



Century Farm Applications

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PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Carl W. Stark
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Rural Route, Claremont MN 55924
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 528-2371
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____

SECTION 25 & 35 TOWNSHIP Havana COUNTY Steele ✓

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 140 ✓

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 8/28/1883 ✓

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ & NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Except a tract of Land 162/3 Rods by 12 Rods in NE Corner thereof conveyed

to Pratt Creamery Association in Section 35, Township 107 North, Range 19 West.
AND W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and W3/4 of S $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 25, Township 107 North, Range 19 West.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner Johan Stark	FROM 1883 - TO 1897	Father of Otto
next owner Otto Stark	1897 - 1944	Father of Carl
next owner Carl W. Stark	1944 - PRESENT	
next owner		
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.

Carl W. Stark
(signature of present owner)

DATE 7-11-83

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Christopher Hellmold

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 200 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$25.00

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

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

Not to my knowledge

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? 1921

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

The Stark's Corner Creamery began as a skim station in the 1800's. The skim station was a house and station all in one unit. The operator lived upstairs and the station was downstairs. This operated until about 1904 when the Pratt Creamery built a creamery here through the Pratt board and called it Pratt B. It operated until the teens or early twenties when Pratt B then formed a new corporation and called themselves the Stark's Corner Creamery.

The area had been unofficially known in the neighborhood as Stark's Corner before this. The District 68 School was in the NW corner of Section 36 of Havana Township, the creamery was in the NE corner of Section 35 and the Century farm was in the SW corner of Section 25. This corner is still a neighborhood landmark today because although the creamery and school are now closed, the buildings still stand.

As patrons brought milk to the skim station, the operator separated the cream from the milk, each patron took his own skim milk home with him, and the cream was sent to the Pratt A Creamery. About 1918 the patrons bought their own separators, separated the milk at home and brought only the cream to the creamery. The creamery accepted only cream until about 1944 when they accepted whole milk again. The Creamery made butter of the cream and resold the skim milk elsewhere. After the creamery began, the butter maker lived in the skim station house which was located next to the creamery on the creamery property.

The equipment in the creamery was powered by a steam engine. A line shaft driven by a stationary steam engine

in one end of the building was suspended from the ceiling. The equipment was connected by belts and pulleys to the line shaft. When milk was received, it was heated to facilitate the cream separation. Coal was used for fuel for the boiler. About twice a year when a carload of coal came into Claremont on the railroad, the patrons took turns picking it up with their horses and wagons and hauling it to the creamery. It always seemed that the first ones there unloaded right inside the door. The pile grew and grew until the unfortunate last patrons had to throw their load of coal over the top of the entire pile to the back of the creamery.

After separation the cream was cooled in large vats. Coils in the vats contained ice cold water which continually circulated to cool the cream. In the wintertime the patrons cut ice out of Rice Lake and hauled it with horses and sleds to the creamery where it was stacked in the ice storage section of the creamery. The ice block was placed on a wooden chute and connected to a rope over a pulley. A horse pulled the rope outside the building -- someone had to lead him-- and as he walked away from the building, the ice block was pulled into the creamery. It was the job of the Board members to stack the ice with sawdust between each layer of blocks and around the outside for insulation.

One of the first buttermakers in the Pratt B Creamery was August Dunker. Some of the others were Al Seidel, Bert Sorenson, Alfred Jacobsen, Gordon Hansen, Darrell Hesse and Richard Buan. When Gordon Hansen began as butter maker as a young man around 1920, he was hired at \$125 a month with the house provided, coal for fuel, and milk and butter to use. He served the creamery for about 35 years.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Amanda Dohlen

(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

Route 1 Box 174 Morris, Minnesota 56267

PHONE NUMBER

(612) 795-3261

area code

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

Same

SECTION

4

TOWNSHIP

Frammas

COUNTY

Stevens ✓

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

118 ✓

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

Nov 29, 1882 ✓

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

South Half of South East 1/4 of Section 4
Frammas Township, Stevens County,
Minnesota

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Amanda Dohlen</u> first owner		<u>father & mother</u>
<u>John Svenson Hegg</u> next owner	FROM <u>Nov 29, 1882</u> TO <u>Sept 29, 1925</u>	<u>son</u>
<u>Gust & Malinda Hegg</u> next owner	from <u>Sept 29, 1925</u> to <u>March 6, 1978</u>	<u>from father & mother</u>
<u>Amanda Dohlen</u> next owner	<u>March 6, 1978</u> to <u>now</u>	<u>Gust & Malinda to daughter</u> <u>Amanda Dohlen</u>
next owner		
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.

Amanda Dohlen

(signature of present owner)

DATE

June 5, 1983

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Homesteaded

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? a few dollars per acre -

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? as I recall - hearing 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? yes

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1929

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

The original home is still standing -
(Not in too good shape) Its used a tool shed
The newer house on it was built in 1929.
The old ~~barn~~ ^{garage} and granary are torn
down. The original barn stands with
several additions on it. There are
many new granaries since added.
{ The buildings were just barely saved during
a prairie ~~town~~ fire as I was a child }

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

OK.

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER ARNOLD & HAZEL STRAND
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS MORRIS (R#1 BOX 102) MINNESOTA 56267
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (612) 795-2413
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 28 TOWNSHIP Luan Lake COUNTY Stevens ✓

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 200 ✓

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY March 3, 1877 ✓

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) NE 1/4-28-126-41

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner Peder Pederson	FROM 4-15-1882 TO 2-27-1901	Father of Andrew P. Strand
next owner Andrew P. Strand	2-27-1901 7-6-1904 12-12-1950	Contract for Deed Deed pursuant to Decree Mother + Brothers & Sisters
next owner Arnold & Hazel Strand	12-23-1950 to present	
next owner		
next owner		

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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.

✓ Arnold Strand
(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE June 13, 1983

CENTURY FARMS
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ST. PAUL MN 55108

P.S. Peder Pederson changed his name to Peder Strand

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? _____

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? _____

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Norway

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1885 first house was destroyed by tornado

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Immigrated to United States in 1868, and settled in Tanaboro, Fillmore County, Minn.

The Peter Pederson family moved from Fillmore County Minn. in 1877 and homesteaded this farm.

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OK

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

DONALD WOODKE

(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS RR 1 MORRIS MN 56267

PHONE NUMBER (612) 986-2764
CITY STATE ZIP CODE
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE SAME

SECTION 10 TOWNSHIP SWANLAKE COUNTY STEVENS ✓

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 302 ✓

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1883 ✓

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

W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SECTION 9 TOWNSHIP 126 N, RANGE 41 W

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner DAVID KOEHNTOP	FROM 1883- TO 1905	FATHER OF EDWARD
next owner EDWARD KOEHNTOP	1905- 1927	FATHER-IN-LAW OF HERBERT
next owner HERBERT WOODKE	1927- 1968	FATHER OF DONALD
next owner DONALD WOODKE	1968- PRESENT	
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.

✓ Donald Woodke
(signature of present owner)

DATE 6-27-83

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? STATE OF MINNESOTA

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160 acres (80 on this farm)

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? YES, 40 acres, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 10, 126N, 41 W.
This was also Homesteaded by David Koehntop in 1883.

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:

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PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Harlan Busse
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS RR. 1 Box 37 Appleton Minnesota 56208
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (612) 394-2148
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 12 TOWNSHIP Shible COUNTY Swift

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT ~~197.48~~ 160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY April 30, 1883

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

NW 1/4 section 12 Twp. - 121 Range - 43
~~E 1/2 of SW 1/4 Section 3 Twp. - 121 Range - 43~~

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1883	Grand Father
<u>Heinrich Busse</u>	TO 1934	
next owner	1934	Father, Aunts and
<u>John Busse et Al</u>	1935	Uncles
next owner	1935	
<u>John W. Busse</u>	1968	Father
next owner	1968	
<u>Harlan Busse</u>	to Present Time	
next owner		

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

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Harlan Busse
(signature of present owner)

DATE April 22, 1983

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ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? U.S. Gov. 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, Telet

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Nicollet Mn.

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? It was moved onto the place in 1965

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Heinrich Busse son, Henry Jr. came over from Germany with Heinrich at the age of 11. He lived on this farm all of his life. He raised 13 children. He never did own the farm because he died during a flu epidemic at the age of 57. Heinrich lived to be 101. Henry Jr's oldest son Henry III was killed by lightning at the age of 48.

