



## Century Farm Applications

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THEODORE B. MORITZ  
9518 205TH AVENUE  
ELK RIVER, MINN.  
55330

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER THEODORE MORITZ  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS 9518 205<sup>th</sup> ave NW Elk River, Minn 55330  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (612) 441-1327  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE same

SECTION 18 and 19 TOWNSHIP Burns COUNTY Anoka

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 150

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1883

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

NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 Sec 19 and W 1/2 of SW 1/4 Sec 18 Twp 33 Range 25

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1883	
<u>August Moritz</u>	TO 1905	<u>Father of Berthold</u>
next owner	1905	
<u>Berthold Moritz</u>	1913	<u>Father of August and Theodore</u>
next owner <u>Olga Moritz widow life estate</u>	1913	
<u>August Moritz and Theodore Moritz</u>	1931	<u>Brother of August</u>
next owner	1931	
<u>Theodore Moritz</u>	Present	
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.

Theodore Moritz  
(signature of present owner)

DATE

June 2 1984

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CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? George Malkson and Ellen A. Malkson his wife

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 155 acres

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

WHERE WAS THE FIRST <sup>and second owner</sup> FAMILY OWNER BORN? in Germany

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Came from Germany in 1881 farmed 2 years in South Dakota then moved to Minnesota

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1939

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: I was born on this farm Sept 24, 1909 my entire life has been on this farm. I learned to milk cows when I was 6 years old. I am still milking cows today.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Mrs Edward L. Hanson  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS 113 E FRIZZEE ST Detroit Lakes Minnesota 56501  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
PHONE NUMBER (Farm) 439-6379 - City Phone 847-6213  
area code  
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE same  
SECTION 17 TOWNSHIP Richwood (140) COUNTY Becker (14)  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1876

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) just do not understand this. Got two large sheets at Court house. July 12 - 1984

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP <u>just do not know</u>		
NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>first owner</u> <u>A. C. Kundson</u>	FROM <u>TO L. C. Hanson &amp; Wife</u>	
<u>next owner</u> <u>Julia J. Menerson</u>	<u>1876</u> <u>L. C. Hanson</u>	
<u>next owner</u> <u>Lars Christian Hanson</u>	<u>1918</u> <u>Edw L. Hanson, son</u>	
<u>next owner</u> <u>Edward L. Hanson</u>	<u>66 years</u>	
<u>next owner</u> <u>Mrs Edw L. Hanson</u>	<u>Wife 63</u>	<u>Wife</u>

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

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Mrs Edw L. Hanson  
(signature of present owner)

DATE July 12, 1984

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

*Just not*

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? A.C. Knudson  
HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? One Hundred forty One  
WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? Twenty Two Dollar per acre  
WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Denmark  
WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Alden Minn  
DID HE FARM THE LAND? He worked in a Flour Mill down there  
DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? No

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Don't really know  
IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? House, Granary, Shop, Outside Toilet  
WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? In Eighteen Seventy Six  
WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Barley, Wheat, Flax  
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: We did have hay and corn.

Well I tried to get as much information as I could. But the only one listed is on the other side. First two names but not relatives well I don't think I qualify. But thought it would be interesting to look into it. wish I had started sooner.

By  
Thanks a lot for the help  
wish I could attend the Fair

Mrs Edw L. Hanson. I am  
still living on the Farm. But have  
an apt in D.L. So I can get to Church  
Our 3rd son runs the place & lives 2 miles  
west of me.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

1984

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER H. RUSSELL LARSON  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS LAKE PARK MINN 56554  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
PHONE NUMBER ( 218 ) 238-5896  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 29 and 32 TOWNSHIP Cuba COUNTY Becker ✓

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 228 ✓

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1878 ✓

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

Lots 2,3,84 and SE¼ - SE¼ Section 29-140-43

N½ of NE¼ Section 32-140-43

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1878	
Lars Larson	TO 1922	father of Henry
next owner	1922	
Henry Larson	1952	Father of Russell
next owner	1952	
H. Russell Larson		
next owner		
next owner		

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Original Deed (X) OTHER

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

H. Russell Larson  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 7-15-83

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Charlemagne Tower

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? All of Lot 2

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

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Cuba Township

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

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

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? NO

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1901

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Jerome and Marie Pietila  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS R2 Box 133 Menahga MN 56464  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
PHONE NUMBER ( 218 ) 538-6588  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE SAME

SECTION 32 TOWNSHIP Green Valley COUNTY Becker

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 320 Acres

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1884

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

SW $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE $\frac{1}{2}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$

Township 139 Range 36

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner Matti Pietila	FROM 1884- TO 1943	Father of Emil
next owner Emil and Helen Pietila	1943- 1979	Father of Jerome
next owner Jerome and Marie Pietila	1979- Present	
next owner		
next owner		

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Land Patent (X) County Land Record ( )  
Original Deed ( ) OTHER HOMESTEAD PROOF (Received from National Archives, Suitland, MD)

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

Jerome A. Pietila  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 4-13-1984

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? This was a Homestead

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? Live on the land and make improvements for 5 years.

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? MATKANEVAN KYLASSA OULAISTAN PITAJASSA, OULUN LAANISSA, FINLAND

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Worked in Lumber Camps & on the Railroad

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

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

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? 1908

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Dairy, oats, sunflowers, alfalfa

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

A History Pamphlet is being made of the Pietila Family. If you would like a copy when it is finished, we can send you one.

We are having a Century Farm Celebration for all the descendents of Matti and Anna Pietila on September 1 & 2, 1984.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER VAL SEABERG  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Rt. 3, Box 24-B, Detroit Lakes MN. 56501

CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER ( 218 ) 847-4174  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 36 TOWNSHIP HAMDEN COUNTY BECKER

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160 ✓

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1879 ✓

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) N $\frac{1}{2}$  of N $\frac{1}{2}$

Township 140 Range 42

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1879	
<u>OLAF &amp; Anna SHOBERG</u>	TO 1925	<u>Father of Herman</u>
next owner	1925 to	
<u>HERMAN SEABERG</u>	1932	<u>Husband of Mettie</u>
next owner	1932 to	
<u>METTIE SEABERG</u>	1961	<u>Grandmother of Val</u>
next owner	1961 to	
<u>VAL D. SEABERG</u>	Present	
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.

Val Seaberg

(signature of present owner)

DATE June 19, 1984

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? State of Minnesota

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 40 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? Approximately \$3.00 per acre

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Varmland Sweden Nov. 10, 1847

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Becker County, Richwood Twp. Sec. 31 NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW  $\frac{1}{4}$

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

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

Carpenter

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? 1908

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Hay, Wheat & Barley

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Shoberg was the way that the name was written when they came from Sweden. It was later changed to Seaberg.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

GERHARD THUNE  
Box 79  
Audubon, Minnesota

OK

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Rt. 1, Box 79 Audubon MINN. 56511  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (218) 238-5590  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 36 & 25 TOWNSHIP Luba COUNTY Becker

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 200

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1874

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, <sup>1984</sup> tax statement) 91 1/2 NE 1/4

NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 and SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 - Section 36 - 160 acres  
SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 - Section 25 - 40 acres - This 40 acres  
was purchased by my dad in 1898 so would not qualify

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP for the award.

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Lars Thune</u> first owner	FROM	
<u>Lars Thune</u> next owner	TO <u>1874 - to approx 1900</u>	
<u>Gerhard Thune</u> next owner	<u>1900-1943</u>	<u>Son</u>
<u>Gerhard Thune</u> next owner	<u>1943-1984</u>	<u>Son</u>
<u>Please note - My grandfather purchased (160 acres) this land in 1874 - this was designated as school land &amp; has never been owned by anyone else.</u>		

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Gerhard Thune  
(signature of present owner)

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DATE 5-10-84

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The 160 acres has been in same ownership since 1874

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? This was school land

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? Have no knowledge

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Norway

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes (Nicollet & Goodhue Counties)

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? no.

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? about 1895

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

My grandfather came to this country in 1864 from ~~Aal~~ Aal, Hallingdal, Norway. Spent 7 weeks on the ocean in a sailboat. Settled in Goodhue County (Southern Minn.) for 5 yrs - then moved to Nicollet County for 5 yrs before coming here in 1874. My grandfather was born 1826 and died 1917. One small child died during the ocean voyage and was buried on an island in the Atlantic Ocean.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Kenneth F. DuHamel & Barbara J. DuHamel  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Route #5, Box 241 Foley Minn. 56329  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER ( 612 ) 968-7320  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 8 TOWNSHIP Maywood COUNTY Benton

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 121 ✓

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1875 ✓

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) N ½ of N W ¼

S E ¼ of N W ¼ S W ¼ of N E ¼ Section 8 Township 37 North Range 28 West

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>first owner</u> Flavel DuHamel	FROM 1875 TO 1883	Father of Flavel Jr.
<u>next owner</u> Flavel Jr. DuHamel	1883-1914	Father of Joseph
<u>next owner</u> Joseph DuHamel	1914 1972	Husband of Catherine Father of Kenneth F.
<u>next owner</u> Catherine DuHamel	1972-1976	Mother of Kenneth
<u>next owner</u> Kenneth & Barbara DuHamel	1976-present	

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Kenneth F. DuHamel  
(signature of present owner)

DATE April 3 1984

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ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Catherine DuHamel

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80 Acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? Homestead

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

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? 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? 1917

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Beef cattle & Hay

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

1984

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER LOUIS T. ELWELL HELEN M. ELWELL  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS OAK PARK CITY MINNESOTA STATE 56357 ZIP CODE  
PHONE NUMBER (612) 387-3213 area code

OK

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 33 TOWNSHIP 38 COUNTY BENTON

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 200

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1862

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) East half of  
southwest quarter (E 1/2 SW 1/4) section 33 Township 38 north Range 28  
(28) west of 700th principal meridian

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>George W ELWELL</u>	FROM <u>April 20 1862</u> <u>2nd government</u> TO <u>June 4 1909</u>	<u>Grand father</u>
next owner <u>Catherine Elwell</u>	<u>June 4, 1909</u>	<u>Grand mother</u>
next owner <u>Louis A ELWELL</u>	<u>Aug 2, 1944</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner <u>Mrs Louis A. Elwell</u>	<u>May 1970</u>	<u>Mother</u>
next owner <u>LOUIS T. ELWELL</u> <u>Helen M ELWELL</u>	<u>27 April 1982</u>	

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Louis T. Elwell  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 14 July 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 Melvin G. Bartsch & Bonita B. Bartsch  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS RR#1 Box 156 Good Thunder MN 56037  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 278-3154  
area code

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

SECTION 23 TOWNSHIP Rapidan COUNTY Blue Earth (OK)

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY July 22, 1884

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) The NW 1/4  
of Section 23-107-27, containing 160 acres of land  
be the same more or less.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Gottlieb Bartsch</u>	FROM <u>July 22, 1884</u> TO <u>July 9, 1932</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner <u>Reinhold R. Bartsch</u>	<u>July 9, 1932</u> <u>April 15, 1969</u>	<u>Son</u>
next owner <u>Husband &amp; Wife Bonita B. Bartsch</u> <u>Melvin G. Bartsch</u>	<u>April 15, 1969</u> <u>till Present</u>	<u>Nephew</u>
next owner		
next owner		

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Melvin G. Bartsch & Bonita B. Bartsch  
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 7, 1984

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ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Frances P. Hopkins

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$ 17.03

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? Ran a brick  
factory on his farm in Germany.

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? No

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1900

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn, Beans, Red Angus  
Beef Cattle

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Lucille A. FitzSimmons  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS R. 2, Box 80 Good Thunder Minnesota 56037  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507 ) 278-3575  
area code

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

SECTION Sec. 1 TOWNSHIP Lyra COUNTY Blue Earth

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY July 1, 1874

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) The North East  
quarter of Section One (1) . Township One Hundred and Six (106) . Range Twenty-Seven  
(27), 160 acres

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Christopher FitzSimmons</u> first owner	FROM 1874- TO 1901	Father of Michael FitzSimmons
<u>Michael FitzSimmons</u> next owner	1901- 1935	Father of Earl C. FitzSimmons and father-in-law of Lucille A. FitzSimmons
<u>Earl C. FitzSimmons</u> next owner	1935- 1939 b	Spouse of Lucille A. FitzSimmons
<u>Earl C. and Lucille A. FitzSimmons</u> next owner	1939- 1980	(Earl C. Deceased, 1980)
<u>Lucille A. FitzSimmons</u> next owner	1980- Present	

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Lucille A. FitzSimmons  
(signature of present owner)

DATE May 30, 1984

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ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Gilman Currier and Sarah E. Currier, his wife

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$12.50 per acre

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Dublin, Ireland

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

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? The woodshed

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1936

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Within a mile radius of this farm, there are five other FitzSimmons family homes, all descendants of Christopher FitzSimmons. In this county (blue Earth) alone, seventy direct descendants of Christopher FitzSimmons live and work.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

LYLE HOHENSTEIN  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

VERNON CENTER, MINN 56090

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 549-3048  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

no

SECTION

30

TOWNSHIP

VERNON CENTER

COUNTY

BLUE EARTH

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

80

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

S $\frac{1}{2}$  NE-30-106-28

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Albert Hohenstein</u>	FROM <u>1874 approx</u> TO <u>Dec 2 1918</u>	
next owner <u>Edwin J Hohenstein</u>	<u>1918</u> to <u>1949</u>	<u>Son of Albert</u>
next owner <u>to Edwin J Hohenstein</u> <u>&amp; wife Verona N Hohenstein</u>	<u>Dec 1918</u> to <u>Nov 1949</u>	<u>Husband &amp; wife</u> <u>wife of Edwin</u>
next owner <u>Verona N Hohenstein</u>	<u>1949</u> <u>1981</u>	<u>Wife</u> <u>of Edwin</u>
next owner <u>Lyle Hohenstein</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>Son of Verona</u> <u>Son</u>

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OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Lyle Hohenstein  
(signature of present owner)

DATE

July 13, 1984

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

MELVIN E URBAN  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

LESIVILLE, Box 36 MINNESOTA 56060  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(435) 2681  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

VERNON, CENTER, MINNESOTA 56090

SECTION

4

TOWNSHIP

PLEASANT MOUND

COUNTY

BLUE EARTH

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

137.130

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1880

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

NW4 EXC COMM NE COR T16N S534' W1715' N534'  
TO BEG 004 105 29 137.130 A

[WE SOLD Building right to GARRY URBAN]  
SON OF MELVIN

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1880	Husband
<u>ALBERT &amp; Johanna URBAN</u>	TO 1926	Wife
next owner	1926	Son August
<u>AUGUST URBAN</u>	1943	
next owner	1943	Rephue
<u>MELVIN E URBAN</u>	<u>Present Land</u>	<u>MELVIN</u>
next owner		
next owner		

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OTHER

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Melvin E. Urban  
(signature of present owner)

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DATE

June 18 / 1984

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Edw Henry Wilke

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 158.2

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? 1,500 total

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany Marquette County Wis

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? New Ulm, Wis

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

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

He had a horse that he called Ben Patch after the Racer. We have the horse robe made from his horse

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? No

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL

STANDING OR IN USE? Yes

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1880 part of it before that but not sure

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: of Albert Urban

Prior to the Indian outbreak in 1862 he came to Minn.

With his parents & settled near Ft. Ridgley. It was at this point on

the fateful Aug 18, 1862 that Mr Urban, then a lad of 6 yrs,

together with his mother & three sisters were held Captives until

set free at Camp Release at Montevideo

His father was working in New Ulm, Minnesota at a

Wagon shop, when they were Captured from their farm

home.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Jack Will

(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

RR2

Mapleton

Minnesota

56065

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 524-3745

area code

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

TOWNSHIP

Medo

COUNTY

Blue Earth

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

320

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

Dec 28 1882

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

SW4 SW4 Sec 31 Medo, Tw P

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner		
<u>David Will</u>	FROM <u>1882</u>	<u>FATHER of Robert</u>
	TO <u>1911</u>	
next owner		
<u>Robert Will</u>	<u>1911</u>	<u>FATHER of Jack</u>
	<u>1958</u>	
next owner		
<u>Jack Will</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>Present Owner</u>
next owner		
next owner		

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OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Jack Will

(signature of present owner)

DATE

5/14/84

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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

KENNETH and JOAN ZIEGLER  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

R#6 Box 221 MANKATO MN 56001  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 625 2777  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

West 36

TOWNSHIP

MANKATO

COUNTY

BLUE EARTH

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

87

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1884

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

N 2 of SW 4 and W 2 of SE 4 and 8.2 5A in S 2 of N 2

Rec BK 75 PG 241 and 88A of S 2 of NW 4 S of R 1A 036 108 27  
(TAX STATEMENT)

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM TO	
<u>John Duffy</u>	<u>1884</u> <u>1891</u>	<u>Grandfather of William</u>
next owner		
<u>William Duffy</u>	<u>1891</u> <u>1936</u>	<u>Grandfather of Stella</u>
next owner		
<u>Stella &amp; Joe Ziegler</u>	<u>1936</u> <u>1955</u>	<u>Mother of Kenneth</u> <u>father of Stella</u>
next owner		
<u>Kenneth &amp; Joan Ziegler</u>	<u>1955</u> <u>present</u>	<u>Mother</u>
next owner		

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OTHER

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Kenneth & Ziegler  
(signature of present owner)

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May 17 '84

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Mother

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 169

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$ 150.

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? ?

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? ?

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1933

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Grain - corn & beans

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

LYLE E JONES  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS 403 HOLLY LANE, Apt 102 MAKATO MN 56001  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 625-1920  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE RFD 2 Lake Crystal, Mn.

SECTION 36 TOWNSHIP JUDSON #108 COUNTY BLUE EARTH

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 9.3

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY January 1866  
(N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>) — (1st piece)  
(NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>) — (2nd piece)  
Oct. 18, 1878 - recorded Nov. 3, 1882

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

NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> and N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Sect. 36, Township 108,  
Range 28 (94.41 acres)

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME <u>Margaret Jones</u>	<u>1866-1882</u> YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER <u>Mother</u>
first owner <u>William Jones</u> Brothers	FROM <u>Sept 29, 1882</u>	<del>FATHER</del>
<del>Mrs Thomas E. Jones</del>	TO <u>Feb 14, 1894</u>	<del>Sons</del>
next owner <u>THOMAS E. JONES</u>	<u>Feb 14, 1894</u>	<u>Son</u>
next owner <u>EFFIE (Sister) &amp;</u>	<u>Oct 31, 1910</u>	<del>FATHER</del>
<u>ARDEN E. JONES</u>	<u>Oct 31, 1910</u>	<u>Son &amp; Daughter</u>
next owner <u>LYLE E. JONES</u>	<u>Feb 4, 1970</u>	<del>FATHER</del>
next owner	<u>Feb 4, 1970</u>	<u>Son</u>

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Lyle E. Jones  
(signature of present owner)

DATE April 11, 1984

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? David haw and State of Minnesota

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of 36-108-28 (80 acres)

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of NW<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of 36-108-28 (40 acres)  
1st parcel \$143.50, 2nd parcel \$20.00

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? North Wales, Talurn, Meirineth Shier

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

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? 1975

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

John D. Jones (1791-1863) - Margaret (1803-1876)

(John D. born in Talarn, Meirineth Shier, North Wales)(Margaret born in Maepod, Montgomery Shie  
(son) William married Ella North Wales)

(son) Thomas E. (1841-1912) married Martha Jane Blake (1858-1945)

Children of Thomas E. and Martha Jane Blake Jones

(son) Arden E. (1883-1968) married Marian I. (1884-1943)

(daughter) Effie G. married Thomas H. Jones (no relation)

Children of Arden E. and Marian I. Jones

(son) Lyle E. (1908- ) married Ruby Johnson (1911-1970 )

(daughter) Ardis Irene (1910-1928)

Children of Lyle E. and Ruby Jones

(son) Thomas Emrys Jones (1943- ) married Lynette Alexandra Wilke (1947- )

(daughter) Cathy (1941- ) married Ben Lindberg

Children of Thomas E. and Lynette A. Jones

(son) Kent Thomas Jones (9/13/65)

(son) Thomas Christoper Jones (10/9/1977)

(son) Scott Thomas Jones (3/7/1979)

Original Land Patent for Lots #6, 7 and 8, Section 25, Township 108N, Range 28 W.

Deeded to William H. Andrew, Private Captain, Floyd's Company, Georgia Militia, Creek War by President James Buchanan.

Assigned to John D. Jones, November 10, 1859; filed for record November 30, 1864.

Land NOW owned by family: NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  and N $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of 36-108-28 (94.41 acres)

History of N $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of 36-108-28 (originally 80 acres and now 60 acres)

<u>Original Owner</u>	<u>Transfer of Title</u>	<u>New Owner</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
David Law	Quit-Claim Deed	Margaret Jones		Jan. 1, 1866	\$43.50
State of Minnesota	Delinquent Taxes	William Jones & Thomas E. Jones	brothers	Sept. 20, 1880	\$340.00
William and Ella Jones	Quit-Claim Deed	Thomas E. Jones	brother	Feb, 14, 1894	\$1 and
Thomas E. & Martha Jones	Death of Thomas E.	Arden E. Jones	son	10/31/1910	transfer of property
Arden E. & Marion I. Jones	Warranty Deed	Thomas H. & Effie G. Jones (Effie & Arden sister and brother)		6/18/1923	\$11,000.00
Thomas H. & Effie G. Jones	Warranty Deed	Arden E. Jones	" " "	9/3/1932	
Arden E. Jones	Death	Cora A. Jones & Lyle E. Jones	wife & son	2/9/1970	
Lyle E. Jones					

Note: Sold to sister and husband Effie G. and Thomas H. Jones during depression; they could not make payments so land was taken back in 1932 by brother Arden E. Jones

That part of Section 25-108-28 originally owned by family has been sold to DNR by Lyle E. Jones  
It was part of Rush Lake.

