner)

DATE

May 1, 1979

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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*United States of America by Ulysses  
S. Grant, President, A.B. Stevens Asst Secy,  
J.K. Lippicott recorder of Deeds, Land office,  
to: Eric Osseil.*

FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? ERIC OSSEIL (ORIGINAL HOMESTEADER)

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 158 +

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? UNKNOWN

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? UNKNOWN

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 Newer home built 1911

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? Old Part 1873 New Part 1911

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Delton G Stoeckel ✓  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Rt 2 Box 99 Bethel Minn 55005  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (612) 874-5487  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE SAME

SECTION 22+23 TOWNSHIP STANFORD COUNTY ISANTI

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY OCT 18, 1879

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

N 1/2 of SE 1/4 Section 22 West 1/2 of SW 1/4  
Section 23 Township 34 Range 25

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>HERMAN Stoeckel</u>	FROM <u>OCT 18, 1879</u> TO <u>JULY 2, 1887</u>	<u>HUSBAND of ELISABETH</u> <u>FATHER of HERMAN</u>
next owner <u>ELISABETH Stoeckel</u> <u>HERMAN</u>	<u>OCT 15, 1887</u>	<u>MOTHER of HERMAN</u>
next owner <u>HERMAN</u>	<u>OCT 18, 1887</u> <u>JAN 28, 1920</u>	<u>FATHER of</u> <u>WILLIAM</u>
next owner <u>WILLIAM</u>	<u>JAN 28, 1920</u>	<u>FATHER of</u> <u>DELTON</u>
next owner <u>Delton</u>	<u>JULY 25</u> <u>1974</u>	

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Original Deed ☒ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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

Delton G. Stoeckel  
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 11, 1979

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? JAMES MILLIMAN

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$4.38 dollars

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? GERMANY

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? \_\_\_\_\_

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 OATS ALFAFA

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 OWNER
	from	to	
owner in 1877 or before			
next owner			
next owner			
next owner			
next owner			
next owner			
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  
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? Jacobson

How many acres were in the original parcel? 160

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

Where was the first owner born? Seto Norway

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

Was this a homestead? No

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

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

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

When was the present home built? 1894

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

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Bruce Eddy Also Robert Eddy  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Rt 3 Box 116 Willmar MINN. 56201  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
PHONE NUMBER (612) 995-6203  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE SAME

SECTION 17 TOWNSHIP Whitefield COUNTY RANDOLPH

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 363

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1879

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
SE 1/4, NE 1/4 OF SW 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Pascal P. Eddy</u>	FROM <u>1879</u> TO <u>1905</u>	<u>FATHER OF HENRY, CHARLES AND LOUIS</u>
next owner <u>HENRY B. CHARLES T. LOUIS J. Eddy</u>	<u>1905 - 1950</u>	<u>Partnership - HENRY &amp; CHARLES DECEASED</u> Brother
next owner <u>Louis J. Eddy</u>	<u>1950 - 1957</u>	<u>FATHER OF Henry</u>
next owner <u>Henry Eddy</u>	<u>1957 - 1973</u>	<u>FATHER of BRUCE AND Robert</u>
next owner <u>Bruce Eddy</u>	<u>1973 - Present</u>	

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Original Deed ( ) OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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

Bruce Eddy  
(signature of present owner)

DATE May 12, 1979

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? John H. Camp

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? ? 240, as I can determine

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? Minneapolis

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

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

Not after starting 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 - home - built in early 1880's

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT?

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

My Brother Robert of 604 13<sup>th</sup> St., Willmar, Minn. owns 80 acres of the original farm, that was purchased in 1976 after Henry J. Eddy's death. The original data on the front would be the same as this application.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

EDWARD STRAND  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

PENNOCK

MN.