There are 3 farms in Shible Township, Swift Co. that are still being farmed by the same family that homesteaded them, and they are all 3 in Section 12.

Harlan Busse

OK

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PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER GORDON HOLM
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS R#3 Box 236 SALK CENTRE MN 56378
CITY STATE ZIP CODE
PHONE NUMBER (612) 352-3363
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE SAME

SECTION 13 TOWNSHIP BIRCHDALE COUNTY TODD ✓

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 640 ✓

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1882 ✓

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

E 1/2 OF NE 1/4 SEC 13 TOWNSHIP 127 RANGE 34

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1882	
<u>H. FRED HOLM</u>	TO 1929	<u>FATHER OF SIMON</u>
next owner	1829	
<u>SIMON HOLM</u>	1954	<u>FATHER OF GORDON</u>
next owner	1954	
<u>GORDON HOLM</u>		
next owner		
next owner		

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

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Gordon Holm
(signature of present owner)

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

DATE 6-28-83

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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 Dale Katterhagen
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Rte 1 Browerville MN 56438
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (612) 594-2402
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____

SECTION 23 & 24 TOWNSHIP Ward COUNTY Todd

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 235

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

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

Sect 24 TWP 131 Rang 33 SW4 160 acres

Sect 23 TWP 131 Rang 33 SE4 SW4 & SE4 SE4 80 acres

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM Homesteaded 1880	Father
Bernard Brever	TO 1938	
next owner	1938 → 1943	Parents (father) (daughter)
Joseph & Christine (Brever) Katterhagen	1943 → 1977	Parents (son)
Edmund & Amelia Katterhagen	1977 →	(son)
Dale & Marie Katterhagen		
next owner		

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

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Dale Katterhagen & Marie Katterhagen PLEASE RETURN TO:
(signature of present owner)

DATE 7-12-83

CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? 40 acres Homesteaded
Part from USA Part from Marshall Stone (40 acres)
HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 40 acres
WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? 2.50/acre from RR when sold in 1938 = 3500.00
Original cost unknown 1943 = 35000.00
WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? 5.50/acre from Marshall Stone
Burlington WI 6/7/1861 settled on this site in 1880.
WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Burlington WI ^{Age 19} Moved to MN 1880
DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes
DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? after retirement lumber yard / gas & garage in town
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 barn, smoke house, storage shed, outhouse
WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? built ~~1890~~ 1890
WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? cream, potatoes, chickens
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: now=dairy

* Description of Original Abstract 1879,

SW quarter of Sect 24, township 131 North, Range 33
west of the 5th principal meridian.

Bernard sold to Joseph in 1938, sold also shares to other children ^(Joseph's wife) Christine, Florence, & children and Anna (2nd wife)

Anna sold her shares to Christine in ^{July 9,} 1942

Albert, Emma, & Florence sold to Christine ~~July~~ Nov 20, 1942

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PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

SANFORD R. ERICKSON
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS RR 1 Box 28 NORCROSS MINN 56274
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (612) 563-4272
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE SAME

SECTION 4 TOWNSHIP CLIFTON COUNTY TRAVERSE

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 155 ✓

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1882 ✓

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

S 1/2 NE 1/4 & LOTS 1 & 2

SECTION 4 TOWNSHIP 127 RANGE 45

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>ERICK ERICKSON</u>	FROM <u>1882</u> TO <u>1917</u>	<u>FATHER OF EDWARD</u>
next owner <u>EDWARD ERICKSON</u>	<u>1917</u> <u>1959</u>	<u>FATHER OF SANFORD</u>
next owner <u>SANFORD ERICKSON</u>	<u>1959</u> <u>PRESENT</u>	
next owner		
next owner		

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Sanford R. Erickson
(signature of present owner)

DATE May 4, 1983

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

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PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

HARRY HONZO
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

DUMONT

MINN.

56236

PHONE NUMBER

(612)

748-7754

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

2

TOWNSHIP

Leonardville

COUNTY

Traverse

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

80

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1881

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

W 1/2 - NE 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM	
<u>JOHN NEILL</u>	<u>1881-1926</u>	<u>HUSBAND</u>
TO		
next owner		
<u>MARY NEILL</u>	<u>126-1932</u>	<u>WIFE OF JOHN</u>
next owner		
<u>CORA HONZO</u>	<u>1932-1954</u>	<u>DAUGHTER OF MARY</u>
next owner		
<u>HARRY HONZO</u>	<u>1954-PRESENT</u>	<u>SON OF CORA</u>
next owner		

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Court file in Registration Proceedings ()

Land Patent ()

County Land Record (X)

Original Deed ()

OTHER birth records from court-house

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

Harry Honzo
(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE

July 9, 1983

CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Homestead

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

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? River Falls, Wis

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? _____

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Mrs. Lucille J. Anderson
(this name will appear on certificate)
ADDRESS Box 36004 Denver Colorado 80236

PHONE NUMBER () CITY STATE ZIP CODE
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Box 140 R. R. 1 Zumbro Falls, Minnesota 55991

SECTION 19-109-13 TOWNSHIP Zumbro COUNTY Wabasha

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 80

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Oct. 23, 1862

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

E 1/2 N. W. 1/4 19-109-13

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM	
ABRAM JACKSON ANDERSON	1862	
	TO	
	1919	FATHER
next owner	1919	
P. F. ANDERSON	1971	FATHER
next owner	1971	
LUCILLE J. (TIETZE) ANDERSON	Present date	
next owner		
next owner		

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

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

Mrs. Lucille J. Anderson
(signature of present owner)

DATE 4-14-83

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? DANIEL DALE

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80 - plus 160 acres in section 18 (Pre-emption rights in 1858)

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? UN-KNOWN

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Rome, New York Son of Levi and Harriett (Carpenter) Anderson

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes - also had a fruit orchard and raised cattle.

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? Yes - for 35 years
he bought and sold cattle at Hammond

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? Yes - with additions and alterations

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? The original part in 1862

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Soy beans and corn

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

In 1871 Mr. Anderson bought 160 acres of land in Section 20. Later he bought 160 acres at Gettysburg, Dakota (now S. Dak.) and 240 acres in No. Dak.. Eventually his total land in the 3 states was 800 acres. He was Supervisor on the Zumbro Township Board for 12 years and served many years on the School Board. He was a Director of the Hammond Bank.

Mr. & Mrs. Anderson (she was Melvina Mitchell dau. of Joseph Stinson and Lavina Mitchell (Hazelting) born in Sangarville, Maine) retired to Hammond village in 1919. They travelled extensively.

Mr. P. F. Anderson - the youngest son of Mr. & Mrs. A. J. Anderson - was Clerk of Zumbro Township for 32 years, on the school board, president of the Farm Bureau organization and of the Pleasant Prairie Cemetery Association and Clerk of the South Troy Church for many years. He was in the Insurance business and owned the school bus line into Rochester. He was married to Lela Wyatt - a teacher.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner DAVID C. DOANE OK
Name(s) to appear on certificate David C. Doane W
Address PLAINVIEW, MINN. 55964
Address of farm, if different from above RR # 1

Section 33 & 34 Township HIGHLAND County WABASHA ✓
Number of acres in the farm at present 420 ✓

Date of original purchase by member of your family May 27, 1864 ✓

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
the East one-fourth of the Northeast Quarter of Sec No. 33, also the West
Half of Northwest Quarter of section # 34, all in Township No One Hundred
Nine North of Range No Eleven West.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
HIRIAM DOANE	1862 1864	
ROBERT M. DOANE	from 1864 to 1900	BROTHERS
(owner in 1876 or B4)		
SAMUEL DOANE 40 acres	from 1864 to 1900	BROTHER
next owner		
DANIEL DOANE 40 acres	from 1864 to 1900	BROTHER
next owner		
FREDERICK H.	from 1900 to 1938	BROTHER
next owner		
MALCOMB DOANE	from 1938 to 1940	SON
next owner		
FREDERICK H. DOANE	from 1940 to 1942	BROTHER
next owner		
FREDERICK W. DOANE	from 1942 to 1969	SON
next owner		
DAVID C. DOANE	1969 present	SON

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

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

Bandy Doane
(Witness sign here)

David Doane
(Signature of present owner)