History of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of 36-108-28 (40 acres)

<u>Original Owner</u>	<u>Transfer of Title</u>	<u>New Owner</u>	<u>Relationship</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
State of Minnesota (School Lands)	Warranty Deed	William Jones		9/20/1882	\$800.
William Jones & Ella H. Jones	Warranty Deed	Thomas E. Jones	brother	6/28/1890	\$400.
Thomas E. Jones	Death	Arden E. Jones	son	10/31/1910	
Arden E. Jones	Death	Lyle E. Jones	son	2/9/1970	

Register of Deeds of Blue Earth County, State of Minnesota, Mankato, *May 11<sup>th</sup>* A. D. 190*7*, at *9<sup>th</sup>*  
*th East quarter of the North West quarter of Section 36 Township 108 Range 28*

GRANTEES	DESCRIPTION	SECTION	TOWN	RANGE	NO. OF ACRES	CONSIDERATION		INSTRUMENT	DATE OF INSTRUMENT			DATE OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT			WHEN FILED FOR RECORD				RECORDED			
						Dollars	Cts.		Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year	A.M.	P.M.	Book	Page	
William Jones	South West - South East of North East - East half of North West quarter of Sec 36	36	108	28	160	800	-	School Land Certificate	21	Nov	1863	-	-	-	5	Dec	1863	-	4	Q Mis 206	Head	
William W. Davis	Assigns all his right claim and interest in and to the within certificate and the land therein described					145	-	Assignment of School Land Certificate	5	Dec	1863	5	Dec	1863	5	Dec	1863	-	4	Q Mis 206	Doatt	
Rowland Lewis	E 1/2 N W 1/4	36	108	28	-	1500	-	Bond for Deed	14	Apr	1875	-	-	-	22	May	1875	11	-	Q Bds 401	Agree upon \$1.00 Jan 1877 1878. Dave part not a Subj Davis book	
Ellen Bruno Beaufre of the firm of McQuillan Beau- me & Co.	E 1/2 N W 1/4	36	108	28	-	5	-	Deed without Covenants	5	June	1876	13	June	1876	20	June	1876	10	-	11	112	Subj Davis book
his wife William W. Davis	E 1/2 N W 1/4	36	108	28	-	5	-	Quit Claim Deed	20	Dec	1876	20	Dec	1876	13	Feb	1877	10	-	11	393	Subj Davis book Bear mow wife
William W. Davis	E 1/2 N W 1/4	36	108	28	80	-	-	State School Land Patent	27	July	1882	-	-	-	20	Sept	1882	-	5 1/2	23	500	
Ellen William Jones	N E 1/4 N W 1/4	36	108	28	40	800	-	Warranty Deed	20	Sept	1882	20	Sept	1882	2	Oct	1882	-	2	25	231	
his Thomas E. Jones	and 1/2 of the N E 1/4 N W 1/4	36	108	28	-	400	-	Warranty Deed	28	June	1890	28	June	1890	22	Dec	1890	-	3 30	44	516	

OFFICE OF REGISTER OF DEEDS, BLUE EARTH COUNTY, MINN.

I hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct Abstract of Title to the lands hereinbefore described, as shown by the Records of this office, and that there are no encumbrances, mechanic's liens, lis pendens, nor attachments against said premises of record in this office, except as shown by this Abstract.

Witness my hand and official seal, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 190\_\_\_\_, at \_\_\_\_\_ M.

Register of D

ds of Blue Earth County, State of Minnesota, Mankato, *May 11<sup>th</sup>* A. D. 190*7*, at *9 A.M.*  
*ter of the North West quarter of Section 36 Township 108 Range 28* in Blue Earth County

DESCRIPTION	SECTION	TOWN	RANGE	NO. OF ACRES	CONSIDERATION		INSTRUMENT	DATE OF INSTRUMENT			DATE OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT			WHEN FILED FOR RECORD					RECORDED		REMARKS
					Dollars	Cts.		Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year	A.M.	P.M.	Book	Page	
South West - South East of North East and East half of North West quarter of Sec 36	36	108	28	160	-	800	School Land Certificate	21	Nov	1863	-	-	-	5	Dec	1863	-	4	A Mis 206		Has Assignment attached
Assigns all his right claim and interest in and to the within certificate and the land therein described						145	Assignment of School Land Certificate	5	Dec	1863	5	Dec	1863	5	Dec	1863	-	4	A Mis 206		Is attached to the foregoing
E 1/2 NW 1/4	36	108	28	-	-	1500	Bond for Deed	14	Apr	1875	-	-	-	22	May	1875	11	-	A Bds 401		Agrees to convey by Warranty upon being paid \$1,300. in \$1.00 per bushel 300 bu. on or Jan 1, 1876, 500 bu. on or 1, 1877 and 500 bu. on or 1, 1878. Signs and acknowledged Davies. Is acknowledged parties hereto but acknowledged not dated
E 1/2 NW 1/4	36	108	28	-	-	5	Deed without Covenants	5	June	1876	13	June	1876	20	June	1876	10	-	11	112	Subject to Bond from Will Davis to Rowland Lewis rec book A Bds. page 401. Signs
E 1/2 NW 1/4	36	108	28	-	-	5	Quit Claim Deed	20	Dec	1876	20	Dec	1876	13	Feb	1877	10	-	11	393	Subject to Bond from Will Davis to Rowland Lewis rec book A Bds. page 401. Signed Beaupre Margaret A. Beaupre acknowledged Bruno Beaupre wife - Beaupre
E 1/2 NW 1/4	36	108	28	80	-	-	State School Land Patent	27	July	1882	-	-	-	20	Sept	1882	-	5 1/2	23	500	
N E 1/4 NW 1/4	36	108	28	40	-	800	Warranty Deed	20	Sept	1882	20	Sept	1882	2	Oct	1882	-	2	25	231	
and 1/2 of the N E 1/4 NW 1/4	36	108	28	-	-	400	Warranty Deed	28	June	1890	28	June	1890	22	Dec	1890	-	3 30	44	516	

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Register of Deeds.

(28. continued)

*Instrument* Lyle E. Jones; son, an estate in fee simple in and to all of  
*Dated* said real estate, subject to the life estate of Cora A. Jones  
*Filed*  
*Recorded* Certified - 5 Feb. 1970 - Probate Court Blue Earth County, Minn.  
*Consideration*  
*Witnesses* CERTIFICATE OF PROBATE - 3 October 1968 - Cora A. Jones, Exe-  
*Acknowledged* cutrix, upon her death Lyle E. Jones Executor - B211 P182.

Certified - 5 February 1970 - Probate Court Blue Earth County, Minnesota.

29.

*Instrument* Easement Arden E. Jones Estate by:  
*Dated* 15 October 1969 Lyle E. Jones and Cora Jones  
*Filed* 2 June 1971 at 3:10 P.M. to  
*Recorded* 216 B.E.Co.Records, page 324 Mid-Communications, Inc.  
*Consideration* \$17.00  
*Witnesses*  
*Acknowledged* Yes Lyle E. and Cora Jones  
*Signed* Arden E. Jones Estate by: Lyle E. Jones  
Cora Jones

A strip of land one (1) rod wide in width across the property located in the North one-half of the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ), West of the road of Section 36, Township 108 North of Range 28 West. The Westerly boundary line of which is the Westerly right-of-way limits of Highway 169, Grants an easement to construct communications system etc, with right of ingress and egress over above land.

30.

*Instrument* Death Certificate Martha Jane Jones, deceased  
*Dated* 17 May 1945 by Clerk of District Court  
*Filed* 5 September 1975 at 1:30 P.M. to  
*Recorded* 233 B.E.Co.Records, page 964 The Public  
*Consideration*  
*Witnesses*  
*Acknowledged*

*Dated* 16 February 1943  
*Filed* 11 Mar. 1943 at 11:45 A.M.  
*Recorded* 145 Mtgs. page 259  
*Consideration*  
*Witnesses* 2  
*Acknowledged* Yes

Theodore Penn  
to  
Arden E. Jones and Marian I.  
Jones, his wife, and Martha  
Jones, a widow

Satisfies mortgage recorded in Book 132 Mtgs. page 260.

*Instrument* Decree of Distribution 28.  
*Dated* 4 February 1970  
*Filed* 9 February 1970 at 11:55 A.M.  
*Recorded* 211 B.E.Co.Records, page 183  
*Consideration*  
*Witnesses*  
*Acknowledged*

Probate Court, Blue Earth  
County, Minnesota, Estate  
of Arden E. Jones, Deceased  
to  
Cora A. Jones and Lyle E.  
Jones

That portion of the N $\frac{1}{2}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 36-108-28, which lies  
West of the Mankato and Garden City Road,  
Cora A. Jones; surviving spouse, an estate for her life in and to all of  
said real estate, subject however, that Cora A. Jones shall pay all taxes  
thereon and keep any buildings thereon in reasonable repair and shall keep  
any buildings thereon in reasonable repair and insured for their full in-  
surable value.

No. 13.

In the Matter of the Estate of  
Thomas E. Jones, Deceased.

Final Decree.

Dated Jan. 9, 1913.

Recorded Feb. 28, 1913 at 9 A. M.  
by Evan Hughes, Judge of Probate Court,  
Probate Seal.

Book 10 Probate page 252.

Des. State of Minnesota, County of

Blue Earth, In Probate Court. Funeral Debts paid and Estate fully administered and that Deceased died Testate on Aug. 3, 1912 and that Residue consists of the N $\frac{1}{2}$  of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 36-108-28 same being homestead of said decedent at the Time of his death, and other lands. and that following persons are entitled to whole of said estate according to terms of Last Will and Testament of said decedent. Martha Jones, surviving wife, and Arden E. Jones and Effie G. Jones, children. Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed that said real property be assigned to said Martha Jones said homestead premises to have and to hold same for and during term of her natural life. To said Arden E. Jones said homestead premises, subject however to life estate therein of said Martha Jones, and other lands. To said Effie G. Jones other lands. Remarks: Certificate of Kathryn Jones, Clerk of Probate Court, Feb. 26, 1913 as to true Copy. Probate Seal.

No. 14.

In the Matter of the Estate of  
Thomas E. Jones, Deceased.

Final Decree.

Dated Jan. 9, 1913.

Recorded July 24, 1919 at 5 P. M.  
Book 14 Probate page 307.

Des. State of Minnesota, County of

Blue Earth, Probate Court. Recites that deceased died testate Aug. 3, 1912 and residue of said estate consists of the following described real estate to-wit: N $\frac{1}{2}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 36-108-28 same being the homestead of said deceased, and other lands. That the following named persons are the persons entitled to the whole of said estate by law and according to the Last Will and Testament of said deceased viz: Martha Jones, surviving wife, and Arden E. Jones and Effie G. Jones, children of said deceased. Ordered, Adjudged and Decreed that all and singular of the above described real property be and the same is hereby assigned to and vested in the said Martha Jones, Arden E. Jones, and Effie G. Jones, forever in the following proportions to-wit: To Martha Jones, surviving wife, the N $\frac{1}{2}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 36-108-28 to have and to hold the same for and during the term of her natural life. To said Arden E. Jones all of N $\frac{1}{2}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 36-108-28, which lies West of the Mankato and Garden City Road comprising about 60 acres to have and to hold the same in fee simple, subject to life estate therein of said Martha Jones, as above sets forth, and other lands, and to Effie G. Jones, other lands. Remarks: Certificate of Edna D. Jones, Clerk of Probate Court, as to true copy, July 24, 1919.

No. 1.

W. Maxfield, Auditor of Blue  
Earth County,

to

David S. Law.

Tax Deed.

Dated Aug. 14, 1865.

Recorded Jan. 13, 1866 at 3:45 P. M.

Book P of Deeds page 199. 2 Wit.

Consid. \$110.54

Ack. Aug. 14, 1865. B. F. Smith,  
Register of Deeds, Seal, Blue Earth  
County, Minnesota.

Des. Taxes due Jan. 10, 1865 on the  
NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 36-108-28, and other  
lands.

No. 2.

David S. Law and Ann Law,  
wife,

to

Margaret Jones.

Quit-Claim Deed.

Dated Jan. 1, 1866.

Recorded Jan. 3, 1866 at 3:45 P. M.

Book P of Deeds page 185. 2 Wit.

Consid. \$43.50

Ack. Jan. 3, 1866. E. D. B. Porter,  
N. P. No Seal, Blue Earth County,  
Minnesota.

Des. The NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 36-  
108-28.

Remarks: Signs as D. S. Law.

No. 3.

State of Minnesota, W. W.  
Braden, Commissioner School  
Land Office,

to

Margaret Jones.

School Land Special Certificate # 65.

Dated Mar. 5, 1870.

Recorded Dec. 20, 1890 at 2 P. M.

Book 45 of Deeds page 142.

Des. Recites that at a sale of School  
Lands in County of Blue Earth, State  
of Minnesota, Margaret Jones became  
the purchaser of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of  
Sec. 36-108-28 as appears from the  
plat and record of the School Land  
Office containing 80 Acres, and re-

corded a Certificate Nov. 21, 1863 entitling the said purchaser upon full  
compliance with Tax payment to State Treasurer \$340 and that said land has  
been sold for delinquent taxes Sept. 20, 1880 and that Wm. Jones and Thos.  
E. Jones now hold a tax Deed therefor and that Wm. Jones and Thos. E. Jones  
are substituted as the purchasers of said land with the same rights and  
obligations and subject to same conditions as belonged to said original  
purchaser.

Remarks: William Jones and Ella H. Jones, wife, to Thomas E. Jones.  
Assignment of within Certificate. Dated Dec. 18, 1890. Recorded Dec. 20,  
1890 at 2 P. M. Consid. \$800. 2 Wit. Ack. Above Assignors before D. A.  
Reed, N. P. N. S. Blue Earth County, Minnesota, Dec. 18, 1890.

No. 4.

Thomas E. Jones, unmarried,

to

William Jones.

Warranty Deed.

Dated Oct. 18, 1878.

Recorded Nov. 3, 1882 at 3 P. M.

Book 25 of Deeds page 283. 2 Wit.

Consid. \$2500.

Ack. Oct. 18, 1878. Thomas E. Jones  
before Lorin Cray, N. P. N. S. Blue  
Earth County, Minnesota.

Des. The undivided  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of  
Sec. 36-108-28, and other lands, all  
according to Government Survey.

No. 2.

No. 5.

J. J. Thompson, County Auditor,

to

W. F. Lewis and H. M. Hamilton.

Tax Certificate.

Dated Sept. 21, 1880.

Recorded April 15, 1885 at 9 A. M.

Book 9 of Deeds page 124.

Real Estate Tax Judgment, Aug. 14, 1880.

Sold Sept. 20, Taxes 1879 the  $\frac{1}{2}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 36-108-28 for \$11.20.

No. 6.

Wm. F. Lewis and Albertine E. Lewis, wife,

to

Wm. Jones and Thomas E. Jones.

Quit-Claim Deed.

Dated Sept. 29, 1882.

Recorded April 15, 1885 at 9 A. M.

Book 30 of Deeds page 41. 2 Wit.

Consid. \$113.

Ack. Sept. 29, 1882. Geo. H. Clark, N. P. N. S. Blue Earth County, Minnesota.

Des. The  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 36-108-28, and other lands.

Remarks: Assign all title acquired by tax purchase or payments.

No. 7.

H. M. Hamilton and Celia C. Hamilton, wife,

to

Wm. Jones and Thomas E. Jones.

Quit-Claim Deed.

Dated April 14, 1885.

Recorded April 15, 1885 at 9 A. M.

Book 30 of Deeds page 42. 2 Wit.

Consid. \$113.

Ack. April 14, 1885. Geo. T. Barr, N. P. N. S. Blue Earth County, Minnesota.

Des. The  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 36-108-28, and other lands.

Remarks: Assign all title acquired by tax purchase.

No. 8.

William Jones and Ella H. Jones, wife,

to

Thomas E. Jones.

Quit-Claim Deed.

Dated Feb. 14, 1894.

Recorded Sept. 3, 1895 at 2 P. M.

Book 56 of Deeds page 137. 2 Wit.

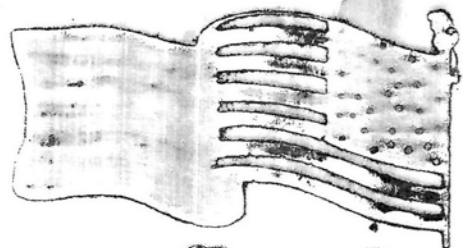
Consid. \$1 and exchange of Property.

Ack. Feb. 14, 1894. D. A. Reed, N. P. N. S. Blue Earth County, Minnesota.

Des. The  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 36-108-28 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, and other lands.

Remarks: To convey all interest by virtue of School Land Certificate or otherwise.

No. 3.



# THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

Whereas, In pursuance of the Act of Congress, approved MARCH 3, 1855, entitled "An Act in addition to certain Acts granting Bounty Land to certain Officers and Soldiers who have been engaged in the Military Service of the United States," there has been deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE, Warrant No. 75,579 for 120 \_\_\_\_\_ acres, in favor of William C. Andrew, Private, Cap-  
tain Floyd's Company, Georgia Militia Creek War \_\_\_\_\_  
with evidence that the same has been duly located upon the Lots numbered six, seven and eight, of Section twenty-five in Township one hundred and eight North of Range twenty-eight West, in the District of Lands formerly subject to sale at Furibault, now St. Peter, Minnesota, containing one hundred and twenty acres, and forty-four hundredths of an acre according to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said Land returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the SURVEYOR GENERAL the said warrant having been assigned by the said William C. Andrew to John D. Jones, in whose favor the said tract has been located \_\_\_\_\_

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

PRESIDENT

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

GIVEN under my hand, at the CITY OF WASHINGTON, the \_\_\_\_\_ tenth day of November IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD one thousand eight hundred and \_\_\_\_\_ fifty-nine and of the INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES the \_\_\_\_\_ eighth month \_\_\_\_\_  
BY THE PRESIDENT: \_\_\_\_\_

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James Buchanan  
Sec'y.  
Recorder of the General Land Office.

Know all Men by these Presents, That David S Law  
and Ann Law his wife

of Marquette, in the County of St. Louis and State of Minnesota, in con-  
sideration of the sum of Forty three <sup>30</sup>/<sub>100</sub> Dollars, to them in hand paid by

Margaret Jones  
in the County of St. Louis and State of Minnesota, the receipt whereof is hereby  
acknowledged, have Bargained, Sold and Quit-Claimed, and by these presents do Bargain, Sell and  
Quit-Claim, unto the said Margaret Jones

, her heirs and assigns forever, all that right, title, interest, claim and demand, in  
and to the following described piece or parcel of land, situate and being in the County of St. Louis  
and State of Minnesota, described as follows:

The North Half of the  
North East quarter (1/4) of Section thirty six  
(36) Township One Hundred and Eight (108)  
Range twenty Eight

To Have and to Hold the Above Quit-Claimed Premises, With  
all the privileges and appurtenances thereunto belonging, to the said Margaret Jones  
her heirs and assigns forever, so that neither  
they the said David S Law Ann his wife their  
heirs or assigns, or any person claiming by, from or under them, shall have any right, title, interest  
or demand in or to the aforesaid premises

In Witness Whereof, we have herunto set our hands and seals the First day of  
January, A. D. 1866

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in presence of

J. R. McKee  
E. D. B. R. O.



D. S. Law

SEAL

Ann Law

SEAL

SEAL

SEAL

STATE OF MINNESOTA,  
County of St. Louis } ss.

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this 1st day of January, A. D. 1866, personally appeared before me, the undersigned, David S. Law & Ann Law his wife,  
the signer and sealer of the within written instrument, and acknowledged  
the same to be their free act and deed for the purposes therein expressed. And the said Ann Law  
being examined by me separate and apart from her husband, she acknowledged that she executed the same freely and without any fear  
or compulsion from any one.

E. D. B. R. O.

Notary Public

for Minn.

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**THIS INSTRUMENT**, Made this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January  
in the year of our Lord one thousand Nine hundred two between  
William Jones and Ella Jones his wife

of the County of Rice and State of Minnesota part 1st of the first part,  
and Thomas E. Jones

of the County of Blue Earth and State of Minnesota part 4 of the second part,

WITNESSETH, That the said part 1st of the first part, in consideration of the sum of  
One DOLLARS,

to them in hand paid by the said part 4 of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby  
acknowledged, do—hereby Grant, Bargain, Sell, Remise, Release, Quit-Claim and Convey unto the said  
part 4 of the second part his heirs and assigns, Forever, all the

following tracts or parcels of land lying and being  
in the County of Blue Earth and State of Minnesota, to-wit:

Lots Six (6) Seven (7) and Eight (8) in Section  
Twenty five (25) in Township One hundred Eight (108)  
North, Range Twenty Eight (28) West of 3<sup>rd</sup> M., also  
all lands situate in the bed of Rush Lake which has,  
by accretion or otherwise hereafter may be added to said  
lots, or the owners thereof, past or present, by the  
drying up and disappearance of the waters of said  
lake.

This deed is intended specially to cover and convey all  
the rights and interests of first parties or either of them  
reserved and excepted in the deed made by them to John  
H. Roberts and which is recorded in the office of the Register  
of deeds in and for Blue Earth County, Minnesota, in book  
64 of deeds on page 41, and the portion of lake bed,  
and the eastward and the right to ditch mentioned in and  
reserved in said last named deed is hereby conveyed  
and deeded to the grantee herein.

To Have and to Hold, The above Quit-Claimed premises, together with all the hereditaments and  
appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, to the said part 4 of the second part,  
his heirs and assigns, Forever.