56279

PHONE NUMBER

(612) 354-4232

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

7

TOWNSHIP

Lake Andrew

COUNTY

Randolph

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

500

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1865

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

Section 7 Township 121 Range 35 and better  
lands

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1865	FATHER IN LAW
<u>EVAN RAILSON</u>	TO 1905	<u>to H.J. Strand</u>
next owner	1905	<del>SON</del> FATHER
<u>H.J. STRAND</u>	1924	<u>to Herman Strand</u>
next owner	1924	FATHER
<u>Herman Strand</u>	1958	<u>to Edward and Herman Jr</u>
next owner	1958	<del>FATHER</del> <u>Death</u>
<u>EDWARD and HERMAN JR</u>	1978	<u>Partnership with Herman Jr</u>
next owner	1978	<del>FATHER</del>
<u>EDWARD STRAND</u>		<u>Present owner</u>

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Abstract of Title ☒

Court file in Registration Proceedings ( )

Land Patent ( )

County Land Record ( )

Original Deed ( )

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Edward Strand  
(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE

7-9-79

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? \_\_\_\_\_

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST 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 Jon D. Lund  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS R.R.#1, Box 74, Dawson Minn. 56232  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (612) 769-2469  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE none

SECTION 26 TOWNSHIP Providence COUNTY Lac Qui Parle

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 320

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1878

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

SE 1/4 sec. 26 Township 116 Range 44

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Gustaf Lund</u>	FROM 1878 TO 1906	father of George
next owner <u>George Lund</u>	From 1906 To 1961	father of Merrill
next owner <u>Merrill Lund</u>	From 1961 To 1978	father of Jon
next owner <u>Jon Lund</u>	From 1978 To Present	
next owner		

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

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Jon D. Lund  
(signature of present owner)

DATE July 12, 1979

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Homesteaded from U.S. gov't.

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? none because it was homesteaded

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Sweden

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

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, except for a shed built for first years.

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? started about in 1883 or 1884

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn, soybeans, wheat, beef cattle

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

George Loutsch  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

RR 3

CANBY

MINNESOTA

56220

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(507)

223-7864

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SAME

SECTION

8

TOWNSHIP

FreeTAND

COUNTY

Lac Qui Parle

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

homesteaded 1879

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

SE 1/4 of Section 8, Twp 116, Range 45, 160 A

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1879	
<u>Peter Everz</u>	TO 1943	Father of those named
next owner <u>HENRY EVERZ</u>	1943	
<u>Peter &amp; Wm. Everz, Catherine</u>	1961	MOTHER, Uncle & Aunt
<u>CIARA DeVERAK, Loutsch</u>	1961	
next owner		
<u>George Loutsch</u>	PRESENT	
next owner		
next owner		

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Court file in Registration Proceedings ☐

Land Patent ☐

County Land Record ☐

Original Deed ☐

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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George Loutsch

(signature of present owner)

DATE

April 16, 1979

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Homestead

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? —

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? GERMANY

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? —

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

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

In the book History of Central and Northern Minnesota, Geo. A. Ogle & Co. 1904 there is a write-up of Peter Every in the biographies section. It states he took homestead in Freeland, Sec 8, Lac Ou Paire County in 1879. Also tells about severe winter of 1880-1881 and early day prairie fires etc. My mother was born Oct 3, 1881 on this farm.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

MICHAEL J. Mc CARTHY  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

Rt 1, Box 273 MADISON LAKE MIN. 56063

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 931-5983  
area code

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SAME

SECTION

10

TOWNSHIP

WASHINGTON

COUNTY

LESUEUR

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

62 1/2

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

Dec. 29, 1859

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

East 62 1/2 acres of the SE 1/4 of Sec. 10, and the NE 1/4 of Sec 15, Twp 109 Range 25 West

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Jermiah</u> <u>Cornelius McCarthy</u>	FROM <u>12-29-1859</u> TO <u>6-5-1876</u>	<u>Father of Cornelius</u>
next owner <u>Cornelius McCarthy</u>	<u>6-5-1876</u> <u>9-11-1897</u>	<u>Father of Joseph</u>
next owner <u>Joseph C. McCarthy</u>	<u>9-11-1897</u> <u>8-19-1935</u>	<u>Father of Ronald</u>
next owner <u>Ronald McCarthy</u>	<u>8-19-1935</u> <u>1-3-1977</u>	<u>Father of Michael</u>
next owner <u>Michael</u> <u>McCarthy</u>	<u>1-3-1977</u>	

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Land Patent ( )

County Land Record ( )

Original Deed ( )

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Michael McCarthy

(signature of present owner)

DATE

7-13-79.