Date 7-12-83

See reverse side for additional information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? HIRIAM DOANE
ROBERT M. DOANE
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 320
3. What was the cost of land per acre? _____
4. Where was the first owner born? _____
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? ENGLAND
6. Was this a homestead? YES
7. Did the first owner farm the land? YES
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
NO
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? log cabin site was moved to the present building site kitchen and living room portion over 100 yrs. old
10. When was the present home built? 1870 added onto in 1976 & 1982
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn, hay, oats, beef
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
PLAINVIEW, MINN. PLAINVIEW NEWS

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

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Barrel D Freiheit
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

R#1 Box 79 Lake city Mn. 55041
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 253-2194
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

same

SECTION

11

TOWNSHIP

Chester

COUNTY

Wabasha

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1867

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

N.W. 1/4 township 110 Range 14 W.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1867	
<u>Louis Freiheit</u>	TO 1909	<u>Father of Heinrich</u>
next owner	1909	
<u>Heinrich Freiheit</u>	1955	<u>Father of Damon</u>
next owner	1955	
<u>Damon Freiheit</u>	1983	<u>Father of Barrel</u>
next owner	1983	
<u>Barrel Freiheit</u>	Present	
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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Barrel Freiheit
(signature of present owner)

DATE

7-14-1983

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Ramon Zuehl

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 320

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? 1500⁰⁰

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? —

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? no

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? —

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

ROGER A. LARSON
(this name will appear on certificate)

WJ OK

ADDRESS R.R.1. Box 204 Mazeppa Minnesota 55956
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 843 5601
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 28 TOWNSHIP Mazeppa COUNTY Wabasha

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 385

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1872

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) The south half (1/2) of the north east quarter (1/4) and the north east quarter (1/4) of the south east 1/4 of Section 28 - Town one hundred and nine (109) North of Range fourteen (14) West.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Andrew J. Larson</u> first owner	<u>1872-1913</u>	<u>Father of Joseph A. Larson</u>
<u>Joseph A. Larson</u> next owner	<u>FROM 1913</u> <u>TO 1963</u>	<u>Father of Roger A. Larson</u>
<u>Roger A. Larson</u> next owner	<u>1963</u> <u>PRESENT</u>	
next owner		
next owner		
next owner		

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

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

Roger A. Larson
(signature of present owner)

DATE July 9, 1983

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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:

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Leonard & Louise Rollins OK
Name(s) to appear on certificate Leonard & Louise Rollins wl
Address Minneiska, MN. 55958

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 34 Township Watopa County Wabasha ✓

Number of acres in the farm at present 480 ✓

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1877 ✓

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
S½ NE¼ N½ SE¼ Section 34, 109-10

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
George Strahline (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1877 to	Great Uncle
Leonhardt Staudacher	from 1877 to 1916	Grandfather
next owner John & Anna Rollins	from 1916 to 1954	
next owner Leonard & Louise Rollins	from 1954 to Present	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

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

Dennis M. Howley
(Witness sign here)

Leonard Rollins
(Signature of present owner)
Louise Rollins

Date 7-13-1983

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? _____
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$12.50
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Canada
6. Was this a homestead? No
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?
No
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? _____
No
10. When was the present home built? 100 years ago
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Grain and livestock
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Wabasha County Herald and Plainview News
Wabasha, MN. 55981 Plainview, MN. 55964

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

George Strahlin of ex
TO
Barbara Strahlin

WARRANTY DEED.

Filed for Record this 9th day of May 1877 at 4 o'clock P. M.

Register of Deeds.

This Indenture, Made this 11th day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy Seven between

George Strahlin and Barbara Strahlin, his wife
of Watopa County of Wabasha and State of Minnesota
parties of the first part, and
Leouhard Staudacher
of Watopa County of Wabasha and State of Minnesota
party of the second part,

WITNESSETH that the said parties of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of
\$2000 DOLLARS,
to them in hand paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, do by these presents
Grant, Bargain, Sell and Convey, to the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns, Forever, all that tract or
or parcels of Land lying and being in the County of Wabasha, in the State of Minnesota, and described as follows, to-wit:

(1/2 of NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 Sec 34-109-10)

The South Half of the North East Quarter, and the North Half
of the South East Quarter, of Section Number Thirty Four in
Township Number One Hundred and Nine North, in Range
Number Ten West, containing One Hundred and Sixty Acres
according to the Government Survey thereof.

Go Have and to Hold the Same, Together with all the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto in anywise appertaining.

And the said parties of the first part
for themselves, their heirs, executors and administrators, do Covenant with the said party of the second part, his
heirs and assigns as follows: First, that they are lawfully seized of said premises. Second, that they
have good right to convey the same. Third, that the same are free from all incumbrances.

And Fourth, that the said party of the second part, his
heirs and assigns, shall quietly enjoy and possess the same; and that they, their heirs, executors and administrators
will WARRANT AND DEFEND the title to the same against all lawful claims.

In Witness Whereof, the said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals the day
and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed, and Delivered in the Presence of

W. G. Webb,
D. M. Loring

George Strahlin
Barbara Strahlin
SEAL.
SEAL.
SEAL.
SEAL.

STATE OF MINNESOTA,

County of Wabasha ss.

BE IT KNOWN, That on this 11th day of May A. D. 1877 personally came before me

A Notary Public
George Strahlin and Barbara Strahlin, his wife both
to me personally known to be the signers

and sealers of the foregoing Warranty Deed, and acknowledged that they executed the same freely and voluntarily.

Notarial
Seal

W. G. Webb
Notary Public
min

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

IRVIN H. WEAPPA

(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Rt. 3 Box 13 Sebeka, Minnesota 56477
PHONE NUMBER (218) 837-5711 CITY STATE ZIP CODE
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 32 TOWNSHIP 137 COUNTY Wadena ✓

* NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 610 ✓

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1883 ✓ my purchase 1946

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

N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ & SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 32 in Township 137 of Range 35

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1883	
FRED MATTILA	TO 1938	Wife of Selma
next owner	1938	
SELMA MATTILA	1946	Grandmother of Irvin
next owner	1946	
IRVIN H. WEAPPA	present	
next owner		
next owner		

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Abstract of Title () Court file in Registration Proceedings ()
Land Patent () County Land Record ()
Original Deed () OTHER Minnesota Historical Society Copy (certified) of 1895
Census

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

Irvin H. Weappa
(signature of present owner)

DATE

7-6-83

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Homesteaded

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 120 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? ?

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Finland

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

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 house, old grainery, barn built in 1909

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1983

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Fred Mattila and his brother August built the first schoolhouse in these parts in 1887. Also assisted building one of the first churches in the area.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER MARTHA DAHL AND SON LOWELL DAHL
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS RR. 4, Box 36 WASECA CITY MINN. STATE 56093 ZIP CODE OK

PHONE NUMBER (507) 835-3417
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____

SECTION 29 TOWNSHIP BLOOMING GROVE COUNTY WASECA

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 200

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1859

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) NW 1/4 OF NW 1/4 AND
N 1/2 OF SW 1/4 OF NW 1/4 TOWNSHIP 108 RANGE 22 - E 1/2 OF NW 1/4 RANGE 22 TOWNSHIP 108

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1859	
TORGUS CHESTERSON HAGEN	TO 1899	FATHER OF OLE T. HAGEN
next owner	1899	
OLE T. HAGEN	1947	FATHER OF MARTHA HAGEN DAHL
next owner	1947	GRANDFATHER OF LOWELL DAHL
MARTHA HAGEN DAHL		
LOWELL DAHL	PRESENT	
next owner		
next owner		

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

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

Martha Dahl Lowell Dahl
(signature of present owner)

DATE APRIL 11, 1983

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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? TELEMARK, 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? _____

CABINETMAKING and CARVING

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? _____

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL
STANDING OR IN USE? YES - MIDDLE PART OF HOUSE IS, LOG-LOG BARN - GRAINERY
tool shed

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1860 - remodeled in 1957

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

During my growing up years I heard stories, relating to my grandparents, when they first came to this country.

Grandfather Torgus Chesterson 1828-1909 came from Telemark, Norway to Wisconsin and Grandmother Syneva Chesterson 1835-1908, came from Sogn, Norway to Wisconsin.

Grandfather walked to Minnesota and acquired a farm from a man by the name of Hagen, as was the custom in Norway, a person would then take the name of the man, who previously owned the farm, so grandfather became, Torgus Chesterson Hagen. Therefore the ^{name} Hagen has been used in our family throughout the years.

Grandfather went back to Wis. to bring his wife Syneva and children to Minnesota, this time via ox team.