In Testimony Whereof, The said part 1st of the first part, hath hereunto set their hands  
and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in Presence of

E. M. Pyle  
H. C. Lyman

William Jones  
Ella Jones

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER JAMES F. ALLISON  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS FRANKLIN #1, BOX 11 MINNESOTA 55333  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 557-8284  
area code

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

SECTIONS 28, 32, 33 TOWNSHIP EDEN COUNTY BROWN

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 159.5

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 3/13/1884

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) W 1/2 of SW 1/4

Sec. 28 TWP. 112 R. 33; NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 Sec. 32 TWP. 112 R. 33;  
NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 Sec. 33 TWP. 112 R. 33; EDEN TWP.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM	
JAMES & ELIZABETH ALLISON	3/13/1884	
	TO	
	11/12/1926	FATHER & MOTHER
next owner		
EDWARD & ELLEN ALLISON	11/12/1926 to	
	8/15/1946	FATHER & MOTHER
next owner		
ELLEN ALLISON & JAMES ALLISON	8/15/1946 to	MOTHER - ELLEN
	4/10/1980	HER SON - JAMES
next owner		
JAMES ALLISON	4/10/1980 to	
	PRESENT	
next owner		

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

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

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

James Allison  
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 26, 1984

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? John C. Rudolph + Emilie his wife

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 159.5

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$ 10.03

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? HAMILTON, ONTARIO, CANADA

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? LONE TREE, EDEN TOWNSHIP, BROWN COUNTY, MINNESOTA

DID HE FARM THE LAND? YES

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? NOT BY THE ALLISON'S

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? APPROXIMATELY 1899

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

*The farm is located in the historic Minnesota River valley between Morton & Ft. Ridgely. Indians used to come through the Allison farm in it's early days, to get to a trading post at the top of the hill. (The trading post was made into a house and is still standing on the Allwin Ziegenhagen farm.) The Indians enjoyed peering in the windows of the house & would often come to the door asking for pork to eat. They also regularly dug ginseng in the woods, which, of course, they used for medicine*

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Ingrid & John H. Bode  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS RR 2, Box 1 Hanska Mn. 56041  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 439-6350  
area code

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

SECTION 19 TOWNSHIP Linden COUNTY Brown

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 140 ✓

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY July 25, 1882 ✓

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

Bal of lot 8 & bal of lot 7 19 108 30

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Thore Olson</u> first owner	FROM 1882	
<u>Thore Olson</u> next owner	TO 1900	<u>father to Pels Olson</u>
<u>Pel Olson</u> next owner	1900	<u>Pels Olson father of Ida</u>
<u>Ida</u> next owner	1953	<u>Ida was mother to Nettie</u>
<u>Ida &amp; Arthur Sobel</u> next owner	1965	<u>Nettie Asheson mother to Ingrid</u>
<u>Nettie &amp; Arville Asheson</u> next owner	1977	<u>Ingrid &amp; John present owners.</u>
<u>Ingrid &amp; John Bode</u>	1977	

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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.

Ingrid Bode  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 3-20-84

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? a great great Grandfather of our neighbor Edwin Rellie was first owner.

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? About 90

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? It was a land exchange from what we know.

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Halling-dahl, Norway

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? 1 mile east of Hanska

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1881

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

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Back in 1881 Thore Olson gave about 5 acres of land, to Nova Free Christian Church (Unitarian) for them to build their church on.

Thore, was one of the first members of this church.

The cemetery on our former land is to be the highest point in Brown County.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Elmer B. ISAKSEN  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS 2 Sumac Lane (No. OAKS) Minn. 55110

PHONE NUMBER (715) 349-2806  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Springfield Minn

SECTION #16 TOWNSHIP North Star COUNTY Brown

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 320

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1881  
~~1945~~

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

Tax Statement

NW 1/4 (15-109-35 TEV Plat 21) (Parcel 7400 - S 1/2) NE 1/4 - 15-109  
35 (80 acres) (TEV 21 Plat Parcel 7600 E 1/2) NE 1/4 16-109-35  
80 acres

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>L. P. ISAKSEN</u> first owner	FROM <u>1881 7/2</u> TO <u>about 1900</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>MARTIN ISAKSEN</u> next owner	<u>1900 to</u> <u>about 1945</u>	<u>Son</u>
<u>Elmer Isakson &amp; JOSEPH ISAKSEN</u> next owner	<u>1945-1973</u>	<u>Sons</u>
<u>ELMER ISAKSEN</u> next owner	<u>1973 to</u> <u>Now</u>	<u>SON &amp; MARTIN - Brother</u> <u>of JOSEPH</u>

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Land Patent ( ) County Land Record ( )  
Original Deed ( ) OTHER \* I Found the receipt for the down Payment

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

Elmer B. Isakson  
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 15, 1983

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Jerry Hammer  
CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

ELMER ISAKSEN  
Rt. 2, Box 875  
Siren, WI 54872

My address &

" Phone number as above

Phone (715) 349-2806

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED?

Railroad .

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL?

240. (Am checking that)

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE?

I believe the receipts I have in my St. Paul file show it to be \$5.00 per acre.

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN?

L.P. Isaksen was born in Denmark.

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM?

In or near Cobden, Minn. (Same county)

DID HE FARM THE LAND?

Yes, for all the year till he sold to my father.

IN THE PAST, DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? Yes. To supplement his income during the drought and insect (grasshoppers) years, he built furniture & sold to neighbors . Also did blacksmith work for others on this farm.

IS THIS A HOMESTEAD? No. He bought it. He did, however, homestead a farm in the same area and this is now owned by my cousin.

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING THERE NOW? The original barn burned, house remodelled, but a former chicken house is still there - now used for housing odd implements etc.

WHAT WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? Two houses. One referred to above built about 1895 and my father built another house (fine home) in 1922. Both in excellent repair today.

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS?

Corn & Soybeans.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: I believe I have covered all details except want to add that my father, Martin Isaksen, arranged for each of us children (4) to inherit 80 acres. My brother, Joseph and I bought out our sisters about 1945. We had operated it as a group, "Isaksen Farm" However, sisters decided that inasmuch as we divided proceeds evenly but Joseph and I did all the repairs, management etc. we should buy the farm from them or rather that they should sell to us. Thus the farm became my brother's and mine. Brother Joseph passed away in 1945 and I purchased the one-half interest from his estate. Brother Joseph, a agricultural college Graduate, (As am I) farmed it after marriage when he accepted a position with the USDA. I am a former County Agent. I manage the farm, live in Arizona in winter, but make two or three trips a month to the farm to discuss crops (On a 50-50 crop share basis) this during summer only. Incidentally, your farm paper in an Aug. 1982 Issue, in connection with a story on old threshing machines carried a picture of a man on a Steam Engine Threshing. That man was my father. Your paper gave my daughter an enlargement of that picture and extra copies of the paper. We appreciate it. My father's name was not in the story but I contacted the man who sent the picture in and he gave me all the details. The farm on which that picture was taken is the farm mentioned in this questionnaire. I am retired---after leaving county agent work went with the N. Dak. Agric. College Editorial staff and then with Brown and Bigelow in sales work and sales management.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Olin, Roger & Floyd Marti  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS R1 Box 108 Sleepy Eye Minn 56085 61C  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
PHONE NUMBER (507) 794-6108  
area code

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

SECTION 28 + 29 TOWNSHIP Home COUNTY Brown

\* NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 248 Acres ✓

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1881 - recorded Jan. 24, 1884

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

W 1/2 of NW 1/4 of Sec 28 and E 1/2 of NE 1/4 of Sec 29.  
All in Township 110 - Range 32 - except 5 acres sold to  
Home Cemetery Ass. in 1884

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1884 ✓	Father
<u>Justine Schultz</u>	TO 1919	
next owner	1919 -	Parents to <u>Schultz</u>
<u>Bert and Ella Schultz</u>	1926	<u>Verla Marti</u>
next owner	1926 -	Mother of
<u>Ella Schultz - widow</u>	1936	<u>Verla Schultz Marti</u>
next owner	1936 -	Parents of Roger & Floyd.
<u>Olin &amp; Verla Marti</u>		
next owner	Roger Marti - 1966 -	Each purchased share
<u>Floyd Marti</u>	1976 -	of farm & additional land
		line on original farm.

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Olin & Verla Marti  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 4-4-84

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ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Jacob Pfenniger & Christina Pfenniger

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160 Acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$ 12.82 -

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Prussia, Germany

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? 1870-76 - near Hutchinson, Minn. in city of Leno - now Sleepy Eye

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? a carpenter, built German Meth church in Sleepy Eye, help build St. Mary's church in S. E. built all buildings on farm & many homes in S. E. and rural. Some still in use

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? no

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? yes, Roger lived in original house & granary still remain

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 2 new homes built Oliver 1970 - Floyd 1976

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

## ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Gustave Schultz bought <sup>first</sup> lot in Leno (now Sleepy Eye) on July 24, 1876. He built one of first homes in Sleepy Eye which is still standing. In 1880 he sold his house in town & moved to farm. My father was born in 1882 & said he was born in house that is still on farm. So exact date of purchase is not known but according is Jan 24, 1884.

The farm today is strictly a Reg. Halsted Dairy Farm. The farm we sold all over N. S. & overseas. It is cattle farm. I had a Oliver living in retirement operated by Rogers. The farm has been represented at Mn. St. Fair on the farm. The farm has been represented at Mn. St. Fair for many years in the cattle show.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Melvin T. and Arlene C. Miller  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Route 1 Box 206 Hanska Minnesota 56041  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
PHONE NUMBER (507) 439-6846  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 20<sup>and</sup> 21 TOWNSHIP Linden COUNTY Brown

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 174

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1883

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) Govt Lots 2<sup>and</sup> 3  
and NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 - Sec 20, Twp 108, Range 30  
and SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 - Sec. 21, Twp 108, Range 30  
Brown County

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>first owner</u>	FROM <u>1883</u>	
<u>Gudmund Anderson</u>	TO <u>1921 (1921)</u>	<u>Father of Oliver<sup>and</sup> Elmer</u>
<u>next owner</u>	<u>1921 -</u>	<u>Oliver Anderson -</u>
<u>Oliver and Elmer Anderson</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>brother of Elmer</u>
<u>next owner</u>	<u>1953 -</u>	
<u>Elmer Anderson</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>Uncle of Arlene</u>
<u>next owner</u>	<u>1971 -</u>	
<u>Melvin T and Arlene C</u>	<u>Present</u>	
<u>next owner</u>		
<u>Miller</u>		

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

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Arlene C. Miller  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 7-1-83

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? George Noren Estate

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 174.2

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? ?

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Gudmund Anderson was born in

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? (See comments below) Norway

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? No

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? ?

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

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Gudmund Anderson came to America in 1865 and lived in Fillmore County until 1867. He lived on another farm in Brown County until he purchased this farm.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Elton and Ramona Peterson  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Sleepy Eye Mn. 56085  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER ( 507 ) 249-3942  
area code

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

SECTION 11 TOWNSHIP 110 COUNTY 34 BROWN

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 126.48 acres

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1879

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) The NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of the  
NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and the Lots numbered One & Two of Section 11, Township 110 North,  
Range 34 West of the 5th Principal Meridian.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1879	
Soren Hansen	TO 1932	Father
next owner	From 1932	
Edna Hansen	To 1951	Aunt
next owner	From 1951	
Elton Peterson	To Present	
next owner		
next owner		

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

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✓ Elton R. Peterson  
(signature of present owner)

DATE August 5, 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? Denmark

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Came directly from Denmark + homesteaded

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? 1941

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Wendelin and Grace Sellner  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS P.O. Box 147, R.R. 2, Sleepy Eye, Minnesota 56085  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507 ) 794-6875  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE SAME

SECTION 13 and 24 TOWNSHIP Stark COUNTY Brown

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 295.65 1879-remainder of farm.

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1868 Government Lots

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) S $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Government Lot 5, except 1 acre described as commencing at SE corner of Lot 5 running West 5 rods, North to Lake shore thence in Southeasterly direction along line of lake to East line of Lot 5, thence South 33 rods to point of commencing, Government Lots 6 and 7, Section 13; AND SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , and N $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 24, all in Twp. 109, Range 32, Brown County, Minnesota.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1868	
Hubert Zander	TO 1888	Husband of Dorothea
next owner		
Dorothea (Zander) Schultz	1888 - 1909	Mother of William
next owner		
William and Mary Zander	1909 - 1948	Father of William
next owner		
William J. and Amelia Zander	1948 - 1954	Husband of Amelia
next owner		
Amelia Zander	1954 - 1966	Mother of Grace
Wendelin and Grace Sellner	1966 to Present	

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Wendelin and Grace Sellner  
(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE June 20, 1984

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

Gary L Weber  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

Sleepy Eye

CITY

Minn

STATE

56085

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(507)

794 7357

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

20

TOWNSHIP

Leavenworth

COUNTY

Brown

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

235

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1879

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

W 1/2 of NE 1/4  
& Lots 1 & 2 of SE 1/4 20 109 33 / Lot A & Balance of Lot B of  
NE 1/4 of SE 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM	
<u>Benjamin F. Weber</u>	<u>Apr. 1, 1879</u>	<u>Brother of</u>
next owner	TO	<u>Theodore</u>
<u>Theodore Weber</u>	<u>Apr. 23, 1888</u>	<u>Brother of</u>
next owner	<u>June 25, 1890</u>	<u>Herman</u>
<u>Herman Weber</u>	<u>June 25, 1890</u>	<u>Father of</u>
next owner	<u>Jan. 12, 1931</u>	<u>Leonard</u>
<u>Leonard Weber</u>	<u>Jan. 12, 1931</u>	<u>Father of</u>
next owner	<u>Dec. 23, 1965</u>	<u>Gary</u>
<u>Gary L Weber</u>	<u>Dec. 23, 1965</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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Gary L Weber  
(signature of present owner)

DATE

June 14, 1984

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? David Russell on a Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$408.30 bid on the 80 acres

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? was Homestead by Adam Wylie Dec. 1, 1873 \*

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? completely remodelled in 1948 and ever since.

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? corn, soybeans, alfalfa, cattle, hogs

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

\* He owned it 4 years, selling it to David Russel who owned it 2 years losing it on a sheriffs sale for non-payment on a mortgage of \$83.35.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Dennis W M Youngberg  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

R 2 Bx 182 Springfield Minnesota 56087

PHONE NUMBER

( ) 723 4425  
area code

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

Same

SECTION

6

TOWNSHIP

BASHAW 108

COUNTY

Brown

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

184

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

July 20 1881

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

lots 2 And 3 Sec 6 Twp 108 Range 34  
Brown County Minnesota 114.75 Acres

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1881	
<u>August Kettner</u>	TO 1888	<u>Father of William</u>
next owner	1888	
<u>William Kettner</u>	1925	<u>Father of Rose Kettner</u>
next owner		
<u>Rose Kettner Youngberg</u>	1925-1973	<u>Mother of Dennis</u>
next owner		
<u>Dennis Youngberg</u>	1973 (Present)	
next owner		

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Court file in Registration Proceedings ( )

Land Patent ☒

County Land Record ( )

Original Deed ( )

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Dennis Youngberg  
(signature of present owner)

DATE

July 6 1984

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ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED?

Henry - Veroni, Mo <sup>Kimmerle</sup>

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL?

114

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE?

\$700 for 114.7 about 6 an acre

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN?

Germany

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM?

DID HE FARM THE LAND?

Yes

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

No

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD?

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

Yes

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT?

1900

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS?

Corn Soy Beans Cattle

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

HAROLD & Agnes Zwasehka  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

RR#2 Comfrey MN. 56019

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 877-4050  
area code CITY STATE ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SAME

SECTION

26

TOWNSHIP

Mulligan

COUNTY

BROWN (OK)

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

200

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1884

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

NW 4 + W2 of W2 of NE 4  
township 108N Range 33 W (Mulligan)

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1884	
<u>Andrew Zwasehka</u>	TO 1925	<u>Father</u>
next owner	1925	
<u>Frank Zwasehka</u>	1962	<u>Father</u>
next owner	1962	
<u>Harold Zwasehka</u>	to present time	
next owner		
next owner		

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Abstract of Title ☒

Court file in Registration Proceedings ( )

Land Patent ( )

County Land Record ( )

Original Deed ☒

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Harold & Agnes Zwasehka  
(signature of present owner)

DATE

6/8/84

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Donald F. Laumann  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

10830 Hwy. 284 Cologne Minnesota 55322

PHONE NUMBER

(612) 442-2730  
area code

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SAME

SECTION

35

TOWNSHIP

Waconia

COUNTY

Carver

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1882

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

SE 1/4 of Section 35, Township 116 North,  
Range 25 West

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM	
<u>Ernest Bahr</u>	<u>1882 -</u>	
next owner	TO	
<u>Henry Bahr</u>	<u>1909 -</u>	<u>Father of Henry</u>
next owner	<u>1909 -</u>	
<u>Elmer Bahr</u>	<u>1943 -</u>	<u>Father of Elmer</u>
next owner	<u>1943 -</u>	
<u>Donald Laumann</u>	<u>1961 -</u>	<u>Father-in-law of Donald</u>
next owner	<u>1961 -</u>	
	<u>Present</u>	

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Land Patent ( )

County Land Record ( )

Original Deed ( )

OTHER

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Donald Laumann  
(signature of present owner)

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DATE

July 11, 1984

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? George Kugler

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 120

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

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Bonnerin, Germany

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

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

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

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEA

Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Laumann  
6850 Co. Rd. 10 North  
Waconia, MN 55387

Y

PRESE

GERALD P. LAUMANN  
(this name will appear on certificate)ADDRESS 6850 Co. Rd. 10 No. Waconia, MN. 55387  
CITY STATE ZIP CODEPHONE NUMBER (612) 442-2200  
area codeADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE SAMESECTION 23-116-25 TOWNSHIP WACONIA COUNTY CARVERNUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 1.57 ✓DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1869LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) Lot 3 10 11625 SW 1/4 AND IN SE 1/4 IN Lot 7 AND IN NE 1/4

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>LAUMANN</u> first owner		
<u>JOHN LAUMANN</u> next owner	FROM <u>DEC. 1869</u> TO <u>APRIL 1878</u>	<u>GREAT</u> <u>GRANDFATHER</u>
<u>LAMBERT LAUMANN</u> next owner	<u>APRIL 1878</u> <u>SEPT. 1891</u>	<u>GREAT</u> <u>UNCLE</u>
<u>JOSEPH LAUMANN</u> next owner	<u>DEC. 1944</u>	<u>GRANDFATHER</u>
<u>FRANK LAUMANN</u> next owner	<u>DEC. 1944</u> <u>DEC. 1962</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
<u>GERALD LAUMANN</u> (22 yrs.)	<u>DEC. 1962</u>	<u>SON</u>

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

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Gerald P. Laumann  
(signature of present owner)DATE 6-19-84

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED?

J. DONDERS

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL?

4

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE?

\$ 7. <sup>00</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

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?

YES

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

YES, HOME + BARN ARE ORIGINAL

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT?

1882

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS?

CORN, ALFALFA, CATS

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Ron and Shirley Trick  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS 17275 110th St. Young America, Minn. 55397  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (612) 467-3013  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 33 4 TOWNSHIP Young America COUNTY Carrver  
Camden

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 127.66

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1870

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

Sec. 4 - twp 115 Range 26 - NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 N 35 A of SE 1/4 of NW 1/4  
Sec. 33 - twp 116 Range 26 - NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 + E 25 A of S 1/2 of SW 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1870 -	
Gottlieb Trick	TO 1930 -	Father of Carl
next owner	1930 -	
Carl Trick	1946 -	Father of Edwin
next owner	1946 -	
Edwin Trick	1976 -	Father of Ronald
next owner	1976 -	
Ronald Trick		
next owner		

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

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Ron Trick

(signature of present owner)

DATE 4-30-84

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? John Gutteridge

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

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

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

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

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

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

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

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

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Thorvold S. and Lorraine R. Lea  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Route 1, Box 71, Milan, Minnesota 56262  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (612) 793-6727  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE same

SECTION 03 119 41 TOWNSHIP Big Bend COUNTY Chippewa

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 78.66

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 30 December 1876

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

NW 1-4, NE 1-4 & NE 1-4 NW 1-4 & NE 1-4 NE 1-4 W of Riv Ex TR BEG NW Cor E 27 Rods  
S 12 Rods W 27 Rods N 12 Rods to BEG

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM	
<u>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Odd Halvorson</u>	<u>December 1876</u>	
next owner	TO	
<u>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Thorvold &amp; Lorraine Lea</u>	<u>August 1953</u>	<u>Grand parents to Lorraine</u>
next owner	From	
<u>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Thorvold &amp; Lorraine Lea</u>	<u>To Current</u>	
next owner		
next owner		
next owner		

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

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Thorvold S. Lea  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 7-2-84

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Mr. & Mrs. Odd Halvorsen (Homestead)

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 120 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? unknown

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Norway

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? not to our 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? 1911

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Iva Eileen Olson  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Rt 1 Box 161 Milan Minn 56262  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
PHONE NUMBER (612) 734-4890  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION Six TOWNSHIP 119 COUNTY Chippewa

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 150.98

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Aug. 30, 1884

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

The northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of section six (6)  
Township one Hundred Nineteen (119) North of range  
forty one (41) west of the fifth principal meridian in Minn.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Lauris Olson</u> <u>also known as Lewis Olson</u>	FROM <u>1884</u> TO <u>1932</u>	<u>Martha Olson</u> <u>Widow of Lauris</u>
next owner <u>Martha Olson</u>	<u>1932</u> <u>1934</u>	<u>Martha Olson Estate</u>
next owner <u>Martha Olson Estate</u>	<u>1934</u> <u>1948</u>	<u>Verdie &amp; Lauris Olson</u> <u>Grand sons of Martha</u>
next owner <u>Verdie &amp; Lauris Olson</u>	<u>1948</u> <u>1956</u>	<u>Verdie Olson</u> <u>Grand son of Martha</u>
next owner <u>Verdie Olson</u>	<u>1956</u> <u>1983</u>	<u>Iva Eileen Olson</u> <u>Widow of Verdie Olson</u>
next owner <u>Iva Eileen Olson</u>	<u>1983 to present</u>	

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Iva Eileen Olson  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 7-6-84

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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United State of America to Oles. Iverson  
Receiver's Receipt - Dated May 21 1880 in Book (A) Page (313)  
FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Receiver's Office, Benson Minn  
Received of Oles. Iverson, the sum of \$7.55 Seven dollars and Fifty Five cents  
HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 150.98

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$1.19

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Norway

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes.

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

Moving to the farm he was a shoemaker in mpls

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Homesteaded by Oles. Iverson

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL  
STANDING OR IN USE? NO - The original house was torn down allowable in  
Cumber  
the  
present  
house

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1955

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

my husband used to tell the story that when his  
grand father (Lauris) moved to the farm he didn't even  
know how to harness a horse.