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Primes

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 62 1/2 a

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Ireland to Indiana

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? County Cork Ireland

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

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

Cornelius was in the Mounted Rangers in 1863

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? No

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1944

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Cornelius went with General Sibley up into Dakota territory in the summer of 1863 to fight the Sioux Indians. There was however a great deal of hardship from heat, the dust and Alkali water. There was no rest for the Cavalry man as he had to pasture his horse for a hour or two + watch it closely as the Sioux was lurking close by. He was gone for 1 year.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Edward G. F. Schleis  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

Rt Box 92 Montgomery Minn 56069

PHONE NUMBER

(612) 364-7667  
area code

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

6

TOWNSHIP

Montgomery

COUNTY

Le Sueur

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

60

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY March 27, 1865

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  and S $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 6, Township 111, Range 23

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner Anton Slais- E $\frac{1}{2}$ of W $\frac{1}{2}$	FROM March 27, 1865 TO April 21, 1866	Father of Albert
next owner Albert Slais- NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	April 21, 1866 Nov. 15, 1901	Father of John
next owner John F. Schleis NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	Nov. 15, 1901 Dec. 21, 1960	Father of Edward
next owner Mary Schleiss - SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Albert Schleiss - 1/3rd interest	March 27, 1965 April 22, 1903	Grandparents of Edward
next owner 1/3 interest of Mary Schleiss to Albert Schleiss SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	July 2, 1902 Jan. 17, 1903	Grandparents of Edward
John F. Schleiss SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Edward Schleis SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$	Oct. 25, 1912 Dec. 21, 1960 to present	Father of Edward

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Court file in Registration Proceedings ( )

Land Patent ( )

County Land Record (x)

Original Deed ( )

OTHER

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Edw G. F. Schleis

(signature of present owner)

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

DATE

July 9-1979

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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 Mrs. Rose Rynda  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS R. R. One, Box 94 Montgomery, Minnesota 56069  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
PHONE NUMBER ( 612 ) 364-7956  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION Five TOWNSHIP Montgomery COUNTY Le Sueur

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 80

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Dec. 28, 1866

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

North  $\frac{1}{2}$  of N. W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 5 - 111- 23, LeSueur County, Minnesota

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM	
Anton Rinde (Rynda)	Dec. 28, 1866	
	TO	
	May 27, 1890	Father of Theodore
next owner		
Theodore Rynda	May 27, 1890	
	March 29, 1894	Brother of Rudolph
next owner		
Rudolph Rynda	March 29, 1894	
	Oct. 19, 1898	Brother of Louis
next owner		
Louis Rynda	Oct. 19, 1898	
	Feb. 28, 1935	Brother of Lawrence
next owner		
Lawrence Rynda	Feb. 28, 1935	
	June 20, 1941	Father of George

George & Rose Rynda (continued on other side)

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

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Mrs. Rose Rynda  
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 12<sup>th</sup> 1979.

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CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Minn. Valley R. R. Co. by E. F. Drake, Pres.

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$2.50 per acre, total \$199.37

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Vienna, Austria

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Came to Minnesota in 1856

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

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

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? No home on this acreage, torn down in 1958

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

George & Rose Rynda

June 20, 1941

to  
Dec. 29, 1973 (date of death of George Rynda)

Rose Rynda                      Sole owner from Dec. 29, 1973 to present time.

The farm is presently operated by Larry Rynda and son, John, which makes it the fourth and fifth generations of continual operation in the same family. Larry Rynda is a son of Mrs. Rose Rynda

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Roland F. Ruths and Elizabeth L. Ruths  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS RI Box 133 Kilkenny Minn 56052

PHONE NUMBER (507) 362-8368  
area code CITY STATE ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION 11 TOWNSHIP Watomville 109 COUNTY La Sueur

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 13.9

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Feb. 14, 1871

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

S 1/2 of SW 1/4 + S 1/2 of N 1/2 of SW 1/4 less 1 rod for private road  
also W 1/2 of SW 1/4 of N 1/4 all in section 11 - 109-23

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1871	
Peter Ruths	TO 1880	Father
next owner	1880 -1892	
John & Mary Ruths	1880-1895	Father
next owner	1895	
Henry Ruths	1953	Father
next owner	1953	
Henry W. Ruths	1954	Father
next owner	1953	
Roland & Elizabeth Ruths		Father

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Abstract of Title (X)

Court file in Registration Proceedings ( )

Land Patent ( )

County Land Record (X)

Original Deed ( )

OTHER Register of Deeds - La Sueur County

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Roland F. Ruths  
(signature of present owner)

DATE May 24, 1979

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ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Mr. B. Farrell

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$1000 00

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? Portion of original house - addition put on in 1917

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? \_\_\_\_\_

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Robert + Janet Schickling  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

Good Thunder

CITY

Mn.