In 1863 grandfather was filling the chinks in his log barn, to make it warmer for winter, while doing this, soldiers came to tell him he was drafted into the Civil War. He served in the conflict two years 1863-1865 and was in company C 5th Minn. Infantry.

Besides farming, grandfather was a cabinet maker and wood carver, we have a beautiful chest of drawers decorated with carving also mirrors with topped carving.

In 1899 my grandfather and parents traded homes, which were both on the same farm.

My father Ole Hagen died in 1946. In 1947 my husband Goodwin Dahl and I purchased and partly inherited 120 acres. My son Lowell Dahl purchased the remaining 80 acres in 1947. My husband Goodwin Dahl died in 1970.

My son Lowell Dahl and I, Martha Hagen Dahl now live in the original home, the middle part of the house was built of sawed logs. the rest of the house has been remodeled. The original log barn is still being used for beef cattle, also the grainery (log) and a tool house.

The farm is located in Waseca County, Blooming Grove township, $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles north ^{of Waseca} on highway 13 —

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Harold W. Eaton
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

Rt. 3 Box 30

Wadena

minn.

56093

PHONE NUMBER

(507)

835-1629

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

3

TOWNSHIP

Atasca

COUNTY

Wadena

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

201.74

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1864

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

E 1/2 of NE 1/4 & NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 + NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 + S 1/2 SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 +
18 1/2 ac in N 1/2 of SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 310622 201.74

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1864	
<u>Mary J Pease</u>	TO 1903	<u>mother of William</u>
next owner	1903	
<u>William Eaton</u>	1932	<u>Father of Oscar</u>
next owner	1932	
<u>Oscar Eaton</u>	1976	<u>Father of Harold</u>
next owner	1976	
<u>Harold Eaton</u>	present	
next owner		

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Abstract of Title (x)

Court file in Registration Proceedings ()

Land Patent ()

County Land Record ()

Original Deed ()

OTHER

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Harold W. Eaton

(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE

July 5, 83

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 Rueben T. + Irene E. Miller
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS R#3 - Box 216 Janesville Mn. 56048
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (334) 6323
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 21 TOWNSHIP Janesville COUNTY Waseca

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 90

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1881

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

Lot 24 S.W. 1/4 of N.W. 1/4
Section 21-108 24

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>first owner</u> <u>Herman Miller</u>	FROM <u>1881</u>	
<u>next owner</u> <u>Otto Miller</u>	TO <u>1911</u>	<u>Father of Otto</u>
<u>next owner</u> <u>Rueben T. Miller</u>	<u>1911</u> <u>1960</u>	<u>Father of Rueben</u>
<u>next owner</u>	<u>1960</u>	
<u>next owner</u>		
<u>next owner</u>		

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

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Rueben T. + Irene E. Miller
(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE May 6 1983

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 Donald Pieper
(this name will appear on certificate)

OK

ADDRESS R.R.1 Boxx 121 Minnesota Lake, MN. 56068

CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 462-3672
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 30 TOWNSHIP Vivian COUNTY Waseca

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 80.54 ✓

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1876 ✓

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

N ½ of N.W. ¼ Township 105 Range 24

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>first owner</u>	FROM 1876	
Charles Pieper	TO 1918	Father of William
<u>next owner</u>	1918	
William Pieper	1945	Father of Donald
<u>next owner</u>	1945	
Donald Pieper	Present	
<u>next owner</u>		
<u>next owner</u>		

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

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Donald Pieper
(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE Mar. 31 - 1983

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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 Darrol Sponberg
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Route 2 - Box 203, New Richland Minnesota 56072
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 465-8008
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____

SECTION 34 TOWNSHIP Otisco COUNTY Waseca ✓

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 240 ✓

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY April 11, 1871 ✓

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) The SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 34, Township 106, Range 22 West.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner John Sponberg	FROM 1871- TO 1914	Father of Andrew
next owner Andrew F. Sponberg	1914- 1947	Father of J. Herbert
next owner J. Herbert Sponberg	1947- 1962	Father of Darrol
next owner Darrol Sponberg	1962- Present	
next owner		

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

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Darrol Sponberg
(signature of present owner)

DATE May 30, 1983

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? G. P. Johnson & Mary L. Johnson

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? Total for 80 acres - \$500⁰⁰

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Sweden

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes

X IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL
STANDING OR IN USE? Log House now on display at Waseca County Historical
Building, Waseca.

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1924

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER JOSEPH & FLORENCE HOPKINS
(this name will appear on certificate)
ADDRESS 18879 JEFFREY AVE. N. MINNESOTA 55038
PHONE NUMBER (612) 439 3828
CITY STATE ZIP CODE
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same
SECTION 13 TOWNSHIP ONEKA COUNTY WASHINGTON
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 120

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Oct. 1877

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

Section 13 Township 031 Range 21
N1/2 of NW 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>J.S. HOPKINS</u>	FROM <u>1877</u> TO <u>1932</u>	<u>GRAND FATHER</u>
next owner <u>Hopkins</u> <u>MR. AMERSON</u>	<u>1932</u> - <u>1972</u>	<u>FATHER</u> <u>MOTHER</u>
next owner <u>JOSEPH & FLORENCE</u> <u>HOPKINS</u>	<u>1972</u> - <u>1983</u>	<u>SON</u> <u>DAUGHTER</u>
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.

JOSEPH & FLORENCE HOPKINS PLEASE RETURN TO:
(signature of present owner)

DATE July 10 1983

CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? JOHN & HANNAH FLEE

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? 3 dollars an acre

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? _____

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? 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? about 70 years ago

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Glendon and Ann Sodergren
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS 21700 Parrish Rd. Scandia Minn 55073

PHONE NUMBER (612) 433-2269
CITY STATE ZIP CODE
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE SAME

SECTION 14 TOWNSHIP New Scandia COUNTY Washington

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 103 ✓

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1865 ✓

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

Abstract of Title - SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 and SW 1/4 of NE 1/4
Section 14 Township 32 Range 20 West

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1865	
John Bengton (Father)	TO 1905	Father of John
next owner	1905	
John Bengton (Son)	1922	Uncle of Emma
next owner	1922	
Carl Edward Sodergren and Emma Sodergren	1958	Parents of Glendon
next owner	1958	
Glendon Sodergren and ANN Sodergren	Present	
next owner		

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

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Glendon Sodergren
(signature of present owner)

DATE March 31, 1983

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS
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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? United States

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? ~~United States~~ 540 acres

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? don't know

DID HE FARM THE LAND? —

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes, also purchased more

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? —

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER GORGUS ORCHARDS Alan, Carol, Leslie, Loretta Gorgus

(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS 11313 Neal Ave. So. Hastings M N 55033

PHONE NUMBER (612) 437-3435 CITY STATE ZIP CODE

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 32 TOWNSHIP Denmark COUNTY Washington

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1883

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

NW 1/4 Sec 32 Twp 27 Range 20W

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner FREDERICK & MARTIN GORGUS	FROM 1883 - TO 1914	FATHER & UNCLE OF HENRY
next owner HENRY GORGUS	1914 - 1939	FATHER OF EMMETT & HARRY
next owner EMMETT & HARRY GORGUS	1939 - 1946	BROTHER OF HARRY HARRY, SAME PERSON
next owner HARRY GORGUS	1946 - 1982	BROTHER-IN-LAW OF LORETTA, UNCLE OF LESLIE, CAROL, AND ALAN
next owner GORGUS ORCHARDS LORETTA, LESLIE, CAROL, & ALAN GORGUS	1982 - PRESENT	

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

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(signature of present owner)

DATE June 30, 1983

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Charles Nash (April 11, 1883)

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$375

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Afton Township, Washington County, Minn.