His wife's brother owned adjoining land so he learned  
quickly.

He planted two acres of apple trees and a 1/2 wild  
break on three sides of the buildings.

He had chickens, geese, ducks & even peacocks

Cows Horses & Sheep.

When he died he owned 425 acres of Land and a house  
in Milan, Minn - all debt free

He owned 113 acres across the road which was called  
Railroad Land and another 160 that was called School Land

Neither the railroad or the School house was ever built

my husband and his father were both born on. (my father in law was  
Baptized in the Gibbs Farm

this farm. Thank You (my father in law was  
Baptized in the Gibbs Farm  
School House

to the state fair grounds  
remember the  
day it was moved

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Mr. + Mrs. Leslie M. Rud  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Rt. 1, Box 63, Montevideo Mn. 56265  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (612) 269-9646  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 32 TOWNSHIP MandT COUNTY Chippewa

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 200

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY July 14, 1884

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) The South East Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) and The South East Quarter of North East Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section Thirty-Two (32), Township One Hundred Nineteen (119) Range Forty (40), containing 200 acres more or less, and situated in the County of Chippewa, State of Minnesota.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Lars Larson (Rud)</u> first owner	FROM <u>Homesteaded (1884)</u> TO <u>1896</u>	<u>Father of Casper</u>
<u>Casper L. Rud &amp; Caroline Rud</u> next owner	From <u>1896</u> To <u>1928</u>	<u>Father of Lawrence</u> <u>Son + wife</u>
<u>Lawrence A. Rud</u> next owner	From <u>1928</u> To <u>1962</u>	<u>Father of Leslie</u> <u>Son</u>
<u>Leslie M. Rud</u> next owner	<u>1962</u> <u>Present</u>	<u>Son</u> <u>of Lawrence</u>

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

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Leslie Rud  
(signature of present owner)

DATE July 9, 1983

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Homesteaded (U.S. Land Office, Benson, MN)

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? 0

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Norway

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1928

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

From the Desk of JERRY HAMMER

# Minnesota State Fair

TO \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Lester Rud  
Chippewa County

Needs Century Farm certificate  
by Aug. 1.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Bruce A. Carlson & wife, Barbara J. Carlson  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Rt 2 Box 231 Rush City, Minnesota 55069  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (612) 358-4225  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 11 TOWNSHIP 37 (Rushoba) COUNTY Chicago.

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 285 acres + Rent <sup>included - 5 farm</sup> 80 acres from Amos  
Rent 150 acres from 2 parties.

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1876

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) W 1/2 of SE 1/4  
of Section 11 Township 37 Range 37 Bounded by  
West side by the Old Government Road Built in 18. now called  
County Road 55.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner		
Melissa & husband George R Persatt	FROM <u>February 12, 1874</u> TO 1st owner.	none.
next owner		
<u>Sven Carlson.</u>	<u>1874 - Feb 17 1/2</u> <u>Home Stead.</u>	- Father to Frank J
next owner		
<u>Frank J Carlson &amp; wife Emma</u> <u>lv.</u>	<u>May 19, 1913</u>	<u>Handed over to wife &amp; family - 1935.</u> <u>to Emma, Irma, Frances</u> <u>&amp; Amos. Death of husband.</u>
next owner		
<u>Wife - a family.</u>	<u>joint ownership -</u> <u>May 24, 1938.</u> Fed. Land Bank	<u>passed from father to son.</u> <u>to Son - Amos &amp; wife</u> <u>Orpha -</u>
next owner		
<u>Amos &amp; Orpha R. Carlson.</u>	<u>from Federal land -</u> <u>Bank</u>	<u>given over by mother - to Amos.</u> <u>Recorded May 15, 1963. - to Son</u> <u>To Son</u> <u>Recorded Aug 25, 1978.</u>
<u>Bruce Barbara J Carlson</u>	<u>Contract Aug 23, 1978</u>	

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Land Patent ( ) County Land Record (X)  
Original Deed (X) OTHER tax statements X

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Bruce Amos Carlson Barbara J. Carlson  
(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE June 13, 1984

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Melissa & her husband George R. Pergeant Feb. 17, 1874 <sup>1874</sup>

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 54 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$300 an acre.

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Wesley Kronsbergsten pronounced - Smaland, Sweden. (Swen Born July 25, 1840) <sup>1840</sup>

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? in Almelund & Rush City with relatives & worked out.

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

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

Bridgemen Russell & Co. sold to -  
Milk Production - owner of Carlson Creamery, & son Andrew. -  
Also purchased the Laurentine Creamery

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? Original Basement, of rocks. & the milk house under ground.

still - not used. but the cement trough - built into the hill - which still flows freely

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1875. with additions three times.

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn, hay, silage.

## ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

with spring water.

In 1893 Sven Carlson with two friends, Fred Masty & John C. Berg started the first pasteurizing plant of its kind in Minnesota. The creamery equipment was purchased from Carniel, Curtis & Green. - they sent the milk by train to the twin cities. But after 1 year it closed as shipping costs became too great.

Sven Bruce & Barb have become owners of the farm. They have 70 milk cows & 80 young stock. They also rent from Gary Schreindt & John Osborn total of 150 acres. They have 3 children Daniel 6 years, Kimberly 2 years & Ryan 6 months.

Since taking over the farm they remodeled the barn with milk house in 1976 added pipe lined milking in 1978 & bulk tanks. Built a pole shed in 1977. Built 2 silos - Harvester 1976 - & a cement silo in 1978. with automatic feeders for silage & corn. - This year they have plans to fix up the house roofing, siding & etc. - With this record for farming through struggles & hardships they believe farm life the most enjoyable. He thank God, for home, family & neighbors & friends who help us accomplish our dreams in our USA. Our country -

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Rudolph Chester Peterson  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Route 2, Box 110 Harris, Minnesota 55032

PHONE NUMBER ( 612 ) CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 36 TOWNSHIP Fish Lake COUNTY Chisago

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 158

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY September 10, 1877

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

The east (E ½) of the Southwest Quarter (SW ¼) of Section Thirty Six (36) Township  
Thirty Six (36) North of Range Twenty Two (22) West.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Elof Swenson</u>	FROM <u>Sept. 10, 1877</u> TO <u>May 3, 1906</u>	<u>Father of Annie Anderson</u>
next owner <u>Annie &amp; Richard Anderson</u>	<u>May 3, 1906</u> <u>August 18, 1947</u>	<u>Aunt and Uncle of Chester Peterson</u>
next owner <u>Rudolph Chester Peterson</u>	<u>From August 18, 1947</u> <u>to Present</u>	
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.

Rudolph C. Peterson  
(signature of present owner)

DATE May 10, 1984

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CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Peter Wiberg and John Holmgren on Sept. 10, 1877

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

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

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Sweden

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Somewhere in Minnesota (St. Paul?)

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? Not sure (probably 1877)

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn, Beans, Dairy Farm and Pasture Land.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: I live on the farm but due to my age, I now rent out the farm. land.

*Wiberg and Holmgren purchased this land from the State of Minnesota, it was School Lands, in 1871.*

*My grandfather, Elof Swenson and his brother each had 80 acres, now I have purchased the original 160.*

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Maurice Bredeson - Et al. (children) <sup>married</sup>  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Rt 2 Howley Minnesota 56549  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (218) 937 5490  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Lake Park, Minn. R.R. 1 <sup>OK</sup>

SECTION 14 TOWNSHIP E 9 10 N COUNTY Clay

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 187 ✓

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Homestead 1882 ✓

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

Section 14 Twp 139 Range 44  
Lots 2 & 3 14 13944

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1882	
<u>John Johnson</u>	TO 1896	<u>Father of Tone</u>
next owner	1896	
<u>Tone Johnson Bredeson</u>	1953	<u>Mother of Maurice &amp; Howard</u>
next owner	1953	
<u>Maurice &amp; Nora Bredeson</u> <u>deceased</u>	1983	<u>Father of children</u>
next owner	1983	
<u>Maurice Bredeson Et al</u>	<u>present</u>	
next owner	<u>4 married children</u>	

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

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

Maurice Bredeson et al  
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 28 1984

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Thomas + Patricia Hilgers  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS BARNESVILLE CITY MINN STATE 56514 ZIP CODE  
PHONE NUMBER (218) 493-4525 area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 8 TOWNSHIP Humboldt COUNTY CLAY

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 170

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1878

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

NE 1/4 - 8 - 137 - 45

R.R. Tax No. 16-008-0100

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Thomas + Mary Hilgers</u>	FROM <u>1878</u> TO <u>1920</u>	FATHER OF <u>John</u>
next owner <u>John + Christine Hilgers</u>	<u>1920</u> <u>1982</u>	FATHER OF <u>Thomas + Patricia Hilgers</u>
next owner <u>Thomas + Patricia Hilgers</u>	<u>1982</u> <u>PRESENT</u>	
next owner <u>Hilgers</u>		
next owner		

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

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Thomas J. Hilgers  
(signature of present owner)

DATE July 15, 1984

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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? 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? 1953

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Grant Lyseng  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

Hitterdal Minnesota 56552  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(218) 962-3454  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SAME

SECTION

10

TOWNSHIP

Highland-Grove

COUNTY

Clay

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

251.31 acres

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1879 Homesteaded

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

1/2 of NW 1/4, W 1/2 of SW Govt. Lots 4 & 5 of section 10.  
of township 140 North of Range 44

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Gulbrand Lyseng</u>	FROM <u>1879</u> TO <u>1908</u>	<u>Father of Gust</u>
next owner <u>Gust Lyseng</u>	<u>1908</u> <u>1955</u>	<u>Husband of Elizabeth</u>
next owner <u>Elizabeth Lyseng</u>	<u>1955</u> <u>1958</u>	<u>Mother of Grant</u>
next owner <u>Grant Lyseng</u>	<u>1958</u> <u>Present</u>	
next owner		

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Court file in Registration Proceedings ( )

Land Patent (X)

County Land Record ( )

Original Deed (X)

OTHER tax record

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Grant Lyseng  
(signature of present owner)

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

DATE

3-23-84

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED?

*grandfather* It was homesteaded by my

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL?

170.35

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE?

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN?

Norway

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM?

Norway

DID HE FARM THE LAND?

yes

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

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?

~~1910, 1911, 1912~~

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS?

Oats, wheat, barley & flax

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 648-3592  
area code

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

TOWNSHIP

COUNTY

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

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

NE 1/4 TWP 108 Range 36

W 1/2 NW 1/4 Sect. 25 TWP 108 - Range 36

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner John Essig	FROM 1882 TO 1886	Brother
next owner Henry Essig	1886 1887	Brother
next owner Christian Essig	1887 1950	Father of Reuben
next owner Reuben Essig	1950 Present	
next owner		

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

Court file in Registration Proceedings ( )  
County Land Record ( )  
OTHER

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

Reuben Essig  
(signature of present owner)

DATE

5/25/84

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Homestead

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$8.00 for 160 acres

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Green Garden, Ill.

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Milford Township, Brown County

DID HE FARM THE LAND? No John started town of Cassia (later)

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? No Part of well house made into hen house added on to it

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1978

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

HARLAN J. HALTER  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

RR2 Box 171 Lamberton Mn 56152

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 752-7873  
area code

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

14

TOWNSHIP

Highwater

COUNTY

Cottonwood

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

155

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1884

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

SE 1/4 of section 14 Township 108 Range 37

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM	
<u>Herman Halter</u>	<u>1884-</u>	
	TO	
	<u>1946</u>	<u>Father of Joseph</u>
next owner		
<u>Joseph Halter</u>	<u>1946-</u>	
	<u>1974</u>	<u>Father of Harlan</u>
next owner		
<u>Harlan Halter</u>	<u>1974-</u>	
	<u>Present</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 Homestead Certificate

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

Harlan J. Halter  
(signature of present owner)

DATE

June 21-1984

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Homesteaded.

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? Not sure

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Wisconsin

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL  
STANDING OR IN USE? Yes Home (Portion) & Granery

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1900

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn Beans & Milk.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER John E. and Elizabeth Jantzen  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Rt. 2, Box 162 MOUNTAIN LAKE, MINN. 56159

PHONE NUMBER (507) 427-2112  
area code CITY STATE ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE SAME

SECTION 18 TOWNSHIP MIDWAY COUNTY COTTONWOOD (OK)

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY (See Comments - over) ✓

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) The Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of Section Eighteen (18), Township One Hundred Six (106) North, Range Thirty-four (34), West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, Cottonwood County, Minnesota. ✓

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1875	
Heinrich Fast	TO 1919	Father of Gerhard H.
next owner	1919-1966	Father of Anna, Mary, & Elfriede (v Gerhard L.)
Gerhard H. Fast	1966-1981	1st Cousins of Elizabeth (Fast) Jantzen
next owner → by inheritance at father's death		
Anna, Mary, & Elfriede Fast		
and children of Gerhard L. Fast (pre-deceased)		
next owner	1981 - Present	
John E. & Elizabeth (Fast) Jantzen		
next owner (Husband & Wife)		

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Abstract of Title (X)

Court file in Registration Proceedings ( )

Land Patent ( )

County Land Record (X)

Original Deed ( )

OTHER Detailed Family History Record

Homestead Certif. #6080

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

John E. & Elizabeth Jantzen  
(signature of present owner) (J.E.J.)

DATE May 30, 1984

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CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? U.S. Gov't. (Homesteaded)  
HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160 (159.76 - Hmstd. Cert.)  
WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$10  
WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Gregorjewka, Russia  
WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Russia  
DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes  
DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? Protestant Christian Ministry  
WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes  
IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL  
STANDING OR IN USE? House on farm in 1875 at time of original  
purchase is gone, but barn built by first owner is being used.  
WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1938  
WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn, Soybeans, Hogs

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

According to an accurate and detailed family history, the Johann Fast family (Heinrich was the ~~oldest~~ son) moved to this farm on August 4, 1875. The Homestead Certificate is dated February 13, 1890. What the arrangements were between these dates is not recorded, but the purchase price was known in 1875 (see attached records.)

The poplar tree referred to (see attached records) is still standing in a field near the yard with a grassy plot beneath it. It is generally known that there are other graves there also, but there are no markers except the lone tree.

INFORMATION TAKEN FROM A COMPLETE AND ACCURATE FAST FAMILY HISTORY

"Wednesday, the fourth of August, they moved to their 160 acre farm, which they bought for \$1600.00 and a building on it 20 X 20 feet. In this house our Fast family lived till they had the new house ready in late fall, which totaled ten people. Father Fast (Johann) had said that he wanted to have a new home for the family before he passed away. He was quite weak, but he pulled weeds among the trees and helped with other things as he was able. . .He passed away December\*\* sixth and was buried about 500 feet southwest of the buildings. Son Heinrich\*\* planted a poplar tree at the grave, which is very large and the branches alive in 1962, which probably is about 85 years. (The family history was published in 1962). The first house that the family lived in is still standing and being used by the grandson, Gerhard H. Fast, who is also farming the home place." (Also 1962 information.)

INFORMATION FROM A GENEALOGY LISTING IN THE SAME BOOK

(Russia)  
Johann Fast - Born 9-21-1809 \*\*Died on home place, Mt. Lake, 12-6-1875

First marriage: Ana Eidsen

Children: Anna, Johann, Helena, Katharina, David

Second marriage: Sara Peters

Children:\*\*HEINRICH, Sara, Gerhard, Herman, Elizabeth, Agatha

\*\*Important facts

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

**SAVAGE FARM**

(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS 4688 West Arm Rd SPRING PARK MN 55384

PHONE NUMBER (612) 471-7397  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE RR NO. 2 MOUNTAIN LAKE, MN.

SECTION 24 TOWNSHIP 107 COUNTY COTTONWOOD

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Sept 7, 1878

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) NW 1/4 OF  
Section 24-107-35 Cottonwood County, Minn

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Joseph SAVAGE</u>	FROM <u>SEPT 7, 1878</u> TO <u>SEPT 23, 1899</u>	<u>SON</u>
next owner <u>Joseph B. SAVAGE</u>	<u>JAN 4, 1952</u>	<u>GRANDCHILDREN</u>
next owner <u>BERNARD, Joseph, John, Kenneth, LARRY, Michael DOUGLAS, THOMAS, DAVID</u>	<u>JAN 4, 1952</u> <u>PRESENT</u>	<u>GRANDCHILDREN</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 1880, 1870 CENSUS

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

Michael Savage  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 22 MAR 84

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? United States of America

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160 Acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$4/160 Acres = .025/Acre

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Ireland

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Leavenworth township  
BROWN, COUNTY

DID HE FARM THE LAND? YES

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

Machinery Expert

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? 1911

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Century Farm Owner Kevin H. Chamberlain  
(this name will appear on certificate)

Address 9620-132<sup>nd</sup> St. E., Hastings, MN 55033

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

Section 19 Township Nininger County Dakota

Number of acres in the farm at present 250

Date of original purchase by member of your family October 15, 1853

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement) N.E. 1/4 of S.W. 1/4

N.W. 1/4 of S.W. 1/4, S.W. 1/4 of S.W. 1/4 Section 19

Township 115 Range 17

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
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<u>Theodore Chamberlain</u> owner in 1877 or before	<u>in Oct 15</u> from <u>1853</u> to <u>11/13/1889</u>	<u>Husband</u>
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<u>Caroline (Feltz) Myers</u> next owner	from <u>11/13/1889</u> to <u>7/22/1888</u>	<u>Wife</u>
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<u>Frederick Myers</u> next owner	from <u>7/22/1888</u> to <u>4/15/1909</u>	<u>Step Father</u>
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<u>Benjamin Chamberlain</u> next owner	from <u>4/15/1909</u> to <u>7/28/1912</u>	<u>Husband</u>
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<u>Mary E. Chamberlain</u> next owner	from <u>7/28/1912</u> to <u>1/31/1925</u>	<u>Mother</u>
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<u>Morris A. Chamberlain</u> next owner	from <u>1/31/1925</u> to <u>1/10/1928</u>	<u>Husband</u>
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<u>Amy A. Chamberlain</u> next owner	from <u>1/10/1928</u> to <u>1/1/1957</u>	<u>Mother</u>
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<u>Harold B. Chamberlain</u>	<u>1/1/1957 - 4/21/1981</u>	<u>Father of Kevin Chamberlain</u>
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The above evidence of continuous family ownership of this farm since 1877 is taken from one or more of the following records. DO NOT SEND IN RECORDS, just indicate by check marks those which apply.

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

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

Edith L. Chamberlain (Witness sign here)  
Kevin Chamberlain (Signature of present owner)

Date June 12, 1984  
Please return to: Century Farms  
Minnesota State Fair  
St. Paul, MN 55108

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

How many acres were in the original parcel? 80

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

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

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

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

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

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

Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? The original granery, which is believed to be the oldest building in Meringue Township.

When was the present home built? 1916

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

Related information (please attach additional sheets if necessary)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER William ~~John~~ Gergen Jr.  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Randolph MN 55065  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 263-2487  
area code

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

SECTION 34 TOWNSHIP Hampton COUNTY Dakota

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 293

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1855

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

W 1/2 SE 1/4 Section - bldgs - Township 113 Range 18

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM	
Ben Weber	TO 1855-1891	<del>Father-in-law</del> daughter Elizabeth was wife of Gerhard Gergen
next owner		
Gerhard Gergen	1891-1920	<del>son</del> Father
next owner		
William M. Gergen	1920-1955	<del>son</del> Father
next owner		
William J Gergen Jr	1955-now	<del>son</del> son
next owner		

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

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Wm Gergen Jr  
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 13, 1984

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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The United States government

FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED?

Father - ~~Wm. Marcus Berger~~

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL?

243 don't know

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE?

\$1000

Ben Weber born in Germany

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN?

Richard was born in Germany

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM?

New Trier, Ill.

DID HE FARM THE LAND?

Yes

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

Sold horses

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD?

Yes

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

Yes - Barn - hoghouse - chicken house - granary - house

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT?

We don't know but Grandpa (Wm M)

was born in the granary Aug 4

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS?

Were beef cattle up to 1977

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

(1896) while they added onto the house

Now Crops

Sweet corn,

Corn

The Ben Weber homestead: had all girls gave each a farm or portion (8 children)

Richard died when Wm M was about 16 There were ten children

Wm M had 6 children - Bill, Ed, & Paul all farm

Wm J. (us) had 9 boys - 4 girls - None farm one is editor of JDN magazine - another works for Miller Research & Marketing - both farm oriented

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

ROBERT M. and PETER C. JOHNSON  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS 8684-250<sup>th</sup> ST W LAKEVILLE MN 55044

PHONE NUMBER (612) 469-2385  
area code CITY STATE ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 22 TOWNSHIP EUREKA COUNTY DAKOTA

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 110

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1859 ✓

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

N/E 1/4 of Sec 20 East 1850 Feet

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1859	FATHER OF
LARS JOHNSON	TO 1871	OLE
next owner	1871	Father of Peter
OLE JOHNSON	1891	
next owner	1891	FATHER OF MAURICE
PETER C JOHNSON	1943	
next owner	1943	FATHER OF
MAURICE O JOHNSON	1965	ROBERT
next owner	1965	FATHER OF Peter
ROBERT M JOHNSON		
PETER C JOHNSON	PRESENT	FATHER OF POLLY

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

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[Signature]  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 5/3/84

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POLLY ANNA JOHNSON - 8 weeks old 12-7-84 1st year of life

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? E Fairchild

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? MUSKEGOWNE

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

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? 1870

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

At one time this was  
a model dairy farm —  
also many great Registered  
Percheron Horses were  
raised here

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Bernard L. Wierison + Phyllis J. Wierison  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

RR #1 Box 64 Northfield

Minn.