STATE

56037

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 278-3364

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

RR#1 Madison Lk

SECTION

TOWNSHIP

Washington

COUNTY

Le Sueur

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

213

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1861

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
first owner <u>John Schickling</u>	FROM <u>1861</u> - TO <u>1900</u>	<u>Father of Charly</u>
next owner <u>Charly Schickling</u>	<u>1900 -- 1939</u>	<u>Husband of Mary</u>
next owner <u>Mary Schickling</u> <sup>1939</sup>	<u>1939 - 1959</u>	<u>Great Aunt of Robert</u>
next owner <u>Robert + Janet Schickling</u>	<u>1959 - present</u>	

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Court file in Registration Proceedings ( )

Land Patent ( )

County Land Record ( )

Original Deed ☒

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Robert J. Schickling  
(signature of present owner)

DATE

May 1 - 1979

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Mary Schuckling

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 218

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? 250

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? at one time - also raised ginseng

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

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? Soybeans & Corn, wheat, oats

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Francis D. Shippman  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS RR# 2 Box 190. Le Center, Minnesota 56057  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER ( 612 ) 357-6125  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 27-111-24 TOWNSHIP Lexington COUNTY Le Sueur

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 233.86

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1862 -1867

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

NE $\frac{1}{4}$  & N $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  less RR Sec. 27-111-24

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1862	
Peter Schippmann	TO 1892	Father of George
next owner	1892	
George Shippmann	1901	Brother of Francis
next owner	1901	
Peter Shippmann	1918	Brother of Francis
next owner	1918	
George & Francis Shippmann	1947	Uncle and Father of Francis D.
next owner	1947	
Francis D. Shippman	Present	

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Land Patent ( ) County Land Record (X) at County Records Office  
Original Deed ( ) OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Francis D. Shippman  
(signature of present owner)

DATE May 10 1979

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? \_\_\_\_\_

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? \_\_\_\_\_

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \_\_\_\_\_

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Captain 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? \_\_\_\_\_

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? 1966

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Canning crops for Green Giant Co.  
No Livestock.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

REUBEN H. ABRAHAM  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

ROUTE 1

ARCO

MINNESOTA

56113

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(507)  
area code

247 5504

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

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TOWNSHIP

DIAMOND LAKE

COUNTY

LINCOLN

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

160 acres

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1862

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

SOUTH EAST

ONE QUARTER of SECTION TWELVE, TOWNSHIP No. ONE HUNDRED  
AND TEN. NORTH RINGE forty five West of fifth PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN IN  
COUNTY of LINCOLN & STATE of MINNESOTA.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner		
<u>Gottlieb Abraham</u>	<u>30 years</u>	<u>Father.</u>
next owner		
<u>Henry Abraham</u>	<u>47 years</u>	<u>Son (Born in cave)</u>
next owner		
<u>Reuben Abraham</u>	<u>28 years</u>	<u>Son of Henry</u>
next owner		
next owner		

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 ☒

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.

Reuben H. Abraham  
(signature of present owner)

DATE

April 21, 1979 -

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Any information you can add to this form will be most valuable to future historians. The questions below are only a guide. Feel free to add other data, especially family or pioneer stories concerning the farm and the area around it. This is not a requirement for Century Farm certification.

FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? it was homesteaded

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? Same

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? Homestead -

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? 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? over 100 years ago

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? corn - oats - Soy Beans - Hay

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

We have 3 acres of natural prairie hill side that never has been plowed or farmed. We have been told it <sup>once was</sup> has a buffalo ring; the way the grass grows indicates this, plus it is buffalo grass - The buffalos stood in a circle with heads out, cows & calves in the middle protected, very interesting. <sup>Sincerely,</sup> Orno Reuben Alstrom