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? -

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? At present (APPLES)

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Helmer Edward Anderson
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Route #1 Box 124 Butterfield Minnesota 56120
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 877-5957
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 10 TOWNSHIP Adrian COUNTY Watonwan ✓

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 232 ✓

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Feb. 10, 1883

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) E 1/2 NE 1/4 10-107-33

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1883	
John Johnson	TO 1914	Husband
next owner	1914	
Anna Johnson	1919	Wife and children
surviving wife and children		
next owner	1919	
Ella, Andrew, C.E.,	1934	Children
Emma, Ida, Anna Johnson		
next owner	1934	
Ella, Andrew, Emma	1938	Children
Ida, Anna Johnson	1947	Children
Ida, Anna, Emma, Andrew Johnson	1947	
next owner	1947	
Emma, Andrew Johnson	1954	Children
Andrew Johnson	1954-1964	Child
Helmer E. Anderson	1964-1983 continues to own it	Grandchild

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

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Helmer E. Anderson
(signature of present owner)

DATE July 5th 1983

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CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Patent - Feb. 10, 1883 - by Chester A. Arthur, President
USA

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? it was granted

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Malmö Rönås Skåne Sweden

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

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? Portion of the original home is still lived in

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? Remodeled around original home in 1900

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

First owners - Mr. & Mrs. John Johnson :

John Johnson and Anna Anderson of Malmö Rönås Skåne Sweden emigrated to America in the spring of 1869. They were married that same spring and lived in North Mankato. They stayed there three years, coming to Watonwan County, Adrian township, Section 10 in April of 1872. They had 2 small children at that time - Ella, 2 years and Andrew, 1 month old. They lived in a one room sod house. Six more children were born after coming to Watonwan County: Ida Carolina (Mrs. Nels Emil Anderson) the seventh child, was the mother of the present owner, Helmer E. Anderson.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Obert Blackstad
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS R.R. 2 St. James MN 56081
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 375-3810
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 12 TOWNSHIP Nelson COUNTY Watsonwan ✓

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 360 ✓

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1876 1962 ✓

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

N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 12, Township 107N, Range 32W.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	First Homestead Patent 1876	
Ole H. (Hanson) Blackstad	TO 1925	Father of Ole G.
next owner		
Ole G. Blackstad	1925 - 1962	Father of Obert
next owner		
Obert N. Blackstad	1962 - Present	
next owner		
next owner		

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

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Obert N. Blackstad
(signature of present owner)

DATE 7-11-83

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Ole G. Blackstad

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? Land was Homesteaded, not bought.

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Lom, Norway

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

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

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? About 1874

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn, Soybeans, Oats & Alfalfa
Feeder Cattle & Feeder Pigs

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

We know Ole H. (Hanson) Blackstad came to this country around 1867. He settled in presently what is Nelson Township of Watonwan County now. To our knowledge he was the first settler in Nelson township. He lived in a sod-house east of the present building site before building what we have been told is the first frame house north of St. James in Nelson township, that portion of the house is still being used. He applied for a Homestead patent from United States Government with Ulysses S. Grant, as president, issuing the Homestead Patent in 1876 and the recording was done in the Watonwan County courthouse in 1879. He used to have to travel to Mankato for supplies with a team of oxen, which is presently now 35 miles on highways.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Marlow Oredson and Ruth Beck

(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

R# 2 St. James, Mn.

56081

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 375-3966

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

6

TOWNSHIP

107

COUNTY

WATOWAN

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

240
80 acres

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

3-1-1876

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

W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ 6-107-31

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 10-7-1878	
Jens Oredson	TO 4-9-1917	Grandfather
next owner	4-9-1917	
Anton Oredson and Lydia Oredson	4-30-1940	Father
next owner	4-30-1940	
Marlow Oredson and Ruth Beck	to present	
next owner		
next owner		

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Abstract of Title (xx)

Court file in Registration Proceedings ()

Land Patent ()

County Land Record (xx)

Original Deed ()

OTHER

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

Marlow Oredson Ruth Beck
(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE July 8, 1983

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? 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? No

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1896

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Dairy herd, hogs, corn, soybeans

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

OK

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER John and Romana Posch
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS R R # 1 St. James, Minnesota CITY St. James STATE Minnesota ZIP CODE 56081

PHONE NUMBER (507) 375-4006
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 32 TOWNSHIP 106 - St. James COUNTY Watsonwan ✓

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 200

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY October 5, 1883 ✓

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

East 1/2 of the N.E. quarter of Sec. 32 - 106- 32 range

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1883 to	
Joseph Posch Sr.	TO 1895	
next owner	1895 to	
Joseph Posch Jr.	1944	Son of Joseph Posch Sr.
next owner	1944 to	
Anna Posch - Wife of Joseph Jr.	1953	Wife of Joseph Posch Jr.
next owner	1953 to	
John D. Posch	Present	Grandson of Joseph Jr.
next owner		

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

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

John & Romana Posch
(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE June 25, 1983

CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Homestead Patent from the Government

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? It was a Tree Claim

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Gruensdorf, Germany

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? They moved here from Carver County.

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? Joseph Posch Sr. helped to build the railroad into St. James and on west.

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes, a Tree Claim

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? Not the original, but the second home is still in use.

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? Around 1896.

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Reading our Great-Grandmothers account of life here it sounds as if Joseph Sr. and his family came to the United States in 1863, from Gruensdorf, Germany. They lived for a short time in Oshkosh and then on to a place in Carver County, where they lived for 5 years. Then while working to build the railroad into St. James, they moved to Sec. 32 in St. James Township, where they settled and began to farm. He was helping lay track so it seems it took him about ten years to fulfill his tree claim. This land has had a Posch member on it since 1873 with Joseph Posch Sr., then Joseph Jr., then Joseph & Anna's Son Arthur farmed for 5 years, but he died at the age of 24 and Joseph Jr. began to farm again - His death in 1944 moved the farm to his wife Anna and she in turn moved it on to their grandchildren Lucy Posch Burke and John D. Posch. John later bought his Sisters share and has been farming since 1941 and we bought the farm in 1953.

We have three Sons and a Daughter - Hopefully this Land will continue to be Owned, Farmed and LOVED by a Posch descendant.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Lenora J. Sandmeyer
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS RR 3 Box 209 St. James MN 56081
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 375-5318
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 3 TOWNSHIP St. James COUNTY WATONWAN

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 136

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY July 9, 1877

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

NW 1/4 of 3rd Section Township St. James 106
Range 32

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM July 9, 1877	
John Jodocus Sandmeier	TO 1908	Husband of Marie
next owner	1908	
Marie Sandmeier	1916	mother of Joseph
next owner	1916	
Joseph M. Sandmeyer	1944	Father of Leo
next owner	1944	
Leo Joseph Sandmeyer	1970	Husband of Lenora
next owner	1970	
Lenora J. Sandmeyer	Present	

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

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Lenora J. Sandmeyer
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 13 1983

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 138.20

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? less than \$6.00. total was \$760.00

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Sudhagen Germany

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? bought farm upon arrival from Germany

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. 2 rooms of the original house are part of the house now on the farm. also a granary

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? The present home was built approx. 1914-1915.

Two rooms of the original house were incorporated into the present house.
WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn, soybeans, beef cattle

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: we have pictures of farm place taken before 1911

John Jodocus Sandmeier brought his wife Marie and family of 3 daughters and 2 sons ages 13 to 1 yr. from Germany, another son born in Sept. 1877 on the farm. He built a nice house and barn and planted trees. It is said he broke the prairie with Oxen.

St. James, Minn.
Minnesota State Fair June 18-83
St. Paul, Minn. 55108

Jerry Hammer
Publicity Superintendent

Dear Sir

I have some pictures of
the buildings taken before 1973
before remodeling was done.

I hope we have filled
out the papers correctly.
If not please let us know.

Sincerely
Mrs. Ida Hanson
St. James R#3 Box 6
Minn.
56081

John Jodocus Sandmeier and Marie Sandmeier (husband + wife) owned the farm jointly from 1877 until John's death in 1908.

Marie Sandmeier continued ownership until her death in 1916.

Ownership then passed to Joseph Sandmeyer (son of John Jodocus and Marie). Joseph had previously changed the spelling of his last name from Sandmeier to Sandmeyer.

Leo and Lenora Sandmeyer bought the farm (jointly) from Joseph Sandmeyer in 1944. Leo died in 1970. Lenora

Sandmeyer continued ownership.

At the present time, Larry Sandmeyer (son of Leo & Lenora) operates the farm.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

William H. Hels
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

Lewisville

Minn.

56060

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 435-2722
area code

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

same

SECTION

11+13

TOWNSHIP

Antim

COUNTY

Watonwan ✓

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)

S 1/2 of S.E. 1/4 of sec. 11 and N 1/2 of N.W. 1/4 of sec. 13

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM	
<i>William Hels</i>	<i>1878</i>	
	TO	
	<i>1919</i>	<i>Father of August</i>
next owner	<i>1919</i>	
<i>August Hels</i>	<i>1951</i>	<i>Father of William H.</i>
next owner	<i>1951</i>	
<i>August Hels Estate</i>	<i>1952</i>	
next owner	<i>1952</i>	
<i>Wm H. Hels</i>	<i>1983</i>	
next owner	<i>Present</i>	

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Court file in Registration Proceedings ()

Land Patent ()

County Land Record ()

Original Deed (X)

OTHER

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Wm H. Hels

(signature of present owner)

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CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

DATE

7-5-83

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? The Saint Paul and Sioux City Rail Road Company.