55057

PHONE NUMBER

(507)

645-8796

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

(OK)

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

Same

SECTION

26

TOWNSHIP

112

COUNTY

Dakota

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1880

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

Sec 26

Sec 1/4 of Sec 26 Township 112 Range 19

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1880	
<u>William B. Jack</u>	TO 1894	<u>Father of James M. Jack</u>
next owner	From 1894	
<u>James M. Jack</u>	to 1943	<u>Father of Percy L. Jack</u>
next owner	From 1943	
<u>Percy L. Jack</u>	to 1975	<u>Daughter of Percy L. Jack</u>
next owner	From 1975	
<u>Bernard L. + Phyllis J. Wierison</u>	to Present	
next owner		

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Court file in Registration Proceedings ( )

Land Patent ☒

County Land Record ☒

Original Deed ☒

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Bernard L. + Phyllis J. Wierison  
(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

DATE

May 7, 1984

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Walter Carlow

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$ 5,500.00 total cost

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Scotland

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? 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? 1947

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

We have a 40 cow herd of Holsteins  
and are specialized in dairy Products.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Robert T. Burdick & Marion E. Burdick  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

R.R. 1 Box 204 Kasson, Minn. 55944

PHONE NUMBER

(507)

635-5147

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 2

TOWNSHIP

Mantorville

COUNTY

Dodge

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

542 A.

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

Oct. 12, 1860

(80 A.)  
original

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

W 1/2 of SW 1/4 of Sec. 2 - 107-16

E 1/2 of N.E. 1/4 of Sec. 10 - 107-16

(other  
land  
acquired  
since)

+ additional bought since original)

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1860	
<u>United States National Bank</u>	TO 1877	
next owner	1877	
<u>Linus D. Burdick</u>	1886	Uncle
next owner	1886	
<u>Nelson A. Burdick</u>		Father
next owner	1918	
<u>E. Elizabeth Burdick</u>	1923	Mother
next owner	1923	
<u>Lucius J. &amp; Lucy Burdick</u>	1952	Father
<u>Robert T. &amp; Marion E. Burdick</u>	1952 (to present)	(Son)

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Court file in Registration Proceedings ( )

Land Patent (X)

County Land Record ( )

Original Deed (X)

OTHER

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Robert T. Burdick  
(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE

7/3/84

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 A.

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

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? England

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

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) yes - but has been added to & remodeled

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? (Supposedly about 1862 - originally)

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Present owner milks 80 cows.  
Dodge Co. Commissioner (<sup>wife is</sup> Housewife) - working  
Active in many community organizations  
North Central Region Director A M P I  
Member of Presbyterian Church in Kasson  
5 children, all married.  
Son John (next generation) farms with us.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Alden Aslagson ETAL  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

Route 3 Box 352 Alexandria, MN. 56308

PHONE NUMBER

(612) 886-5441  
area code

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

1

TOWNSHIP

~~Holmes~~ City

COUNTY

Douglas

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

69 ✓

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1874

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

NE 4 SE 4 SW 4

+ N 2 SW 4 EX NW 2 1 AC. AC. 69

Seet-01 TWP-127 Range-39

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Iver Aslagson</u>	FROM <u>1874</u> TO <u>1893</u>	<u>Father of Andrew + Evan</u>
next owner <u>Andrew + Evan Aslagson</u>	From <u>1893</u> to <u>1944</u>	<u>Father of Evald + Alden</u>
next owner <u>Alden + Evald Aslagson</u>	From <u>1944</u> <u>present time</u>	
next owner		
next owner		

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Court file in Registration Proceedings (X)

Land Patent ( )

County Land Record ( )

Original Deed ( )

OTHER

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Alden Aslagson  
(signature of present owner)

DATE

6-19-84

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CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Homestead

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

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

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? no

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1922

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

*The two Brothers split up the farm and sold  
some when both got married. In 1945 80 acres  
was bought to add to the 69 acres.*

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Daniel and Kathleen Blank  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Rt. 1 Box 27 Carlos MN. 56319  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (612) 852-7767  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 10-17 TOWNSHIP Belle River COUNTY Douglas

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 540

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 14 July 1874

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

SE 1/4 SW 1/4 of Sect. 10. N 1/2 NE 1/4 SE 1/4 Sect 17. Township 54 N Range 36 W

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM	
<u>Ludweg Gutzmann</u>	<u>14 July 1874</u>	
next owner	TO	
<u>August Blank</u>	<u>1927</u>	<u>UNCLE</u>
next owner	<u>1927</u>	
<u>August Blank</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner	<u>1961</u>	
<u>Friebert Blank</u>	<u>16 May 1984</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner	<u>16 May 1984</u>	
<u>Daniel N Blank</u>		<u>Son</u>
next owner		

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Original Deed ☒ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Daniel N Blank  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 30 June 84

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Nicholas Geres

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 60

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? 650.00 - \$10.75 acer

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? vet.

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? No

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1974

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Kenneth A. Olson

(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

Rt. 1 Box 72

Nelson

Mn.

56355

PHONE NUMBER

(618) 852-7477

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

32 and 33

TOWNSHIP

Belle River

COUNTY

Douglas

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

159 Acres

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

January 27 1882

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

S $\frac{1}{2}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section

33 and the E $\frac{1}{2}$  of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 32, excepting 1/4 Acre to School District #40

and excepting 13 $\frac{1}{2}$  Acres NE of SE of 33. Containing 159 Ac res.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>first owner</u> Olaf/Ole OLSON/OLESON	FROM Jan 27 1882 TO Nov 26 1886	Father of Lewis E. Olson
<u>next owner</u> Lewis/Louis E. OLSON	Nov 26 1886 May 27 1943	Father of Lawrence Edward Olson Sr.
<u>next owner</u> Lawrence Edward Olson Sr.	May 27 1943 Mar 16 1972	Father of Lawrence Edward Olson Jr.
<u>next owner</u> Lawrence Edward Olson Jr.	Mar 16 1972 Apr 15 1984	Brother to Kenneth A. Olson
<u>next owner</u> Kenneth A. Olson	April 15 1984	

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Abstract of Title (x)

Court file in Registration Proceedings (x)

Land Patent ( )

County Land Record (x)

Original Deed ( )

OTHER Clerk of court records to prove relationship w. Olaf/Ole Olson/Oleson

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

Kenneth A. Olson

(signature of present owner)

DATE

7/12/84

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Erick Larson and Anna Marie Larson, his wife

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 159 Acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? unknown

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Sweden

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? This was part of a larger tract and the original owner lived across the township line about 1/4 mile away from this tract.  
DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes, the first one of the relatives to live on it was Lewis E. Olson.

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? Olaf/Ole Olson occupation in the Federal Census indicates he was a carpentur as well as a farmer.

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Only after Lewis E. Olson took possession,

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? yes, was standing as of Spring 1984

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? In the 1890's

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Attached is a photo copy of the deatils surrounding the transfer on this farm plus information proving the relationship of Olaf/Ole Olson/Oleson to Lewis E. Olson.

## CENTURY FARM VERIFICATION

Kenneth & Shiela Olson

OLSON/OLESON: The following information is intended to verify the application for a Century Farm certification on a tract of land described as follows: E $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 32, and the S $\frac{1}{2}$  of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 33, excepting at point on Section line 40 rd So. from NE corner of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 32, running N 40 rd to said corner; then E 80 rds, then S 14 rd, then SEly to point beginning and containing 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ A., also excepting 1/4 acre deeded to School District #40. Also a tract of land described as follows, commencing at point on Section Line 40 rd S from NW corner of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 33, running So. 40 rd. then E. 80 rd thence No. 9 rd then in NWly direction to the place of beginning, all being in Township 129, Range 36, and containing 159 Acres more or less.

This tract of land was originally conveyed from Erick Larson and Anna Marie Larson, his wife to Ole Olson by warrenty deed on January 27, 1882 and recorded March 1, 1882 at 4:00 P.M. in Book L of Deeds, Page 288, Douglas County, Minnesota. This tract of land described above was conveyed by Ole Oleson and Martina Oleson, his wife to Louis E. Olson by warrenty deed on November 26 1889. Recorded on 4 December 1889 at 11:00 A.M. in Book V of Deeds page 253, Douglas County, Minn. On the 1, November 1893 Lewis E. Olson and Alma Olson, his wife placed a mortgage on the same described land. Louis E. (L.E.) Olson and Alma Olson his wife deed this tract of land to Lawrence Edward Olson on 27 May 1943, recorded 11 February 1947 at 4:00 P.M. in Book 60 of Deeds page 553, Douglas Cty. Minn. Lawrence E. Olson aka Lawrence Edward Olson, widower deeds this tract of land to Lawrence E. Olson Jr. and Wendy S. Olson his wife on March 16, 1972, recorded April 20, 1972 at 4:00 P.M. in Book 108 of Deeds, page 549-550, Douglas County, Minn. Lawrence E. Olson Jr. and Wendy S. Olson his wife deed same tract of land to Kenneth A. Olson and Sheila K. Olson his wife on April 15, 1984 recorded April 18, 1984 at 4:30 P.M. as Doc. 62785 Douglas County, Minnesota.

At present time Kenneth and Sheila Olson reside on the tract of land described in paragraph one above. Kenneth is a brother of Lawrence E. Olson Jr. both the sons of Lawrence E. Olson aka Lawrence Edward Olson and his wife Florence L.

Olson. The births and marriages of all the persons mentioned in the above statement are of record in Douglas County Clerk of Court records. We are concerned here with the verification of the descent from Ole Olson/Oleson thru Louis/Lewis E. Olson and thru Lawrence Edward Olson and hence to the present. Below are details to verify the connection.

Lawrence Edward Olson (Sr.) only son of Lewis E. Olson and Alma Granlund was born 5 January 1906 in Belle River township of Douglas County, he was the seventh child born to this union. The birth is recorded in Book D Page 106 Line 13 in Douglas County, Minn. Lewis Olson of Douglas County married Alma Granlund age 19 on the 23 November, 1889 at D. Granlund residence by minister of the gospel Rev. J.E. Heberg. This marriage is recorded in Book D page 463 of Marriages. There were six daughters born to this marriage I will list them later.

Lewis/Louis E. Olson birth is recorded prior to his death in a petition for guardianship (states he is elderly and unable to care for himself and his business) on 8 March 1949, Douglas County, Minn. It states there that Lewis Edward Olson was born 21 June 1866 in Dalarne, Sweden. Lewis/Louis E. Olson died 17 January 1950 at his home in Belle River township, his death is recorded in Death Book G, Page 167 Line 1, Douglas County. Cause of death old age. The death certificate further states that Lewis E. Olson is the son of Olat Olson and Bertha Larson both born in Sweden also.

Lewis E. Olson estate and will was filed in Probate Court #7784 in Douglas County, Minnesota. The probate papers list his heirs as following: survived by his wife Alma, and the following children: Lilly C. Anderson daughter of Osakis, Mn. Susan M. Bursely daughter of Minneapolis, Florence H. Johnson daughter of Alexandria (wife of Oscar Johnson), Magnhild H. Green daughter of Nelson, Minnesota (wife of Edwin Green), Frances B. Dalan daughter of Minneapolis, and Lawrence E. Olson of Nelson, Minnesota, and Woodrow Kallstrom grandson of Nelson Minnesota son of deceased daughter Edith Kallstrom.

Alma Granlund Olson wife of Lewis E. Olson died on 15th April 1951 at her home in rural Nelson, Minnesota. Her death is recorded in Douglas County Death Book G Page 222 Line 1. In Alma estate papers it lists the same heirs as Lewis did the prior year. Alma was born 24 July 1870 in Douglas County, the daughter of Daniel Granlund and Christina Persson, both

parents were born in Sweden. We note here that Alma has the following brothers and sisters also: August, Mary, Elina, Selena, Edward, Axel and Alfred.

The following are the recorded births of children for Lewis E. Olson and wife Alma Granlund. It is interesting to note in many of the cases the informant was Christine Granlund, which of course was Alma mother. First recorded child was Lilly C. born 9 April 1891 Belle River Township, Book B Page 62 Line 3. Next was Susan Mathilda born 31 December 1892 in Belle River township recorded Book B Page 74 Line 4. Next was Florence Henriette born 6 July 1895 in Belle River Township recorded Book B Page 111 Line 36. The next child recorded is a female (no name listed) born 39 March 1898 in Belle River township, and recorded Book B Page 151 Line 33. Now we note that Edith Olson Kallstrom deceased daughter mentioned in her father Lewis will date of birth was 30 March 1898, she died 11 December 1921 Doulgas County and is buried at Fahlun Cemetary by Nelson, Minnesota.

Next daughter born was Monghild Evanglena born 21 January 1900 in Belle River township, she died 21 August 1900 of Pneumonia at her parents house in Belle River Township. The next daughter born was Magnild Evangeline born 19 August 1902 in Belle River township recorded Book C Page 101 Line 13. The last recorded birth of course was Lawrence Edward, information listed above on him.

In a photo copy of the original Fahlun Cemetary Book it is noted that L.E. Olson was one of the original subscription members to the association. In addition it states in this book that "L.E. Olson mother who died in 1870 is buried in the Crooked Lake Cemetary", this of course is the old Fahlun cemetary which was moved. From Lewis death record in which it states that his mother was Bertha Larson Olson, and taking the year of death as 1870 we find recorded in Doulgas County Death records the following: Brita Olson died 22 November 1870 died Osakis township, born in Sweden, married, female and white at time of death, burial Crooked Lake Cemetary. It lists her age as 27 years, 4 months and 28 days.

Now we have established the fact that Lewis E. Olson was born in Sweden and came to America with his parents prior to 1870. Further that his mother died in 1870 leaving Lewis and his father Olaf/Ole Oleson/Olson. On 26 December 1873 Olaf Olson married Martina Eriksdatter at Crooked Lake by minister of

the gospel Rev. J. C. Leerdblud, witnesses Peter Lungren and Ole Sward, recorded Marriages A Page 351. It is noted the license was applied for on 28 October 1873. To this marriage was born Emil Olson male white at Osakis 11 February 1876 parents Ole and Martina Olson recorded Book A Page 22 Line 20. Second child born was Katy on 20 November 1878 in Belle River township parents Ole and M. Olson recorded Book A page 23 Line 20.

Now, taking into consideration the death of Brita/Bertha Olson in 1870 leaving a son Lewis and husband Olat/Ole we find Ole Oleson in the 1875 State Census on Page 1 Family #29 in Osakis Township age 34 Male married and born in Sweden, his neighbors are Daniel Lunquist and Otis Blom. In the 1880 Federal Census we find Ole Oleson age 40 born Sweden, family members are Martina age 32 born Sweden, Sanya M. age 17 born Sweden, Lers E. age 14 born in Sweden, Emil Age 3 born Minnesota. It is noted that two doors from Ole in this census is Christin Sward widow of Ole Sward, more on him later. Then in 1885 we find Ole Oleson in Osakis township age 45 born in Sweden and wife Martina age 37 born Sweden, Lewis age 19 born in Sweden, Emil age 8 born in Minnsota and Mathild age 5 born in Minnsota.

We also have a possible connection in 1870 Federal Census as the ages match and the locations and the neighbors. Family #72 and Dwelling 68 Ole Oleson age 30 male white carpentur torn Sweden, wife BRETAN age 36 female white born in Sweden, children Sarah age 7 female white born in Sweden, Lers age 4 male white born in Sweden and Bertha age 6/12 female white born in Sweden. If this is the family it would indicate they arrived in the spring of 1870 as census was taken in June and July of 1870. This information would also explain the Sanya M. age 17 in the house in 1880 and the ages match.

Olat Olson died 14 January 1900 burial was at Fahlun Cemetary the informate was Emil Olson, date of birth was given as 11 May 1840 place of birth Sweden. Recorded Deaths Book C Page 75 Line 1. In Olat will Probate Court File #1085 Olat gives to his children Emil son age 23 and Mathilda daughter age 19 land located in section 4 of Osakis township. It is noted here that land in Belle River township had been given to Lewis on 26 November 1889 which was in fact just three days after Lewis married Alma Granlund, his wife and mother of Lawrence Edward Olson.

Now further we find that Olof Olson/Oleson probably did not arrive alone in the County as we find in in the early 1880 there was some transfers of records that indicate a Olof Olson, Peder Olson and Per Olson all in common ownership in the land located in Osakis township. Incidentally that particular tract of land is next door to the originally described tract we are concerned with.

In reference to widow Christine Sward, there is also a mention in the original Cemetary Association book of the death of Ole Sward in fall 1878, it appears according to the report in the book that Ole Sward and Peder Olson were hunting in the Crooked Lake area, when Peder accidentally shot and killed Ole Sward. A check of the death records show Ole Sward died 25 November 1878 Osakis township, male white and married, age 41 years 1 month 25 days, born in Sweden, recorded Book A Page 21 Line 2. We find that the widow of Ole Sward is next door to the Olof Olson family all the time and the conclusion is that Peder Olson involved in the shotting is the same as listed above with Olof and Per Olson.

The parents of Alma Granlund Olson wife of Lewis E. Olson were Daniel Granlund born 11 November 1836 in Sweden, died 4 February 1912 in Belle River township recorded Book E Page 65 Line 1, buried in Fahlun Cemetary. Christine Perrson Granlund wife of Daniel born 26 November 1840 in Sweden, died 8 November 1923 in Belle River township buried at Fahlun also. Death recorded Book E Page 236 Line 67. Christine parents were listed Olof Hanson and Sarah Person. Remember that surnames in the Scandinavian countries do not follow traditional form as we know it today.

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OLSON/OLESO LS=1 PAGE 4 LINE 29 CHAR 10 REPLACE < 8:36 A >

Compiled by: Ginny Swartz  
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Copies of all the original documents, microfilm information and such are on file at the compilers office listed above.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER VINCENT PAUL SCHLOSSER  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Rt. 1 NELSON MINN 56355  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
PHONE NUMBER (612) 852-7811  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 16 TOWNSHIP BELLE RIVER COUNTY DOUGLAS

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 200

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1881

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

Sect 21 Twp 129 - Range 36 NE 4 NE 4 Ex. Sac. ac 39.5  
Sect 16 Twp 129 - Range 36 - S2 SE 4 - E2 - SW 4, ac. 160

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1881	
<u>Andrews SCHLOSSER</u>	TO 1908	<u>Father of Christian</u>
next owner	1908	
<u>Christian SCHLOSSER</u>	1948	<u>Father of Vincent</u>
next owner	1948	
<u>Mary T SCHLOSSER</u>	1951	<u>Mother of Vincent</u>
next owner	1951	
<u>VINCENT SCHLOSSER</u>		
next owner		

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Original Deed ( ) OTHER

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Vincent P Schlosser  
(signature of present owner)

DATE April 27, 1984

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

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

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

ADDRESS R.R. # 1 Lowry Minn. 56349  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (612) 283-5642  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE same

SECTION 33 TOWNSHIP Lake Mary COUNTY Douglas

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 80

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1877

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

5 1/2 SW 1/4 of Sec. 33 Township 127 Range 38

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Frank Trousil</u>	FROM <u>1877</u> TO <u>1906</u>	<u>Father of Frank J.</u>
next owner <u>Frank J. Trousil</u>	<u>1906</u> <u>1940</u>	<u>Father of James J. Trousil</u>
next owner <u>James J. Trousil</u>	<u>1940</u> <u>1974</u>	<u>Husband of Ruth L. Trousil</u>
next owner <u>Ruth L. Trousil &amp; Deanne Trousil</u>	<u>1974</u> <u>1981</u>	<u>Deanne Trousil mother of William J. Trousil</u>
next owner <u>William J. Trousil</u> <u>Deanne J. Trousil</u>	<u>1981</u> <u>1984</u>	<u>and father of Deanne J. Trousil</u>

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

William J. Trousil  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 6-27-84

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ST. PAUL MN 55108

(Enclosure)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Nathan S. Phelps & Maggie A. Phelps (wife)

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? 160 acres for \$700.<sup>00</sup>

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Bohemia

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Kewaunee, Wisc. relatives

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? 1955

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Grains and dairy cattle

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

*The first family owner came from Kewaunee Wisconsin with relatives. They lived in a dug out near the Pope and Douglas County line. (See enclosure)*

In 1973 James J. Trousil died. He was the husband of Ruth L. Trousil. They had one daughter Deanne Trousil.

This maybe confusing to you as when Deanne married, she married a Maynard Trousil - thus not changing her name. To this union 2 sons were born, William J. Trousil (the present owner of the Trousil farm) and Bruce J. Trousil -

Should there be any questions as to relationship please write to me as I have difficulty explaining this "confusion" to some offices.

Ruth L. Trousil  
R#2 Box 459  
Alexandria, Minn.  
56308

vious and lived in a "dug out" near the Pope-Douglas County line.

Frank J. Trousil I, married to Rose Koudela, purchased a 160 acre farm from Nathan Phelps in the year 1877 for the sum of \$700. Fields were of small scale as land had to be cleared of brush and willow. The women, along with the children that were old enough to work, all joined to make ready the fields. To own two or three cows and a team of horses was a big farmer. As the family grew, 4 boys and 3 girls, so did the acreage—an 80 acre plot for each son. Mr. Trousil died at an early age of 57 years, whereas his wife lived on to the age of 92.

Upon the death of the father, the farm passed on to Frank J. Trousil II. He married Frances Hanzlik, daughter of Matthew Hanzlik pioneer farmer and evangelist who conducted prayer meetings and officiated at funerals in the absence of a priest.

The original home with exposed beams, hand cut by the grandfather, housed another generation of four boys, Thomas, Martin, Edward and James.

Bohemian language was spoken most of the time. The boys attended school at District 19 along with Bohemian neighbor children of Kalinas, Zavadils and Rajdls. Social gatherings, dinners at St. John's Nepomuk church, card parties, dancing and fishing were forms of entertainment.

The year 1942 brought James Trousil, the youngest son, inheriting the farm. More land was purchased and rented. One by one the farm buildings were replaced with a new structure, a beautiful farmstead as a result. James, married to Ruth Dinda, had one daughter Deanne. A prominent farmer, serving on the Lake Mary town board and active in the Democratic party, James passed away of a heart attack at the age of 57. The Trousil farm is still owned by his wife.

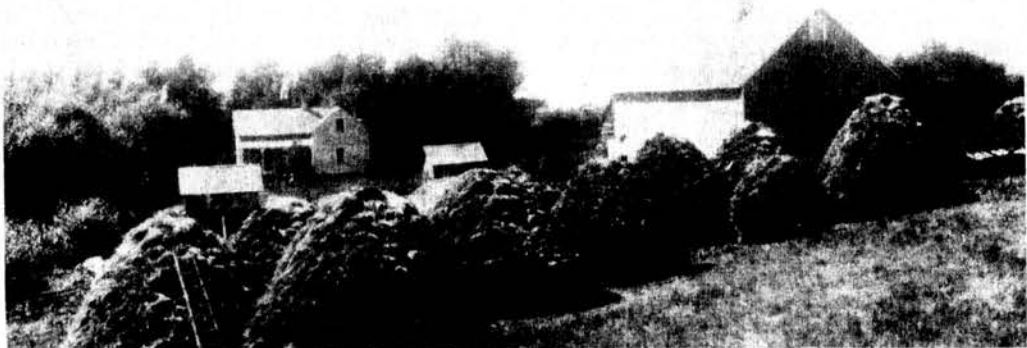
The marriage of their daughter Deanne to Maynard Trousil (great, great grandson of the first Wencil Trousil) has combined the Trousil name dating back a century. They have 2 sons William (Bill) and Bruce. Hopefully the farm will remain Trousils for generations to come.

*Compiled by Ruth L. Trousil*

## TROUSIL

Originating back to Bohemia, the first Trousils came to America and settled in the Kewaunee, Fondu Lac Wisconsin area.

The families of Joe, Wencil and Frank J. Trousil, along with a sister Anna, came to Lake Mary Township to make their homes. Joe Trousil had come a year pre-



Original Trousil Farmstead — 1877

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

JOHN F. GORMAN  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS 404 S. HOLLAND BLUE EARTH MINNESOTA 56013  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 526-3410  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION LOT #1-21 TOWNSHIP JO DAVIES COUNTY FARIBAULT

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 80

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1884  
1889

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

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1884	FATHER OF
EDWARD R. GORMAN	TO 1885	EDWARD B.
next owner	1885-1886	BROTHER OF
EDWARD B. GORMAN		JOHN
next owner	1886-1888	BROTHER OF
JOHN H. GORMAN		THOMAS
next owner	1888-1959 1959	FATHER OF
THOMAS GORMAN		JOHN
next owner	1859 1959	
JOHN F. GORMAN	1984	

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John F. Gorman  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 4-17-84

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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? 10.00 AN ACRE

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? IRELAND

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

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

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

CORN

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

JAMES OGILVIE  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS RR 3 - BLUE EARTH MINNESOTA 56013  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
PHONE NUMBER ( 507 ) 526-2868  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 2 TOWNSHIP Pilot Grove COUNTY Faribault

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 194 acres including property in Sec. 11 ✓

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1870 ✓

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

SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 2-101-28 ex a tr 80rds x 25rds containing 147.5 acres

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>first owner</u>	FROM 1870	
<u>James Ogilvie</u>	TO 1914	Father of <u>William</u>
<u>next owner</u>	1914	
<u>William Conrad Ogilvie</u>	1946	Father of <u>James</u>
<u>next owner</u>	1946	
<u>James Ogilvie</u>	Present	
<u>next owner</u>		
<u>next owner</u>		

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

X James Ogilvie  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 5-26-84

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? United States of America

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 146 & 57/100th acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? Homestead Property

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

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 Margaret Louise Schwarz  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS WELLS MINN. 56097  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 553-5591  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE same Now. will be 160-4th St S.E.

SECTION 19+20 TOWNSHIP Dunbar COUNTY Fairbault  
after June 1st Wells

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 256

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Home Steaded by my  
Grandmother 1871

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

SE 1/4 of Sec. 19-104-24 this was the part that was homesteaded.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1871	
<u>William Schinkel + wife</u>	TO 1885	<u>Husband of Wilmina Schinkel Miller</u>
next owner	1885 to 1902	<u>Mother</u>
<u>Wilmena Miller</u>		
next owner	1902 to 1947	<u>SON</u>
<u>Ernest Miller</u>		
next owner	Part since 1947 all since 1968	<u>Daughter</u>
<u>Margaret Schwarz</u>		
next owner		

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

Margaret L Schwarz  
(signature of present owner)

DATE April 16, 1984

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ST. PAUL MN 55108

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

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? Homesteaded

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Probably Germany

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? I don't know.

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? standing yes, but not in use.

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1968.

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

~~He~~ I am the last of this generation.  
We had a son that died at birth.  
My husband died in May 1981. We lived on  
this farm all our married life.

I lived here since I was born in 1916.

But am planning to move off the farm

Sometime this summer into the nearest

town which is Wells, Minn.

The reason the first name is Schinke is my Grandmother  
married twice. She homesteaded with Schinke & when he  
died she married Frederick Miller & stayed on this farm.  
& had a son Ernest Miller (my father).

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER ELLA ZIEGLER  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS RR 3 BLUE EARTH, MINN. 56013  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507)  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 10 TOWNSHIP ELMORE COUNTY FARIBAULT

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY May 20 1862

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) SOUTH HALF  
OF SOUTH WEST-QUARTER OF SECTION TEN & NORTH-HALF OF  
NORTH WEST-QUARTER OF SECTION FIFTEEN IN TOWNSHIP ONE  
HUNDRED AND ONE OF RANGE TWENTY SEVEN IN THE DISTRICT OF  
LANDS SUBJECT TO SALE CONTAINING ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY ACRES.  
PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>ALBERT ZIEGLER</u> first owner	FROM 1862-1944 TO	<u>FATHER</u>
<u>ALBERT ZIEGLER JR</u> next owner	1944-1979	<u>SON</u>
<u>ELLA ZIEGLER</u> next owner	1979-1984	<u>SISTER</u>
<u>PRESENT</u> next owner		

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

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

ELLA ZIEGLER  
(signature of present owner)

DATE May 8-1984

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

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

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 Rosella A. Snook & Rhoda A. Becklund  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS 1500 Pennsylvania N. Golden Valley Mn 55427  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (612) 544-0041  
area code

4005 Quaker Lane  
Plymouth Mn 55441

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE R.R. 2 Preston, Minn.

SECTION 20 TOWNSHIP 102 Carletona COUNTY Filmere

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 80

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY June 23, 1856

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

N 1/2 of SW 1/4

OK

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Ingelbert Ingelbertson</u> <u>also Ingel Ingelbert or</u> <u>Engle Ingelbert</u>	FROM <u>1856</u> TO <u>1920</u>	<u>wife of Ingelbert</u>
next owner <u>Rosy Ingelbert</u>	<u>1920-1926</u>	<u>son of Rosy + Ingelbert</u>
next owner <u>John Ingelbert</u>	<u>1926-1953</u>	<u>sister of John</u>
next owner <u>Lucella Ingelbert Thoreson</u>	<u>1953-1976</u>	<u>daughters of Lucella</u>
next owner <u>Rosella Thoreson Snook</u> <u>and</u> <u>Rhoda Thoreson Becklund</u>	<u>1976 to</u> <u>present</u>	

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

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

Rosella Snook  
(signature of present owner)

DATE July 14, 1984

PLEASE RETURN TO:

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? United State

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? Norway

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes -

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? Wood Carving -  
in Civil War.

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL  
STANDING OR IN USE? not the home - the other bldgs - barn, grainery  
with house are still

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? on the 80 now owned

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? by another  
family.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

July 14, 1984

I've enclosed two sheets  
for Century farm owned as  
me, my sister & I, own these  
two farms together. If, since,  
there are two - and two  
Certificates <sup>& signs</sup> are issued, would  
you please send both to me  
as hers would become a gift.

Be sure to use Pennsylvania  
or shorten it to Penna or  
Pa as there is a Penn in  
maps & some of our mail  
goes there if it says Penn.

Thank you.

Rosella Snook

1500 Pennsylvania North  
Golden Valley, Minn.

55427

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Rosella A. Snook & Rhoda A. Becklund  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS 1500 Pennsylvania W. Golden Valley 55427

PHONE NUMBER (612) 544-0041  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Preston, Mn. RR 2  
4005 Quaker Lane  
Plymouth Mn 55441

SECTION 36 TOWNSHIP 102 Forestville COUNTY Filmore

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 120

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

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) N<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of SE <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>  
& SE <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of NE <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Ingbret Ingbrecht</u> also known as <u>Engle Ingbrecht</u> <u>Ingie Ingbrecht</u>	FROM 1883 TO 1920	wife of Ingbret
next owner <u>Rosy Ingbrecht</u>	1920 - 1926	daughter of Ingbret Rosy
next owner <u>Luella Ingbrecht Thoreson</u> <u>Mary Ingbrecht</u>	1926 - 1950	sister of Mary
next owner <u>Luella S. Thoreson</u>	1950 - 1976	daughters of Luella
next owner <u>Rosella Snook</u> <u>Rhoda Becklund</u>	1976 to present	

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

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Rosella Snook  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 7/14/84

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? State of Minn.

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 200

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? ?

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Norway

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

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

also civil war

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Homestead was on the other land that he owned.

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? original home was sold 1975 & moved to

Chatfield - Barn - hog house, milk house still standing -

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? ? It was built after they had lived

on the other farm for a few years - but

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? not lived in by the

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Inglebrets - A renter  
lived in the home  
as Mr. Inglebret died.

Mr. Inglebret changed his name  
several times after arriving from Norway.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

JAMES AND HELEN BLEIFUSS

(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

RT. 3 #116 SPRING VALLEY

MINN.

55975

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(507)

378-5641

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

30

TOWNSHIP

SUMNER

COUNTY

FILLMORE

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1884

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

SECT-30 TWP-104 RANG-13

30 104 13 160 AL 534 SE 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM	
<u>FRED W. A. LUBAHN</u>	<u>1884</u>	
next owner	TO	
<u>WALTER + LYDIA BLEIFUSS</u>	<u>1925</u>	<u>FATHER OF LYDIA</u>
next owner	<u>1925</u>	
<u>JAMES + HELEN BLEIFUSS</u>	<u>1946</u>	<u>FATHER OF JAMES</u>
next owner	<u>1946</u>	
<u>JAMES + HELEN BLEIFUSS</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	
next owner		
next owner		

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County Land Record ( )

Original Deed ( )

OTHER

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James F. Bleifuss and Helen V. Bleifuss  
(signature of present owner)

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CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

DATE 4-16-84

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Ralph and Nancy Dwight

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$ 20.50 an acre

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? no

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1900 and 1925

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: <sup>two</sup> Fred Lubahn came to this country at age 13 with parents and ~~three~~ <sup>two</sup> brothers and a sister. He hired German immigrants to help on farm in exchange he taught them the English language. The original house in which Lydia Lubahn (daughter) was born still stands and used as granary and utility shed. Is not a log cabin. First barn still stands and has been semi-restored. Foundation of large lime rock hauled by oxen 2 miles away. The Dwrights belonged to a horse thief ring and used farm's sink-hole as a day time hideout. Horses were stolen from Rochester, Mn. area and taken to Iowa.

James F. B. Lippus

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Gerald Gehrking  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Rt. 1 - Box 34 Wykoff MN 55990  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER ( 507 ) 352-4542  
area code

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

SECTION 23 TOWNSHIP Fillmore COUNTY Fillmore

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 219 ✓

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Dec. 28, 1881 ✓

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) N $\frac{1}{2}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 23-103-12  
containing 80 acres, more or less.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner Henry Affeldt	FROM 12/28/1881 TO 7/27/42	Father
next owner Estate to all 8 children	7/27/42 2/13/46	All interests to 2 children
next owner Robert Affeldt and Martha Gehrking, joint tenants	2/13/46 4/19/56	Brother-sister Affeldt interest sold to Gehrking
next owner William & Martha Gehrking	4/19/56 11/2/71	Parents
next owner Gerald Gehrking	11/2/71 to present	

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

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Gerald Gehrking  
(signature of present owner)

DATE July 7, 1984

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CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Carl & Emma Biel

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80 acres, more or less

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$1900.00 for 80 acres, total

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? in Germany

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? nearby, don't know exactly

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes in 1856 (I think that's what was indicated on the abstract)

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? it was here when he bought the farm

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Curtis E. Hegg  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

RR1 Box 55

CITY

Harmony

STATE

MN

ZIP CODE

55939

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 886-2242

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

Same

SECTION

15

TOWNSHIP

Harmony

COUNTY

Fillmore

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

80 ✓

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1884 ✓

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

~~Section 15~~ W 1/2 Sec 14 Sec 15-101-10

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM	
<u>Bregwald T. Hegg</u>	<u>1884</u>	<u>Husband to Isabella</u>
next owner	TO	
<u>Isabella Hegg</u>	<u>1902</u>	<u>Mother of Nels</u>
<u>Isabella Hegg</u>	<u>1902</u>	
next owner	<u>1905</u>	<u>Husband to Olivia</u>
<u>Nels Hegg</u>	<u>1905</u>	
next owner	<u>1926</u>	<u>Mother to Clarence</u>
<u>Olivia Hegg</u>	<u>1926</u>	
next owner	<u>1957</u>	<u>Father to Clifford</u>
<u>Clarence Hegg</u>	<u>1957</u>	
	<u>1961</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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Curt Hegg

(signature of present owner)

DATE

7-1-84

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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? 160 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$1.25 an acre total of \$4,000 for 160 acres

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? 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? 1958

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Hogs, cattle, corn, beans, hay

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Next Owner

Years of Ownership

Relationship

Clifford A. Hegg

1961/  
1984

Father to Curtis

Curtis E. Hegg

1984

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner LARRY JERTSON  
Name(s) to appear on certificate LARRY JERTSON  
Address LANGSBORO MINNESOTA  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 21 Township ARENDAHL County FILLMORE

Number of acres in the farm at present 235

Date of original purchase by member of your family APR. 5 1879

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

W 1/2 SE 1/4 & SE 1/4 SE 1/4 & E 1/2 NE 1/4 SE 1/4  
SEC. 21-104-9

Proof of 100 years of Continuous Family Ownership

Name	Dates (Years) of Ownership	Blood Relationship to Next owner
MIKKEL JERTSON (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 4/5/79 to 3/14/1881	FATHER
NELS JERTSON next owner	from 3/14/1881 to 12/20/1900	FATHER
THOMAS JERTSON next owner	12/20/1900 10/24/1944	FATHER
OLEANDER JERTSON next owner	10/24/1944 - 12/29/80	FATHER
LARRY JERTSON next owner	12/29/80 —	
next owner		
next owner		

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

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

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

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

[Signature]  
(Witness sign here)

[Signature]  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 2-3-84

See reverse side for additional information.

## Additional Information

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? OLE TORKELSON
  2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 120
  3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$1.67
  4. Where was the first owner born? NORWAY
  5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? ANOTHER FARM
  6. Was this a homestead? YES
  7. Did the first owner farm the land? YES
  8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
HUNTING AND TRAPPING
  9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? YES
  10. When was the present home built? 1895
  11. What are the farm's major crops or products? HAY, CORN, DAIRYING
  12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
TEE-COUNTY RECORD, RUSHFORD MINNESOTA
- Related information: (please feel free to use additional sheets of paper) 55971

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER LOWELL G. JOHNSON  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS CANTON RRI MN. 55922  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (743) 8329  
area code

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

SECTION 9 TOWNSHIP CANTON COUNTY FILLMORE

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 400 ✓

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1869 ✓

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

W 1/2 - S.E. 1/4 and N.E. 1/4 - SW - 1/4  
Township 101 RANGE 9

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1869	
<u>Lafayette Johnson</u>	TO 1906	FATHER of P.M.
next owner	1906	
<u>P.M. Johnson</u>	1937	FATHER of LEE M.
next owner	1937	
<u>LEE M. and Gladys Johnson</u>	1962	FATHER of LOWELL
next owner	1962	
<u>LOWELL G and Shirley Johnson</u>	Present	
next owner		

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

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Lowell G. Johnson  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 5-14-84

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ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Lyman Stevens

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

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

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Vermont

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? Part of the home

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

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER PAUL & Thelma Mel Dahl  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS R 1 Box 143 Preston MN. 55965  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 886-4111  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE SAME

SECTION 24 TOWNSHIP Preston COUNTY FILLMORE

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1858

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) W 120A  
OF S1/2 OF N1/2 & NE1/4 OF SW1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>first owner</u> <u>KNUTE Bendickson</u>	FROM <u>1858</u> TO <u>1897</u>	<u>FATHER OF LOUIS</u>
<u>next owner</u> <u>LOUIS Bendickson</u>	<u>1897</u> <u>1909</u>	<u>UNCLE OF CLARENCE</u>
<u>next owner</u> <u>CLARENCE Bendickson</u>	<u>1909</u> <u>1950</u>	<u>FATHER OF Thelma</u>
<u>next owner</u> <u>PAUL &amp; Thelma Mel Dahl</u>	<u>1950</u> <u>PRESENT</u>	

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

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Thelma Mel Dahl  
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 16, 1984

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CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? State

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

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

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Norway. also the second one

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

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? Corn, oats,

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Hogs, Dairy Cattle, Beef Cows.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

LARRY and ANNA SOINEY  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

RR

CANTON

MN

55922

PHONE NUMBER

(507)

743-8490

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

TOWNSHIP

COUNTY

Fillmore

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

130

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1874

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

E 1/2 SW 1/4 23 Township 101 Range 9

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>OLE OLESON EGGE</u>	FROM <u>1874</u> TO <u>1924</u>	<u>FATHER OF DENA</u>
next owner <u>CARL and DENA SOINEY</u>	<u>1924</u> <u>1953</u>	<u>DAUGHTER OF OLE</u>
next owner <u>ELMER SOINEY</u>	<u>1953</u> <u>1973</u>	<u>SON OF DENA</u>
next owner <u>LARRY SOINEY</u>	<u>1973</u> <u>PRESENT</u>	<u>SON OF ELMER</u>
next owner		

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County Land Record ☐

Original Deed ☐

OTHER

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Larry Soiney  
(signature of present owner)

DATE

6/13/84

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? HIRAM COX

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$8.75

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? NORWAY

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Egge had to clear the land - it was timber.

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

Farm labor

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? 1885

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Eugene R. & Elaine Flusek  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Route 1 Box 227 Glenville Minnesota 56036  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
PHONE NUMBER ( 507 ) 373 -5040  
area code

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

SECTION 22 TOWNSHIP Hayward COUNTY Freeborn

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 80

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY June 21, 1882

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

SE 1/4 SW 1/4 & SW 1/4 SE 1/4 Section 22 Township 102 Range 20

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner Anna Sucha	FROM 1882 TO 1901	Mother of Marie
next owner Marie Kycek	1901 1962	Mother of Eleanora
next owner Eleanora Flusek	1962 1978	Mother of Eugene
next owner Eugene Flusek	1978 present	
next owner		

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Eugene R. Flusek  
(signature of present owner)

DATE July 10, 1984

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Benjamin Franklain Chute

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$850.00 for 80 acres

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Rokycan, Czechoslovakia

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Temporarily with neighbors for 7 weeks

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? No

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1924

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Bernard and Marjorie Holum  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Route 4, Box 79, Albert Lea Minnesota 56007  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
PHONE NUMBER ( 507 ) 256-7563  
area code

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

SECTION 25 TOWNSHIP Bancroft COUNTY Freeborn

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 140 ✓

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY April 11, 1877 ✓

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) The SE Qtr. of the  
NE  
NE Qtr. and the NE Qtr. of the SE Qtr. Section 25, Township 103, North of Range 21.

The SE Qtr. of the SW Qtr. and the North 20 acres of the South half of the SE Qtr.,  
all of Section 25, Township 103, North Range 21.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1877	Husband and Father
Bottolf J. Holum	TO 1920	of Elizabeth of Severt
next owner	1920	
Bottolf Holum Estate - wife & children	1946	
next owner	1946	
Severt Holum	1954	Father of Bernard
next owner	1954	
Bernard Holum	Present	
next owner		

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Bernard Holum  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 4-23-84

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Nelson Ellickson

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? I don't know but mortgage on Nov 15, 1871 the sum was 329.50

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? \_\_\_\_\_

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? 1959

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Warren M. & Muriel A. Horner  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS 8149 Westwood Hills Drive, St. Louis Park, Minn. 55426  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
PHONE NUMBER (612 ) 544-5296  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Route #1, Box 246, Albert Lea, Minn. 56007

SECTION 11 TOWNSHIP Pickerel Lake COUNTY Freeborn

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 120

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY October 1, 1872

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

East 1/2 Southwest 1/4; Southeast 1/4 Northwest 1/4 of Section 11

Township 102 Range 22

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>first owner</u>		
<u>Andrew &amp; Anna L. Horner</u>	FROM <u>October 1, 1872</u>	Parents of
<u>next owner</u>	TO <u>August 7, 1917</u>	<u>John S. Horner</u>
<u>John S. &amp; May G. Horner</u>	<u>August 7, 1917</u>	Parents of
<u>next owner</u>	<u>January 4, 1950</u>	<u>Warren M. Horner (II)</u>
<u>Warren M. &amp; Mary A. Horner (II)</u>	<u>January 4, 1950</u>	Parents of
<u>next owner</u>	<u>December 23, 1976</u>	<u>Warren M. Horner (III)</u>
<u>Warren M. &amp; Muriel A. Horner (III)</u>	<u>December 23, 1976</u>	
<u>next owner</u>	<u>Present</u>	

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

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(signature of present owner)

DATE 21 March 1984

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? James E. & Ellen Smith

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 240

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$14.58

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Andrew-Wash. D.C. / Anna-Leyden, New York

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? Livestock & Grain  
Merchant

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL  
STANDING OR IN USE? Yes- summer kitchen portion of log house

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1886

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

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

The Homestead name WESTWOOD FARMS is registered in Freeborn County  
(Certificate #256) as the homestead name, and with the State Of  
Minnesota as the Business name. This family homestead name was used  
from 1848  
previously in Green Lake, Wisconsin/as the homestead name and prior  
to that as the homestead name in Prince William County, Virginia  
from approximately 1738.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Maynard Alexander Lageson  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS R.R. 2 Box 135 Ellendale, Minnesota 56026  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 684-3110  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 2 TOWNSHIP Bath COUNTY Freeborn

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 97.10

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY June 7, 1884

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

East 97.10 acres of NE fractional 1/4 of section #2 in Township

#104 (Bath Township), North of Range #21, west of the fifth principle  
meridian as recorded in the office of the register of deeds in Freeborn County,

Minnesota

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1884-	
Andrew Elling Lageson	TO 1930	Husband of Maria
next owner	1930-	
Maria Norby Lageson	1945	Mother of Maynard
next owner	1945-	
Maynard Alexander Lageson	Present	
next owner		
next owner		

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Maynard A. Lageson  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 7/8/84

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CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Harriet H Stickney Jackson County Mich.