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$1200 for the whole 160 acres

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? 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 buildings when purchased

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1898

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Harold J.. Wolle, Sr.
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Rt. # 1 Box 217 Madelia MN 56062
CITY STATE ZIP CODE
PHONE NUMBER (507) 435 4652
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE same

SECTION 25 TOWNSHIP Fieldon COUNTY Watsonwan ✓

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 400 ✓

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1883 ✓

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

W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec 25 T 106 R 30

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>first owner</u> Anna P. Mutsch	FROM 1883 TO 1928	Mother of John Mutsch
<u>next owner</u> John S. Mutsch	1928 1944	Father of Augusta Wolle
<u>next owner</u> Augusta P. Wolle	1944 1958	Mother of Harold Wolle
<u>next owner</u> Harold J. Wolle, Sr.	1958 Present time	
<u>next owner</u>		

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

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Harold J. Wolle
(signature of present owner)

DATE July 6, 1983

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$7.19

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? _____

barrel maker

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? 1959

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Charles & Linda Steiner
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

RR2 Foxhome Mn 56543

PHONE NUMBER

(218) 736-6262
area code CITY STATE ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

Same

SECTION

4

TOWNSHIP

Andrea

COUNTY

Wilkin

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

April 18, 1883

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

SE 1/4 Sec 4
133 - 45

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM TO	
Jacob Steiner	1883 1928	Father of Charles
next owner	1928	
Charles Steiner	1954	Father of Daryl
next owner	1954	
Daryl C. Steiner	1975	Father of Charles
next owner	June 1975	
Charles L. Steiner	present	
next owner		

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Land Patent ()

County Land Record ()

Original Deed (X)

OTHER

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Charles Steiner
(signature of present owner)

DATE

July 13, 1983

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ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Reich Homestead

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? not known

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Switzerland

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? not known

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

Wagon builder

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? Sugar beets, wheat, barley, soybeans

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

+ Sun Dower

The Children of Charles & Linda Steiner are the 5th generation to live on this farm and in the same house.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

William J. Michaelis
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

Rt. 1, Box 69, Rollingstone, MN. 55969

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 523-3212
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

Same

SECTION

27-34

TOWNSHIP

Norton

COUNTY

Winona ✓

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

12-9-55 (1852)

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

(SW 1/4) of the (SW 1/4) Sec 27 (W 1/4) of (SE 1/4) of the (SW 1/4) Sec 27 and (E 1/2) of (NW 1/4) of Sec 34 and (SW 1/4) of the (NE 1/4) Sec 34 and (S 1/4) of the (NW 1/4) of (NE 1/4) of Sec 34 all in T107 N8 Range 9

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM	
	TO	
next owner		
<u>Wilhelm Mueller</u>	<u>1852</u> <u>1878</u>	<u>Father of John</u>
next owner		
<u>John Mueller</u>	<u>1878</u> <u>1910</u>	<u>Father of Pauline</u>
next owner		
<u>Wm + Pauline Michaelis</u>	<u>1910</u> <u>1955</u>	<u>Father of Wm J.</u>
next owner		
<u>William J. Michaelis</u>	<u>1955</u> <u>Present</u>	<u>SON</u>

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Land Patent ()

County Land Record ()

Original Deed ☒

OTHER _____

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Wm J. Michaelis
(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE

7-12-83

CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? From my Dad + Mother

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? over 500

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? Don't know

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Don't know

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? 1895

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

La Verne Thill
(this name will appear on certificate)

OK

ADDRESS

Route 1 Box 26 Winona MN 55987

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 454-1361
area code

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

Same

SECTION

8

TOWNSHIP 106-7 (Wilson)

COUNTY

Winona ✓

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

180 ✓

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

10/14/1880 ✓

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

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner		
Peter Thill	FROM 10/14/1880 TO 2/24/1926	Father of Louis
next owner		
Louis Thill	From- 2/24/1926 To- 7/26/1974	Father of LaVerne
next owner		
LaVerne Thill	From 7/26/1974 To- Present	
next owner		
next owner		

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Land Patent ()

County Land Record (X)

Original Deed ()

OTHER _____

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La Verne Thill

(signature of present owner)

DATE

July 5, 1983

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ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? T. B. Benedict

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? ~~780~~ 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? 160 acres at \$7,000.00

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Luxembourg

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Peter owned & farmed about one mile away then sold to Mike Koenig before moving to this farm

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes - For all three Thill owners

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? 1949

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Dairy - Corn - Alfalfa
Oats

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Donald E. Warnken ✓
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS RR.#2 Box 202 Winona Minn 55987

PHONE NUMBER (507) 454-1336 CITY STATE ZIP CODE
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 36 TOWNSHIP Warren COUNTY Winona ✓

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 200 ✓

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1872 ✓

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

E 1/2 SE 1/4 & NW 1/4 SE 1/4

Township 106 Range 8 Sec 36

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM TO	
<u>Theodore Warnken</u>	<u>1872</u> <u>1910</u>	<u>Father of Frederick</u>
next owner		
<u>Frederick Warnken</u>	<u>1910</u> <u>1935</u>	<u>Father of Donald L.F.</u>
next owner		
<u>Donald L.F. Warnken</u>	<u>1935</u> <u>1974</u>	<u>Father of Donald E.</u>
next owner		
<u>Donald E. Warnken</u>	<u>1974</u> <u>Present</u>	
next owner		

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Original Deed (X) OTHER _____

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Donald E. Warnken
(signature of present owner)

DATE 5-24-83

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Brian Dunlap

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 200

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? _____

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? _____

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

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? _____

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Thomas R Corbin
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS 7624 Odean AVE NE ELK RIVER MINN 55330
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (612) 441-2009
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 28 TOWNSHIP OTSEGO COUNTY WRIGHT ✓

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 143 ✓

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1870 ✓

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

NE 1/4 of Sec. 28 NW 1/4 of Sec. 27

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>first owner</u>	FROM 1870	
<u>Peter Dehen</u>	TO 1898	Husband
<u>next owner</u>	1898	
<u>Theresia Dehen</u>	1912	MOTHER
<u>next owner</u>	1912	
<u>David Dehen</u>	1945	FATHER
<u>next owner</u>	1945	
<u>Robert Dehen</u>	1965	UNCLE
<u>next owner</u>	1965 -	
<u>Thomas Corbin</u>	Present	

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Thomas R Corbin
(signature of present owner)

DATE 6/25/83

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? A. N. CHASE & CHARLOTTE CHASE

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 100

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? _____

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Cologne, Germany 1838

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? late 1800's

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

The first barn was built from logs
cleared off this land.

Grandma "David" Dehen is still
living - 92 years old but unfortunately
doesn't remember much.

We are proud to have the farm in the
family for so long but with the metro
area "moving in" farming in this
area may soon be a thing of the
past.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Kenneth ~~Robeck~~ and Barbara Fehn
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

Rt. 1 - Box 26 St. Michael, Minn. 55376

PHONE NUMBER

(612) 497-2744
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

4

TOWNSHIP

Frankfort

COUNTY

Wright ✓

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

200 acres ✓

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

June 27, 1878 ✓

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

E 1/2 of SW 1/4 04-120-24

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Joseph Robeck</u> first owner	<u>1878 - 1880</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Joseph Robeck Jr.</u> next owner	FROM <u>1880</u> TO <u>1887</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Mathias Robeck</u> next owner	<u>1887</u> <u>1934</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Mathew Robeck</u> next owner	<u>1934</u> <u>1961</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>John Robeck</u> next owner	<u>1961</u> <u>1964</u>	<u>Brother-in-law</u>
<u>Kenneth Fehn</u> next owner	<u>1964 to</u> <u>Present</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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Kenneth Fehn + Barbara Robeck
(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE

June 25, 1983

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 Wallace M. and Cleo Anderson OK
(this name will appear on certificate)
ADDRESS RR 1 Box 122 Granite Falls, Minn. 56241
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (612) 564-3198
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____

SECTION 21 TOWNSHIP Stony Run COUNTY Yellow Medicine

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160 ✓

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY March 1, 1877 ✓

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) South east quarter
of section 21, in township one hundred fifteen North, Range
forty, west of the Fifth P.M. and cont. 160 acres

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM	
<u>Gustav and Mary Anderson</u>	<u>March 1, 1877</u>	
	TO <u>June 7, 1918</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner	<u>June 7, 1918</u>	
<u>Selmer G. and Mabel Anderson</u>	<u>Dec. 5, 1955</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner	<u>Dec. 5, 1955</u>	
<u>Wallace M. and Cleo Anderson</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>1</u>
next owner		
next owner		

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

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

(signature of present owner)

DATE April 1983

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? U. S. Government land office
U. S. Grant, President.
HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160 acres
WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$200 for 160 acres = \$1.25 per acre
WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Oslo Norway May 1848
WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Dane County Wisconsin until age 24
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? no
WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1941
WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? beans, corn, wheat

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

We are very proud to be the third generation of Andersons on this farm. We have 2 sons, they are both doctors of Chiropractic. Our 21 yr. old daughter is in Chiropractic school to become a Dr. No Andersons after us will be farming here unless a Grandson in years to come.