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 177.18

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

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? In Wisconsin

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? In Stark County Minn

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

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

Carpentry work

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Had been Homesteaded by a James Leen

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 1888 addition built in 1904

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

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Originally the farm was used in the growing of wheat, <sup>in the '90s</sup> when the barn was built for cows as the Vicinity were building a creamery at Coakville which was later moved to Ellendale. also expanded into hog raising and the breeding of draft horses.

It is probably interesting to note that at the time of original Purchase the going interest rate was 10%. Taxes Paid and transfers entered June, 7, 1884. Quitclaim Deed

Harriet ~~claim~~ ~~Deed~~ H. Stickney to Andrew E. Lageson executed by J. Gillrup register of Deeds and recorded by O. C. Dible in Liber (2) of deeds page 276.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

KENNETH H. LIGHTLY  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

Rt 1 Box 52

Oakland

MN

56076

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 437-1364

area code

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

2

TOWNSHIP

Oakland

COUNTY

Freeborn

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

79

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1878

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

E 1/2 SE 1/4 & E 1/8

W 1/2 SE 1/4

SEC 2

TWP 2 Range 19

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM	
<u>John Lightly</u>	<u>1878</u>	
	TO	
next owner	<u>1909</u>	<u>Father of Charles</u>
<u>Charles H. Lightly</u>	<u>1909</u>	
	<u>1971</u>	<u>Grandfather of Kenneth</u>
next owner	<u>1971</u>	
<u>Kenneth H. Lightly</u>	<u>Present</u>	
next owner		
next owner		

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Original Deed ☒

OTHER

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Kenneth H. Lightly  
(signature of present owner)

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ST. PAUL MN 55108

DATE

12 July 1984

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? MINN CENTRAL RAILWAY

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 170

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$ 3.50

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? BUFFALO NEW YORK

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? SOMEWHERE IN WISCONSIN

DID HE FARM THE LAND? YES

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? HE BOUGHT AND SOLD LAND FOR HIS FATHER

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? 1923

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER GERALD P. OLSON  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS 410 SUNNY VIEW DRIVE, ROLLINGSTONE, MN. 55969  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 689-2710  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE HARTLAND, MINN. OK

SECTION 7 TOWNSHIP 104 COUNTY FREEBORN

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 147.7

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 12-20-1879

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) NORTH WEST  
QUARTER (NW 1/4) OF SECT. #7 TOWNSHIP 104 NORTH  
RANGE #21 WEST OF 6TH P.M.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>first owner</u> GULBRAND OLSON	FROM 12-20-1879 TO 1-7-1904	FATHER OF PETER
<u>next owner</u> PETER G. OLSON	1-7-1904 2-23-1937	FATHER OF GERHARD
<u>next owner</u> GERHARD P. OLSON	2-23-1937 2-26-1975	FATHER OF GERALD
<u>next owner</u> GERALD P. OLSON	2-26-1975 PRESENT	
<u>next owner</u>		

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Gerald P. Olson  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 7-6-84

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? WINONA & ST. PETER LAND CO.

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 147.7

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$ 7.35

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? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Herbert & Marvel Schewe  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS RR#1 BX 171 ALBERT LEA MN 56007  
PHONE NUMBER (507) 852-2386 CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE \_\_\_\_\_  
SECTION 4 TOWNSHIP Nunda COUNTY FREEBORN  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 191  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Sept 12, 1884  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) \_\_\_\_\_  
SE 1/4 of SEC 4 Twp 101 N Range 22 W

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>first owner</u> <u>THEODORE SCHEWE</u>	FROM <u>1884</u> TO <u>1928</u>	<u>FATHER</u> <u>OF WILLIE</u>
<u>next owner</u> <u>WILLIE SCHEWE</u>	<u>1928</u> <u>1962</u>	<u>FATHER</u> <u>OF HERBERT</u>
<u>next owner</u> <u>HERBERT SCHEWE</u>	<u>1962</u> <u>PRESENT</u>	
<u>next owner</u>		
<u>next owner</u>		

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Herbert Schewe  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 7-13-84

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? ~~scribbles~~ MARPE

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

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? SUMMIT, ILLINOIS

DID HE FARM THE LAND? YES

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? NO

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1919

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Merrill G. Smeby  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS RR 4 - Box 201 Austin MN 55912  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER ( 507 ) 373-3868  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE SAME

SECTION 8 TOWNSHIP Moscow COUNTY Freeborn

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1937

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

S $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; E $\frac{1}{2}$  E $\frac{1}{2}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; W $\frac{1}{2}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ; W $\frac{1}{2}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec 8, Tp 103, R 19

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>first owner</u>	FROM 1884	
<u>George C. Nelson</u>	TO 1937	GRANDFATHER OF MERRILL
<u>next owner</u>	1937 - Present	
<u>Merrill G. Smeby</u>		
<u>next owner</u>		
<u>next owner</u>		
<u>next owner</u>		

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

Abstract of Title (x) Court file in Registration Proceedings ( )  
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.

Merrill G. Smeby  
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 13, 1984

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? NELSON  
George M. ~~Smith~~, uncle

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

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$60.00

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Denmark

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

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

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

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1902; barn in 1898

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Duane & Betty Steele  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Duane & Betty Steele  
Address Alden MN 56009  
RR1 Box 34  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 19 Township PICKERAL LAKE County Freeborn  
Number of acres in the farm at present 320  
Date of original purchase by member of your family 1884  
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
The NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Sec 19-102-22

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>FREDERICK STEELE</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <sup>1884</sup> 1884-17 to 1940-29	FATHER
next owner	from _____ to _____	
<u>CARL STEELE</u>	from 1940 to 1947	FATHER, HUSBAND
<u>Duane, ALICE, ARDIS</u>	from 1947 to 1968	MOTHER, SISTER, SELF
<u>Duane Steele</u>	from 1968 to —	PRESENT
<u>Duane &amp; Betty Steele</u>	from 1980 to	HUSBAND & WIFE
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner		

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

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

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

Aren Greenfield (Witness sign here) Duane Steele (Signature of present owner)

Date FEB 8 1984

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? CYRILLUS & MARTHA McKee
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 A
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where was the first owner born? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Was this a homestead? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Did the first owner farm the land? No
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. When was the present home built? 1901
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? CORN, HAY DAIRY
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
ALBERT LEA Tribune - ALLEN ADVANCE

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

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Elda M. Hossum and N. G. Hossum  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Goodhue Minnesota 55027  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (612) 923-4149  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 28 TOWNSHIP Goodhue COUNTY Goodhue

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 200

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1874 ✓

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) The SW 1/4 of section 28, in Township 111 north, range 15 west. Also the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of section 33, in Township 111 north, range 15 west

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1874	
<u>Johan Hinrich Buckholz</u>	TO 1890	<u>Uncle of John</u>
next owner	1890	
<u>John Buckholz</u>	1917	<u>Father of John Jacob</u>
next owner	1917	<u>Husband of Anna Martha</u>
<u>John Jacob Buckholz</u>	1962	<u>Father of Elda Hossum</u>
next owner	1962	
<u>Anna Martha Buckholz</u>	1965	<u>Mother of Elda Hossum</u>
next owner	1965-	
<u>Elda M. Hossum &amp; N. G. Hossum</u>	Present	

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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.

Elda M. Hossum & N. G. Hossum  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 3-21-84

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

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

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

Edward S. Glestad

(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Rt. 1 Wanamingo MN 55983

PHONE NUMBER ( 507 ) 824-2281 CITY STATE ZIP CODE

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same as above.

SECTION 35 & 36 TOWNSHIP Wanamingo COUNTY Goodhue

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 161

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1864

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) The SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4, Sec.35,Twp.110N.,R.17 W. The NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Sec.36. The W1/2 of the NE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Sec.36. The SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Sec.36. The W 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Sec.36. All of the above being in Twp.110 N., R.17 W., in the Co. of Goodhue & St.of MN. Part of the NE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Sec.35,Twp.110 N., R.17 W., described as follows: Commencing at the NE cor. of SE 1/4 of said Sec.35,running thence from said corner due S.along sect.line 14 rods,thence in a northwesterly direction 23 1/2 rods

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP (cont'd. on reverse side)

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>first owner</u> <u>Andreas Glestad Pederson</u>	FROM 1864 - TO 1890	Father of Edward A.
<u>next owner</u> <u>Edward A. Glestad</u>	1890 - <del>1896</del> <u>1946</u>	Father of Albert P.
<u>next owner</u> <u>Albert P. Glestad</u>	<del>1896</del> - <u>1946</u> 1977	Father of Edward S.
<u>next owner</u> <u>Edward S. Glestad</u>	1977 - Present	
<u>next owner</u>		

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

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

Edward S. Glestad  
(signature of present owner)

DATE July 11, 1984

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST.PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Transfer from Government agent William Williamson

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 120 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? 20 years School tax on sec 36,

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? G JOVIG NORWAY

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Came to Holden township 1855

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes - He became U.S. Citizen 1859

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? It was a patent grant after 20 years of School

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL  
STANDING OR IN USE? tax on sec. 36 for school support tax State Minnesota.

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? It was rebuilt early 1900's, added to 1926,

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Remodeled 1980-1983 Corn-Beans

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

(description cont'd.)

to the public highway, thence in a northeasterly direction 5 rods and 3 feet along said highway to the quarter line, thence due E. along said quarter line 17 rods to place of beginning.

## Century Farm Glestad Family History

(( Gjøvig Norway ))

In 1854, Andreas Glestad Federson (Peterson) immigrated from Norway to America and began the Glestad generation history. He settled in the Holden township and became a United States citizen in 1859. Hans Glestad was born to Andreas and his wife Helena in 1862. Shortly thereafter Helena died and in 1864 Andreas moved to the present Glestad homesite, in Wanamingo Township, leaving Hans in Holden where he was raised by the Christophersons.

In 1869, Andreas married Pernilla Lilleengen, a friend who also immigrated from Norway, and a son, Edward A. Glestad was born in 1871. In 1884, as a result of twenty years of school tax paid, Andreas was awarded a patent certificate of ownership from the Minnesota state land office.

In 1897, following the death of his father in 1890, Edward A. became full owner of the Glestad farm through a payment to his half brother Hans.

Edward A. married Thilda Morseth in 1907 and had a son Albert P. Nov. 18, 1908. Through the years Edward A. increased his land ownings substantially and enjoyed acquiring the turn of the century inventions. His first Model T Ford was purchased in 1913, two years later while operating a harness shop in town he added a truck. Renting out the farm wasn't satisfying for Edward so in 1919 he went back to farming, and added the newest metal lugged tractor. Electricity was an addition in 1918 that really changed their daily milk operation. Home conveniences, such as pressure water system and indoor plumbing, in 1928 were the following additions but best of all was the one tube radio in 1918.

Edward and Albert shared farm responsibilities up to 1936 when Albert and his wife of one year Berneice (Nodland) Glestad assumed the farm operation. A son, Edward S. was born in 1937 and a daughter Beulah Ann in 1942.

In 1947 the farm acreage was increased to total of 441 acres, one of the largest farms in the area at the time. Edward A. had enjoyed fifteen years of retirement before his death in 1951. Edward S. married Sandra Jorgenson in 1959 and two years later they moved to another farmstead located on the Glestad land and continued to farm on half shares.

Three daughters were born, Camilla in 1962, Cynthia in 1964, and Kyr Kyrsten in 1965 the same year Edward began work for the IBM corporation in addition to his farming.

Edward purchased a home in the village of Wanamingo in 1966 and moved there the following year continuing his work at IBM and renting the home farm from his parents for ten years. Albert and Edward, father and son, worked side by side running the farm up until 1980 when it was decided to begin renting out the land. In 1977 Edward S. contracted to buy and moved into the homestead. His parents then moved to his home in town where Berneice is now residing following her husband's death in 1982.

In 1981 Edward married Linnae Henningsen and are now living in the newly remodeled farm home with daughters Camey and Kerry.

Steven A. Jorstad

ATTORNEY AT LAW  
POST OFFICE BOX 216  
WANAMINGO, MINNESOTA 55983  
TELEPHONE: (507) 824-2221

July 11, 1984

Edward S. Glestad  
Route #1  
Wanamingo, MN 55983


Re: Century Farms application

Dear Ed:

Enclosed please find the Century Farm application which I have completed. You should sign on the bottom of the page as the present owner and mail it in by July 15.

If you would like to fill in any more information on the reverse side, go right ahead. The Century Farm Glestad Family History should be attached. When completed, mail to the address on the bottom of the page.

Sincerely,



Steven A. Jorstad,  
Attorney at Law

Encls.  
SAJ:pf

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Gunhus Brothers, Kevin + Mark  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS R.R.#2 Kenyon MN 55946  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
PHONE NUMBER (507) 789-16557  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE —

SECTION 18 TOWNSHIP Kenyon COUNTY Goodhue  
13 Richland Rice  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 170

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY March 23, 1868 ✓

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

Goodhue - NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 Section 18 109 18  
Rice - SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 and W 1/4 of SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 and  
the E 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Section 13, Twp 109 N Rge 19 West  
of the 50th P.M.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM March 23, 1868	
<u>Oley G Gunhus</u>	TO September 12, 1878	Father of Gunder
next owner	September 12, 1878	
<u>Gunder O. Gunhus</u>	December 26, 1939	Father of George + Edwin
next owner	December 26, 1939	
<u>George A. Gunhus +</u> <u>Edwin J. Gunhus</u>	May 22, 1981	Father of Kevin + Mark
next owner	May 22, 1981	
<u>Kevin H. Gunhus, Kathy A. Gunhus</u> <u>Hus. + wife + Mark E. Gunhus, Syle</u>	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.

Mark Gunhus, Kevin + Kathy Gunhus PLEASE RETURN TO:  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 7-12-1984

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

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

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 Arlie T. Johnson  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Rural Route 1 Dennison Minnesota 55018  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER ( 507 ) 789-6689  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 28 TOWNSHIP Warsaw COUNTY Goodhue

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 80

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1880

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

E $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Section 28, Township 111 North of Range 18, West.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>first owner</u> George Johnson	FROM 1880 TO 1886	Husband of Berit & father of Johan
<u>next owner</u> Berit Johnson	1886 1905	Wife of George and father of Johan
<u>next owner</u> Johan Johnson	1905 1958	Father of Arlie
<u>next owner</u> Arlie T. Johnson	1958 Present	
<u>next owner</u>		

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

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

Arlie T. Johnson  
(signature of present owner)

DATE March 23, 1984

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Ole and Anne Gilbertson

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$2,200.00 ÷ 80 = 27.50 per acre

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Norway

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Within 1 mile of subject farm

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

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

Unknown, but was in Civil War

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? No

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? Yes - granary and chicken house

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1922

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: ON OTHER SHEETS

Dear sirs:

We have discribed the home  
80 acres with buildings.

We also have owned 30  
Acres in sec. 21 north joining  
home 80 for just as long.

In 1932 we added 80 acres  
south east of us ~~on~~ on the  
other side of Highway 56. sec. 27  
state

In about 1964 or 5 we bought  
10 acres with buildings in  
sec. 21. which used to be long  
to this farm also.

Diagram on <sup>next page</sup> ~~both side~~ will  
explain this.

Platt ~~book~~ book will show  
all.

We were in Dairy business  
until 1982

my son Terry and I farm it now.  
I also raise Genesing roots

OVER

my grandfather came here in  
about 1858-9. He served in  
Civil war & Indian war for  
3 years.

from Norway  
He brought seeds of fir trees, that  
he planted here. The trees are about  
85 or 90 feet tall

my father was born here  
in the old house in 1880.

I was born in same house in  
the same room on Nov. 9 1915.

As ever

Ailie T. Johnson

TOTAL ACRES 200

80 A

purchased in 1931-2  
sec. 21

40 A

sec. 27

Buildings

40 A

STATE HIGHWAY 56

ADD.  
BLD.

Sec 21

30 A

10 A

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Donald J. Ryan  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS RR2 - Box 13 Goodhue MN. 55027  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (612) 923-4105  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 23 and 26 TOWNSHIP Belle Creek COUNTY Goodhue

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 240

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1883

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

5 1/2 of SW 1/4 sec 23 T 111 R 16  
NW 1/4 sec 26 T 111 R 16

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1883	
<u>John O'Brien</u>	TO 1920	<u>Father in law of William</u>
next owner	1920	
<u>William H Ryan</u>	1964	<u>Father of Donald</u>
next owner	1964	
<u>Donald J. Ryan</u>	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.

Donald J. Ryan  
(signature of present owner)

DATE July 14, 1984

PLEASE RETURN TO:

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

JOHN SCHWARTAU  
R.R. 2 Box 120  
Red Wing, Minn. 55066

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

John H. Schwartau  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS R2 Box 120 Red Wing Mn. 55066  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (612) 258-4496  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 30 TOWNSHIP Featherstone COUNTY Goodhue

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 223 ✓

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1876

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) SW 1/4 and all that

Part of the SE 1/4 lying North W. of the Red Wing + Hader road of Section  
30 in township 112 N., of range 15 W. of the 5th principal meridian in  
County of Goodhue and State of Minn.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1876	
<u>Lous Frenn</u>	TO 1880	<u>Father</u>
next owner	1880	
<u>Charles Frenn</u>	TO 1932	<u>Father</u>
next owner	1932	
<u>Axel Frenn</u> <u>Ebbe Frenn</u> <u>Elin Schwartau</u>	TO 1942	<u>Elin = same person</u>
next owner	1942	
<u>Elin Schwartau - wife</u> <u>Henry Schwartau - husband</u>	TO 1952	<u>Aunt + Uncle</u>
next owner	1952	
<u>John Schwartau</u>	TO present	

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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 H. Schwartau  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 6/7/84

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

JOHN SCHWARTAU  
R.R. 2 Box 120  
Red Wing, Minn. 55066

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Hantson Perkins

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 223

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? Ill.

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? 33x73 barn

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1939

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER RICHARD DALE, LOIS KERMITH STEFFENHAGEN, BERDELLA COOPER  
(this name will appear on certificate) + JUDITH MOORE

ADDRESS R.R. 1 BOX 201 Red Wing MINNESOTA 55066  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (612) 388-4808  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE SAME

SECTION 10 TOWNSHIP FLORENCE COUNTY Goodhue

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 161

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1884

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) LOT 3 OF  
Auditors Sub Division, Section 10, Township 112 North,  
RANGE 13 WEST.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>first owner</u> <u>FRED J. STEFFENHAGEN</u>	FROM <u>1884-</u> TO <u>1930</u>	<u>FATHER OF CHARLES F.</u>
<u>next owner</u> <u>CHARLES F. STEFFENHAGEN</u>	<u>1930-</u> <u>1961</u>	<u>HUSBAND OF MARIE C.</u>
<u>next owner</u> <u>MARIE C. STEFFENHAGEN</u>	<u>1961-</u> <u>1979</u>	<u>MOTHER OF RICHARD DALE,</u> <u>LOIS, KERMITH STEFFENHAGEN,</u> <u>BERDELLA COOPER, JUDITH MOORE</u>
<u>next owner</u> <u>RICHARD DALE, LOIS,</u> <u>KERMITH STEFFENHAGEN,</u> <u>BERDELLA COOPER, JUDITH MOORE</u>	<u>1979-</u> <u>PRESENT</u>	
<u>next owner</u>		

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Richard Steffenhagen, Representative  
(signature of present owner)

DATE July 5, 1984

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? ISREAL GARRARD FAMILY

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 161

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? 15.50

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? GERMANY

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? PRIOR TO 1884

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? LIVESTOCK, CORN AND FORAGE

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: *My Grandfather, Fred Steffenhagen, came from Germany in the later 1800's; lived in Chicago 1 year, moved to Minnesota and farmed a few years near this farm. His first wife died and he remarried (my Grandmother) and moved to this farm. He purchased it from General ~~Isreal~~ Isreal Garrard, who owned much land in the area. Grandfather farmed this farm till he died in 1930, when my Father, Charles, inherited it. I (Richard) started farming here in 1948, but later purchased another farm and my Cousin, Robert Steffenhagen lives on the farm now. My Father, Charles, died in 1961 and had rented the farm to Albert Rieck for 17 years. The Monticello State Park is next to this farm, and wanted to acquire it to include in the Park, but was unable to get enough money, so it is still being farmed by my cousin. My Brothers and Sisters and I inherited this farm when our Parents died.*  
*Richard Steffenhagen R.I. Red Wing, Minn.*

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Reuben Leraas  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

Rt 1

Barrett

Minn

56311

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

( 612 )  
area code

528-2398

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

Same

SECTION

16

TOWNSHIP

Lien

COUNTY

Grant

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

200.80

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1878

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

Gov. Lot (56) (7) SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 E 1/2 SW 1/4 Sec. 16

Township 128 N Range 42 W.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1878	Father of
<u>Ole J. Leraas</u>	TO 1926	<u>Martin &amp; John</u>
next owner <u>Martin A Leraas</u>	1926 to 1946	Father of Orvin
<u>John A Leraas</u>	1926 to 1937	<u>Howard &amp; Oleris</u>
next owner <u>Wm Goetzinger</u>	1946 to 1952	Son of Ole J. Leraas
<u>John A Leraas</u>	1937 to 1952	son of Anton Leraas
next owner <u>Anton Leraas</u>	1952 to 1963	
<u>Reuben Leraas</u>	1952	Son of Anton
next owner	1963	
<u>Reuben Leraas</u>	Present	

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Original Deed ( )

OTHER

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Reuben Leraas  
(signature of present owner)

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

DATE

7-6-84

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Government

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 136.55-

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? Mpls

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes This is Sec 16 or School Land

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1898

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Small grain corn & livestock

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

*Frank Jensen*  
1-6-84

1928 Ole J. Leraas, Lien Pioneer, Dies At Age of 84 Years.  
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SB 668

Ole J. Leraas, pioneer Lien township resident, died at his home in Barrett New Year's Eve, following a week's illness from flu. Mr. Leraas was 84 years 24 days old at the time of his death. He has not been strong for several years, but had enjoyed moderately good health.