The Abstract of title shows Jens C Lyse spelled his name 'Lyse' until he sold the farm to Martin Lecy. ¹⁹¹⁷ Then and thereafter he spelled it Jens C Lecy

1928 MEN WHO HAVE HELPED MAKE MINNESOTA

Buried - Hillcrest Cemetery - Granite
 Gustav - 1848-1931 - 83 years
 Maran - 1851-1927 - 76 years

Gustav Anderson, pioneer farmer of Stony Run township, was born near Christiania, now called Oslo, Norway in May, 1848. When six years old he came with his parents to America and settled in Dane County, Wisconsin.

Here the boy grew to manhood, trying his hand at various things, blacksmithing for a while, then farming.

When the Civil War broke out he was scarcely fourteen. And even after the great number of years that have passed since those days, he can yet vividly recall how eager he was to go, and how thrilled he was at the sight of those who could go. Two of his older brothers went and how he envied them! One of them came back, but the other made the supreme sacrifice, and gave his life for his country.

Mr. Anderson lived in Wisconsin for 18 years. Then he was married to Miss Mary Matson, and the day after their wedding, they set out for Minnesota, "where they could get free land." As Minnesota at that time was more or less a virgin state, and the thrilling and awful stories of Indian outbreaks and massacres were yet fresh in the memory of all, even to those in the older states, it took people of great courage, fearlessness and faith to venture into what might be extreme perils and dangers.

But no doubt, Mr. Anderson and his wife in their new happiness, had the courage and faith in the undertaking that any one would have had just "going alone", or not on a honeymoon trip. But even at that, it took a lot to keep that courage intact, after a trip of seven weeks in a bumpy covered wagon, partly through sloughs, swamps, and narrow trails, fording rivers, etc.

After they were well into Minnesota they kept a sharp lookout for the place that would be suitable for a home. They finally arrived in Stony Run township then boasting of only a few families along the river, and decided that the prairie there looked good to them and there they set up camp.

He took a quarter of land on pre-emption, paying therefore \$200.00, just about the exact amount he had.

For a time they lived in the covered wagon, while he set about making something ready to live in. He did not like the idea of living in a dugout; as there was no timber on his land, he bargained for a few acres near the river, about 3 or 4 miles, which was covered with good timber, and with the help of another man, split a lot of the trees lengthwise and built a good log house, which was so aristocratic that if even had a second story, with sod roof. Later this was shingled.

Busy with getting the house ready, he had chance to break up only 8 acres of his land. He had a real time getting it ready for planting. With no implements to speak of, the neighbors of course helped one another as far as they could, but the harrowing for instance was done by pulling a heavy tree over the ground. He raised 80 bushels on the 8 acres.

So to get some money to tide them over the winter, he took his team and went down near New Ulm in the fall, and worked about six weeks. His wife stayed with a neighbor while he was away.

The second year he sold his horses and got a yoke of oxen, as they were stronger to use in breaking and cheaper to feed. He broke more land, but had the misfortune to be laid up that year--about six weeks with rheumatism. This was a set back, but he went to work again with renewed courage.

Having a chance to go threshing with a threshing outfit, he made arrangements with his father in Wisconsin to send out a span of horses with Dave Maltrude who was driving out. He worked that way a couple of years, then got hold of of his own and threshed by horse power for a number of years until steam power came into use.

Having that fine log house to live in they were more fortunate than many who had only dugouts. But at that, they had many privations to undergo during the first years.

One day of one of the first winters Mr. Anderson went over to their neighbor Maltrude for something, and one of those sudden, dense blizzards came up. It was impossible to venture

out in it so he was compelled to stay there two days and nights, worrying every minute about his wife and baby at home alone.

At the first let-up he started for home and to his great relief found everything alright. His wife had had courage enough to grope her way to the barn and feed the stock. He had dug the well inside the barn, as a precaution for just such a storm so it was not difficult after she got to the barn, but it might have been so easy for her to have gone astray in that fearful blizzard even the little distance she had to go.

After this storm the snow was so deep in places that houses were completely snowed under.

At another time he and a young man who stayed with him for a time, also another man who had been a sailor in Norway, were caught in a swirling blizzard when out with teams to get fuel from the timber piece. They struggled along, and of course lost their way. The snow fine as powder, almost choked them, and even the horses had a hard time to breathe. Finally the boy gasped, "We might as well give up we can't get any where in this". But the sailor had more spunk, "Oh no," he said, I've sailed the deep seas many a time in storms as bad or worse than this, with no land in sight, and arrived home safely, why should we give up now, when we are on firm land?" And so they kept on, finally coming to some landmark they knew and came home safely.

But there is one incident of those early days that stands out distinctly in Mr. Anderson's memory a happening that almost killed his courage to keep on. He had a good crop in that year and the fields were almost ripe, and the grain stood thick and high. They expected to get at least 30, and perhaps more bushels to the acre. He had gone to Benson one day to get a self binder, a great machind at that time, and came happily homward. When he came close to his place so he could see the fields, he was alarmed at seeing a wide black swath through the field where the grain had looked so fine when he left. Grasshoppers ". They had laid waste his beautiful field and his hard work had been done for nothing--he said he never had had a sick feeling of any kind as terrible as the one he experienced when that awful sight met his gaze. He did get about 80 bushels out of it all.

Having a team, he did a lot of grain hauling for his neighbors, mostly to Benson. He recalled a place about half way there, where a man lived who kept a sort of 'half way house'--where it was necessary to stop when going in with a load. Here you could get hot coffee with your lunch, hay for the horses and over night lodging for 25 cents ". He had a large straw shed room for 50 or 60 teams. Mr. Anderson said they were the kindest people he had ever known, and they surely could not have been in that business for what they could make.

At Benson they were busy at grain hauling time. One time he remembered he had to wait from early morning until sundown before he could get his chance to unload.

The hard years passed and times were more prosperous, and heprospered also. He increased his land holdings until he owned an entire section, built better buildings, and from the small beginning made for themselves a splendid home, helped develop and build up the county and community, and occupied a place high in the respect and esteem of all. He was on the town board nearly all of the time he was on the farm. They were faithful members of the Bergen Church, from the time it was almost nothing but a thin frame building with planks for seats.

In spite of handicaps, they had many pleasant times together. They had sociables and gatherings in their small homes and thoroughly enjoyed them. Everyone was friendly--there were no "rich and poor" in such settlements, all started equal and all worked together--a wonderful beginning for the great undertaking they had before them of turning into civilization the virgin wilderness of this great and wonderful state. They laid the splendid foundation for all the wonderful advantages we enjoy today.

They raised a family of nine children, giving them such advantages as they had missed in their young years. One of the sons, Henry, who was a cashier in a bank in North Dakota, died about seven years ago. The other eight children are living. They are P. G. Anderson, who is a banker in Westby, Montana, Alfred of Fortuna, N. Dak. James of Lucky La,e, Sask, Mrs. Feroe, wife of Prof. Feroe of Madison, Joseph of near Hazel Run, Minnie, who is now at home but who is a registered nurse and who has been staying in Minneapolis, Gilbert and Selmer who are on the home farm. Of the section they have all but 80 acres, this Mr. Anderson has reserved for a "rainy day". They came to Granite to live in 1915.

His wife, the courageous and noble woman who shared every day of his life with him since he came to Minnesota, and to whose patience, loyalty and encouragement he owes much of his success, passed away last April, and the contented companionship of their declining days was severed. It is possible he will go back on the farm with the boys there, to live over again in memory the years which held, not only the hardship and privations of pioneer life, but also held the happiest hours of their lives. They were big worth while days too--because the things they achieved were big--they were the Builders of Minnesota."

9 Children

Peter - 1873 - 1966 - 93 yrs.
 Joseph - 1895 - 1962 - 67 yrs.
 Demasena (A.K. Faxon) - 1877 - 1958 - 81 yrs.
 Gilbert - 1879 - 1965 - 86 yrs.
 James - 1881 - 1980 - 99 yrs.
 Alfred - 1884 - 1982 - 98 yrs.
 Henry - 1886 - 1921 - 35 yrs.
 Minnie (Henry Amundsen) - 1889 -
 Selmer - 1891

Gustav Anderson was one of the men that started the Stony Run Light and Power, the first electricity to rural people, started in Stony Run in the Nation. His son Selmer was later a member of the Company, at which time they decided to sell out to R.E. A when that company was formed.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Mr. & Mrs. Tilfred Bue
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Rt #1 Box 18 Clarkfield Mn. 56223
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (612) 669-4686
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____

SECTION 28 & 33 TOWNSHIP Lisbon COUNTY Yellow Medicine

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1883

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) West half of S.E. quarter of section 28 and W. half of N.E. quarter of section 33.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1883	
<u>Andrew Larson Droen</u>	TO 1928	<u>Father of Andrew</u>
next owner	1928	
<u>Andrew Droen</u>	1955	<u>Brother of Susanna</u>
next owner	1957	
<u>Susanna Droen</u>	1960	<u>Aunt of Tilfred</u>
next owner	1960	
<u>Tilfred Bue</u>	Present	
next owner		

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

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Tilfred Bue, Eunice B. Bue
(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE 2-25-83

CENTURY FARMS
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? Iowa

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? Previous to farming he worked on the railroad in Iowa.

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? Approximately 1890

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Andrew Larson Dreen was born in Norway in 1842. He was adopted by people who lived in Dreen, Norway & thus the name was added even though it appears as only Andrew Larson on the Land Patent. He first came to Ridgway, Iowa. He had first been a fisherman in Norway - then worked on the railroad in Iowa. The trip to Minnesota was made by covered wagon and took weeks. While working with the railroad he became a hero when in a blizzard the train became snow bound and he walked 20 miles to get help for the people stranded on the train without food. Later the passengers rewarded him with a gift of \$95.00.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER GREG & ANNE ISAACKSON
(this name will appear on certificate) OK

ADDRESS RR 2, Box 38 COTTONWOOD, MINNESOTA. 56229
CITY STATE ZIP CODE
PHONE NUMBER (507) 423-5273
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____

SECTION 32 TOWNSHIP 114 (SANDNES) COUNTY YELLOW MEDICINE

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 80 ACRES ✓

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY MARCH 27, 1883 ✓

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

HALF OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (S 1/2 OF SE 1/4) OF SECTION THIRTY-TWO (32)
IN TOWNSHIP ONE HUNDRED FOURTEEN (114) NORTH OF RANGE FORTY (40) WEST

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>CARL G. ISAACKSON</u>	FROM <u>MARCH 27, 1883</u> TO <u>APRIL 19, 1926</u>	<u>FATHER</u> ✓
next owner <u>CARL ISAACKSON</u>	FROM <u>APRIL 19, 1926</u> TO <u>MARCH 26, 1976</u>	<u>GREAT UNCLE</u>
next owner <u>GREGORY J. AND ANNE E. ISAACKSON</u>	FROM <u>MARCH 26, 1976</u> TO <u>PRESENT</u>	
next owner		
next owner		

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(signature of present owner)

DATE MAY 9, 1983

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CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? CARL G. ISAACKSON PURCHASED FARM FROM JOHN OLSON
IN 1883.

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 120 ACRES

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

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? CARL GUSTAV ISAACKSON BORN WASHULT, SWEDEN

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? WORKED ON OLE HATLESTAD FARM
(DERYNCK FARM) SOUTH OF COTTONWOOD

DID HE FARM THE LAND? WORKED AS A HIRED MAN

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? YES, IN 1874.

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? ORIGINAL PART BUILT IN 1883, WITH SEVERAL LATER
ADDITIONS

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

WP OK

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Merle M. Lecy
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Echo CITY Minn STATE 56237 ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 925-4447
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 4 TOWNSHIP Sioux Agency - Township 114 - range 38 COUNTY Yell. Med. ✓

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160 ✓

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY November 21, 1882 ✓

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

S 1/2 of NE 1/4 and N 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 1882	
Jens C. Lyse	TO 1917	Father of Martin
next owner	From 1917	
Martin Lecy	to 1973	Father of Merle
next owner	From 1973	
Merle M. Lecy	to present	
next owner		
next owner		

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

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Merle M. Lecy
(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

DATE 7-7-83

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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 A. ORAL ORAAS
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS 1209 15th St. Clarkfield Minn 56223
CITY STATE ZIP CODE
PHONE NUMBER (612) 669 7181
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Normania Twp., Yellow Medicine County, Mn

SECTION 17 TOWNSHIP 114 North COUNTY Yellow Medicine

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 80

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY July 20, 1872

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

West Half of Northeast Quarter (W $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{2}$) Sec. 17, Twp. 114 North, Range 41 West

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner Andrew Olson	FROM July 20, 1872 TO 1888	Father
next owner Got deed from Olson Estate 5-9-89 Aslak A. Oraas	May 9, 1889 January 3, 1931	Father
next owner Julia Oraas, Grace, A. Oral, Marvin, Walter S., Telford V. & Ernest W. Oraas	Jan. 3, 1931 MMM Oct. 28, 1956	Mother & brothers & sister
next owner A. Oral Oraas, Grace Oraas Bakken, Walter S. Oraas, Telford V. Oraas, Ernest W. Oraas	Oct. 28, 1956 March 29, 1961	• Sisters and brothers *
next owner A. Oral Oraas (Got deed from sister and brothers)	March 29, 1961	Present owner

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Land Patent () County Land Record () * Probate of mother's undivided interest
Original Deed () OTHER _____

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A. Oral Oraas.
(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE July 11, 1983

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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

Harvey G. Swenson
(this name will appear on certificate)

OK

ADDRESS

RR 4 Box 29

Canby

MN

56220

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 223-5950

area code

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SAME

SECTION

12

TOWNSHIP

Oshkosh

COUNTY

Yellow Medicine

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1883

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

NW 1/4 of Section 12 - Township 115 N - Range 44 W

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM July 31, 1883	
Peter Swenson (Swanson)	TO December 11, 1895	Father of Franz
next owner	December 11, 1895	
Franz R. Swanson (Swenson)	MAY 1, 1961	Father of 7 Alvin, Ethel, Doris, Gladys, Evered, Ardel, Raymond
next owner	MAY 1, 1961	
Alvin, Ethel, Doris, Gladys, Ardel, Evered, Raymond (Swenson)	August 25, 1962	Brothers + Sisters of Ardel
next owner	August 25, 1962	
Ardel Swenson	Dec. 20, 1973	Uncle to Harvey
next owner	Dec. 20, 1973	
Harvey G. Swenson	to Present	

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

Abstract of Title (x)

Court file in Registration Proceedings ()

Land Patent (x)

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.

Harvey G. Swenson
(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE

July 10, 1982

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?

Homestead Act 1862 - Colonization Office of Granite Falls

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL?

160 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE?

deed granted for five years residence and \$10.

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN?

Benga Parish, Kronobergs län, Småland Sweden

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM?

Mankato, MN.

DID HE FARM THE LAND?

yes

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

bricklayer -

to secure passage for rest of family

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?

1916-1917

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS?

Corn, wheat, soybeans

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

A second quarter was obtained at the time by planting 40 acres of trees. (Trees become building site). Land located through acquaintance Johan Gustafson. Homestead claimed in 1876 - family moved in July of 1878, living in sod house for four years (parents and 7 children).

In 1961 Alvin (grandson of Peter Swenson) purchased 80 acres (W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 1) from estate, still owned by his wife Frieda - operated by Harvey Swenson & brother Roger (great-grandsons of Peter).