Ole J. Leraas was born near Bergen, Norway, December 7, 1844. He came to the United States in the late "Sixties" going to Goodhue county. He was married in 1870 to Martha Stamnesshagen, who survives him. Thirteen children were born to this union, six of whom are living: Louis Leraas, Tunbridge, N. D.; Mrs. Emil Eide, Alamo, N. D.; Martin Leraas, Barrett; Mrs. Stephen Thompson, Alamo, N. D.; Johnny Leraas, Barrett; and Anton Leraas, Alamo, N. D.

Mr. and Mrs. Leraas made their home in Goodhue county until 1871 when they came with Mons Hesjedal by ox team to Grant county. After remaining here for a short time, Mr. Leraas moved his family to Minneapolis where he worked at his trade of carpenter. In 1878 they moved back to Grant county where he purchased a farm in Lien township on the south shore of Cormorant lake. The farm had been school land before Mr. Leraas purchased it. It was his home until his retirement some years ago when he moved to Barrett. Martin and Johnny Leraas are living on the home farm.

Mr. Leraas was active in all branches of church work and was a member of the Immanuel church of Lien township. He was also active in public affairs and served for many years as treasurer of Lien township and later as supervisor.

Mr. Leraas has a brother, John J. Leraas of Barrett, and a sister, Mrs. A. O. Lindblood of Silvertown, Ore., who survive him.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at one o'clock from the home in Barrett and at two o'clock from the Immanuel church in Lien township. Rev. Ivar Sandberg will conduct the services.

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Mrs. Ole J. Leraas

SB 668

Mrs. Ole J. Leraas died at her home in Lien township Sunday morning at eleven o'clock. Her health had been failing since last summer.

Martha Stamnesshagen was born at Stamnes near Bergen, Norway, August 30, 1844. She came to this country in May, 1870. September 19, 1870 she was married to Ole J. Leraas at the Helden church in Goodhue county. Mr. and Mrs. Leraas moved to Grant county in 1872. They moved to Minneapolis in 1874, but returned again to Grant county in 1878. Mrs. Leraas has made her home here since that time.

Mr. Leraas died December 31, 1928. Mrs. Leraas was the youngest of a family of nine children, and the last of them to be called. Mrs. Leraas is survived by four sons and two daughters: Louis Leraas, Tunbridge, N. D.; Julia, Mrs. Emil Eide, Almo, N. D.; Martin Leraas, Barrett; Mrs. Stephen Thompson, Almo, N. D.; Johnnie O. Leraas, Barrett; and Anton Leraas, Almo, N. D.

Mrs. Leraas was a member of the Immanuel church of Lien township and a loyal church worker, a mother of sterling qualities and one who will be missed both in the church and in the home.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon, Thursday, at one o'clock at the home and at two o'clock at the Lien church. Rev. Ivar Sandberg will conduct the services. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Glen O. Werk  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

RR 2

Herman

Mn

56248

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(612)

246-3365

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

Same

SECTION

30

TOWNSHIP

Roseville

COUNTY

Grant

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

376 595

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1884

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

SE 1/4 and NW 1/4 TOWNSHIP 127 RANGE 42

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM	
<u>CARL T. WERK</u>	<u>1884</u>	
	TO	
	<u>1922</u>	<u>FATHER OF OSCAR</u>
next owner		
<u>OSCAR A. WERK</u>	<u>1922</u>	
	<u>1962</u>	<u>FATHER OF GLEN</u>
next owner		
<u>GLEN O. WERK</u>	<u>1962</u>	
	<u>PRESENT</u>	
next owner		
next owner		

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Court file in Registration Proceedings ( )

Land Patent (X)

County Land Record ( )

Original Deed ( )

OTHER

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Glen Werk

(signature of present owner)

DATE

7-6-84

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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? 158 and Twenty Hundredths

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

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

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

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? 1936

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

*They tell us he lived there several years before it was recorded.*

*Homestead Certificate NO. - 3957*

*Application 5917*

*land office at Hergus Falls Minn.*

*Chester A. Arthur - president of United States*

*Dated 19 day of January 1884*

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Duane and Rita Beise  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS 9795 Greenfield Rd. Loretto, Minnesota 55357  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER ( 612 ) 498-8528  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE same

SECTION 10 TOWNSHIP 119 COUNTY Hennepin

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 80

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1863

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

So. 1/2 of NE 1/4 of Section 10 Township 119 Range 24

West of the 5th. Principal Meridian

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Mathias Harff</u>	FROM <u>1863</u> TO <u>1887</u>	<u>Great-Grandfather of Rita</u>
next owner <u>John Harff</u>	<u>1887</u> <u>1929</u>	<u>Grandfather of Rita</u>
next owner <u>Walter H. Harff</u>	<u>1929</u> <u>1972</u>	<u>Father of Rita</u>
next owner <u>Duane and Rita (Harff) Beise</u>	<u>1972</u> <u>Present</u>	
next owner		

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

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

Rita Harff Beise  
Duane Beise  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 6/15/84

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Andrew Bord who purchased it from The United States of America on Jan. 13, 1860.

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: My Great-Grandfather, who was the oldest settler in Greenfield, purchased our farm in 1863, my Grandfather farmed it all of his life and my Father farmed it until his retirement in 1972. Duane and I purchased it from my father in 1972. We have three children - Douglas, Barbara and David. Douglas, who is 21, is farming with us now. We hope that our farm will remain in our family for many years to come.

Rita

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Melvin A. Greehling  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

6205 Dogwood St. Rockford Minnesota 55373

PHONE NUMBER

(612) 477-5328  
area code

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

8605 Vernon Street, Greenfield, MN.

SECTION

16

TOWNSHIP

119

COUNTY

Hennepin

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

80 ✓

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

November 11, 1874. ✓

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

The South  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the Southeast  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 16,  
Township 119 North, Range 24 West

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Henry Greehling (Augusta Greehling)</u>	FROM 1874 TO 1891	Parents of August W. Greehling
next owner <u>August W. Greehling</u>	From 1891 To 1943	Father & spouse of Edward, August, Emma and Lena
next owner <u>Katherine Greehling (life estate), Edward Greehling, August Greehling, Lena Greehling, Emma Greehling</u>	From 1943 To 1956	Brothers & sisters
next owner <u>Lena Greehling and Emma Greehling</u>	From 1956 To 1977	Brother & Sister
next owner <u>Emma Greehling And Edward Greehling</u>	From 1977 To 1984	Melvin is Emma's nephew and Edward's son
<u>Melvin A. Greehling</u>	From 1984 To present	

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Court file in Registration Proceedings ( )

Land Patent ☒

County Land Record ( )

Original Deed ☒

OTHER Original Probate documents from Emma's estate.

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

Melvin A. Greehling  
(signature of present owner)

DATE

4-17-84

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ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? State of Minnesota

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

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$7 per acre -

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Mittel Schlessen Province  
Part of Prussia

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Came from St. Louis

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? Do Not 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 & even the Log house & Part of Barn

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? Around 1890 or before

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn & Alfalfa hay & Some Marsh Grass

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Kenny Gruehling staked claim to 200 acres in Sec 10, Greenwood Township in year 1855.

Have good pictures of the Log house & other Bldgs. In fact Log house is in very good condition yet.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Brian Van Beusekom Dorothy Klaers Van Beusekom  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS 4985 Klaers Drive Rockford, Minnesota 55373

PHONE NUMBER (612 ) 479 1869  
area code CITY STATE ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE 36

SECTION 1 TOWNSHIP Greenfield COUNTY Hennepin  
Independence

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 101.57

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1859

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) Independence, com at a  
pt in a line of NE 1, 01-118-24/ Greenfield part of S $\frac{1}{2}$  of se 36 -119-24

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner Nicholas Goergen	FROM 1861 TO 1880	father of Lucy Goergen Klaers
next owner Joseph Klaers & wife Lucy Goergen Klaers	From 1880 To 1901	Parents of Nicholas Klaers
next owner Nicholas Klaers & wife Anna Marie Becker Klaers	From 1901 To 1909	Parents of Peter Klaers
next owner Peter Klaers & wife Mary Anne Jordan Klaers	From 1909 To 1952	Parents of Dorothy Klaers Van Beusekom
next owner Theodore Van Beusekom & wife Dorothy Klaers Van Beusekom	From 1952 To 1978	Parents of Brian Van Beusekom

Brian Van Beusekom & Dorothy Van Beusekom From 1978

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Brian Van Beusekom  
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 19, 1984

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Lawrence Arenz

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? 2.31

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? 1952

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Aldis K. Gordon  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Aldis Gordon  
Address Rt #1, Box 216 - Houston, Mn.  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 32 Township Houston County Houston

Number of acres in the farm at present 65.5

Date of original purchase by member of your family April 1, 1884

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

The east half of the northwest quarter; the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter; also that part of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter described as follows: Beginning at a point on the section line lying 4 chains east of the southwest corner of said southeast quarter of the southwest quarter, thence east on the section line 15.78 chains to the south quarter corner, thence north 20 chains to the northeast corner of said southeast quarter of the southwest quarter, thence west on the forty line 15.705 chains, thence south 20 chains to the point of beginning; Except all that part of the east half of the southwest quarter lying north of the right-of-way of the C.M. St. P and Pac. Railroad Co., and west of the center line of the right-of-way of Minnesota Trunk Highway No. 76 running northerly and southerly through said 80 acre tract; all in section 32, township 104 north of range 6 west, and containing 149 acres more or less. Except an existing railroad right-of-way, highway rights-of-way, and rights-of-way for dike purposes. Also except as follows: Commencing at a point on South right-of-way line of Minnesota Highway #16 which point is 730 feet 4 inches West of point of intersection of East line of East Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 32, Township 104, Range 6, and South line of said right-of-way, running thence East along South right-of-way line 730 feet 4 inches, thence South along East line of East Half of Southwest Quarter 208 feet 8 inches, thence Westerly Parallel with said South right-of-way line 521 feet 8 inches, thence North-westerly to the point of beginning containing 3 acres more or less.

PROOF OF 100

NAME

Andrew Johns

(owner in 1884)

Lena Gordon

next owner

Ole K. & Lena Gordon

from 1955 to 1956

FATHER & MOTHER to Aldis

next owner

Aldis K. Gordon

from 1956 to present

SON

next owner

from to

next owner

from to

next owner

from to

next owner

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

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

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

Richard W. Sather

(Witness sign here)

Aldis Gordon

(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-7-84

See reverse side for additional information.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Aldis K. Gordon  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Aldis Gordon  
Address Rt #1, Box 216 - Houston, Mn.  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 32 Township Houston County Houston  
Number of acres in the farm at present 65.5  
Date of original purchase by member of your family April 1, 1884  
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement) \_\_\_\_\_

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Andrew Johnson (owner in 1884 or B4)	from 1884 to 1905	Father
Lena Gordon next owner	from 1905 to 1955	<del>Wife</del> Daughter To Andrew
Ole K. & Lena Gordon next owner	from 1955 to 1956	Father & Mother To Aldis
Aldis K. Gordon next owner	from 1956 to present	SON
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

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

Richard W. Sather  
(Witness sign here)

Aldis Gordon  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 6-7-84

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Nels Scherlie-Anna Scherlie
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? About 151 Acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? About \$7.80
4. Where was the first owner born? ~~Sweden~~, Sweden
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Farm 2 1/2 mi West of Houston
6. Was this a homestead? ~~No~~ yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? YES
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
No.
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? No. - (see other sheets)
10. When was the present home built? 1966 (Completed Spring)
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? CORN - BEANS
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Houston Gazette And Country Journal

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

## CENTENNIAL HISTORY OF THE ALDIS GORDON FARM

Andrew Johnson, born April 2 1837, and his wife , Anna Olena, born January 15 1836, came to America with their two sons, August and John from Sweden in 1865. Their first home in this country was in Looney Valley, Houston Minnesota, where a daughter "Pauline" (usually written Lena) was born to them on August 31 1877.

About four years later the family moved to a farm two and one half miles west of Houston, untill they purchased this farm that borders the west side of the Houston Mn. city limits on April 1 1884.

Many years earlier, a log cabin that had been built in Wisconsin, was dismantled, each log numbered and also marked with the masonic emblem, was ferried up the Root River and put on this land. Later a cellar was dug, the size of the cabin, and put on a two and one half foot wide rock foundation, quarried from the hills near by.

On January 15 1888 Mrs Andrew Johnson passed away, but Mr. Johnson continued to farm untill he retired in 1900.

On December 15 1895 Pauline entered into marriage, at LaCrosse Wisconsin, with Ole Gordon from Numedahl, Norway. ( he and his brother "Peter", after arriveing in this country, changed their last name from Kirkjaarden to Gordon) The new'ly-weds rented a house in Houston, while Ole was employed at Cargill Mills, until the mill burned.

They then moved to the farm and took over the farm duties, also building a frame house for Paulines father, who used it until his death on August 20 1905.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs Ole Gordon on January 6 1897, but died the same day.

In 1906 and 1907 they rebuilt the home, dividing the log house for a parlor and den, moving Mr. Johnsons home up to the log house for a dinning room, adding on a kitchen, a full second floor for bed rooms, hall and walk-in closets, with a large attic over all.

A cold and stormy morning at 1:30 on October 4 1909, a son "Aldis" was born to the Gordons in this farm home with a doctor and neighbor lady in attendance.

As an adult, he was a carpenter on many bridges, the Mississippi Lock and Dam near Hastings Mn. the Burlington Railroad Refrigeration unit, then later on houses, churches, barns for a contractor in Zumbrota, Mn.

While there he met and married Luella Hendrickson of that city. Two boys, Roger and later Wayne were born in Redwing Mn. to this union.

In 1949 the family moved from Zumbrota to a rented house in the city of Houston Mn. and took over the farming.

Shortly after moving to Houston a daughter "Violet" was born in the Luthern Hospital, LaCrosse Wi. on February 25 1950.

In 1954 Aldis bought the Oak Ridge school house and moved it onto the farm, remodeled it and used it for their home, while his parents continued to live in theirs. After about a year they moved into the large home and helped take care of Mrs Ole Gordon who had cancer, and later, passed away on the day before Christmas eve in 1954.

On October 12 1955, about four o'clock, a fire destroyed the remodeled barn and six other buildings including all of the hay, straw and grain.

A new barn was started immediately, with the gratuitous help of the Commercial Club, Farmers Union, Farm Bureau, and many faithful friends and neighbors. The logs were cut from the woods on the farm and a portable mill brought in to saw the logs into dimension lumber.

The barn was quickly completed, and the happy cattle got in their warmer new home on Christmas Eve

Elation was short lived in 1955 as Ole Gordon passed away on Christmas day, He had earlier on October 26 1955, given a quit claim deed to his son, Aldis, while the family continued to live in the big home and take care of Mr. Gordon.

While still farming, Aldis started as a custodian and school bus driver for the Houston Public School on February 1 1962

After coming home from work at the school on the evening of May 10 1965, we were rudely greeted by two tornado funnels at 8:45. Luella and Violet

made it to the basement, but Aldis got to the middle of the kitchen, and ended up in the back yard with part of the crumbled home on top of him. Every building on the farm was completely destroyed and scattered over the land. That fall the cattle were sold, ending our Swiss herd.

MAY GOD BLESS OUR FRIENDS that picked up some of the items, and kept them for us until we could again use it, but sadly, we also have in our society the "Human Vultures" that take what they can carry off, for their own profit.

In the fall of 1965 a new home was built on the site of the old one, which we now enjoy.

Aldis retired as school custodian on October 1974, but continued to drive the bus part time for the Houston Vocational students to their classes in Rushford and Peterson, until Christmas vacation of 1980.

The land has, for a number of years now, been rented out, as Aldis has emphysema and Luella had a stroke a couple of years ago, that left her partly paralyzed in her arm and leg.

Now, in their twi-light years, it gives them more time to pursue their hobbies, and to enjoy their lovely children and their spouses, with their beautiful off-spring, of which they have two each, for us to spoil.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Family of Arthur W. and Esther E. Miller  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS 5725 Emerson Ave. So. Mpls. Minn. 55419  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
PHONE NUMBER ( 612 ) 861-5004  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Rt. 1, Box 55 Stanchfield, Minn. 55080 (OK)

SECTION thirty one TOWNSHIP Maple Ridge (37) COUNTY Isanti

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 80 acres

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY May 12, 1883

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) The SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of  
NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 31, Township 37, Range 24,  
containing 80 acres.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM May 12, 1883	
S. E. Swanson	TO (death) 1933	Husband Of Bessie Swanson
next owner	1933-	
Mrs. S. E. Swanson (Bessie)	1953	Mother of Esther E. Miller
next owner	1953-	
Mr. Arthur Miller & Mrs. Esther E. Miller	1958	Surviving spouse
next owner	1958-	
Mrs. Arthur W. Miller (Esther E.)	1984	Mother of 7 children & spouses (listed on attached paper)
next owner	1984-	
7 children and their spouses of Arthur W. & Esther E. Miller	Present	

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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.

for Family of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Miller  
(signature of present owner)  
Marilyn Anderson  
DATE July 1, 1984

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CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

Names of children and their spouses are included on attached paper.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Mr. and Mrs H. F. Barker

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? Mr. S. E. Swanson paid \$250.00 in consideration

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Dalarna, Sweden

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Isanti, county

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes - Grain and potatoes were grown on the few arable acres available and the meadow provided Hay. Sheep were raised and at times the farm also had some pigs, chickens, cows and horses.  
DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? Mr. Swanson worked much of the time as a carpenter in the community as well as doing shoe repairing and blacksmithing on his farm.

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? Part of the original home, the granary, barn, garage, privy and milk house are still there.

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? In 1957 the original farm home was modernized, added onto, and made into a bungalow.

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

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Included on separate paper is a history of our farm made by Lawrence Hammerstrom (son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Miller). He looked up this history for our one-hundredth year celebration of the Swanson-Miller farmstead. This celebration was held last September.

These are the names of Mrs. Esther Millers seven children and their spouses who are now the present owners of the farm:

Morris and Helen Miller

William and Deana Miller

Burton and Sharon Miller

Charles and Margaret Peterson

Kermit and Grace Kalleberg

Thor and Marilyn Anderson

Lawrence Hammerstrom

THE ONE HUNDREDTH YEAR CELEBRATION OF THE  
SWANSON-MILLER FARMSTEAD  
1883 - 1983

By

Lawrence G. Hammerstrom  
11 September 1983

"Remember the days of old,  
consider the years of many  
generations; ask your father,  
and he will show you, your  
elders, and they will tell you."

Deuteronomy 32:7

This year marks the 100th anniversary of the purchase of the Swanson-Miller farmstead. On 10 July 1883, Sus Erick Swanson purchased 80 acres in Section 31, Maple Ridge Township, Isanti county, Minnesota. He paid \$250 in consideration. The farmstead has continued to be in the possession of the family ever since and is currently owned by the daughter Esther Elvina Miller.

This area of Minnesota was once occupied by the Dakota or Sioux Indians and later by the Chippewa or Ojibway. With the coming of the white man, Minnesota came under the rule of four flags: French, English, Spanish and American. This area was once part of the Louisiana purchase of 1803. In 1849 Minnesota became a Territory and in 1858 a State.

In order to attract new settlers to the vast territory west of the Mississippi, the Homestead Act of 1862 was passed. However, by 1880 there were few good acres remaining in the state where farmlands could be established. From the 1850s to the early 1870s the federal government allocated vast quantities of land for railroad construction. The railroad holdings were limited to the odd numbered sections and the even numbered sections were designated as homestead land. A Minnesota railroad land grant was passed by Congress in 1864 and the Minnesota state legislature in turn allocated the lands to the Lake Superior and Mississippi Railroad. Most of this land in Isanti county was sold directly to Swedish settlers or speculators who then sold it to the settlers at a profit. In general, the settlers did not acquire the railroad land until there was no longer any possibility of acquiring homestead land in the area. The Swanson farmstead was once a part of the land grant to the Lake Superior and Mississippi Railroad. Before the Swanson purchase, this land had been owned by three prior owners; J. H. Seaver December 1873, E. J. Lewis April 1879 and H. F. Barker May 1883.

In the last half of the 19th century, the great migration from Europe began. Between 1850 and 1930, approximately 40 million Europeans emigrated to the United States. During the same period, approximately 1,25 million Swedes left their homeland for America. The first Swede in Isanti county came from Chisago county in the 1850s. Later large numbers came from Orsa, Rättvik and Venjan parishes in the province of Dalarna, Sweden. In 1910, 66% of the population of Isanti county was of Swedish origin and the county became known as "American Dalarna." In the 1880s the greatest peak of the Swedish emigration occurred and it was during these years that Sus Erick Swanson, Eric Kron and many others came to Isanti county.

In the same year that Minnesota became a state, Sus Erick Swanson was born on the 24th of October in the Venjan parish, Dalarna, Sweden. His twin brother Mats had died in infancy. On 12 May 1882 he, his younger brother Mats (later called Martin) age 15, his father Sus Sven Svensson, age 66, and his mother Ingeborg Nilsson, age 61, left the port of Gothenberg, Sweden on the vessel Marsdin bound for Hull, England. The usual route then was by rail from Hull to Liverpool, England and then by vessel to a port in the United States, most likely New York City.

A brother Nils and a sister Karin remained in Sweden. Earlier, a brother Swan had emigrated in 1880 and a sister Ingeborg in 1881, both of whom also settled in Isanti county. The aged parents, who lived at various times with their sons Erick and Swan, died circa 1904.

Various legal and census records show Erick as Sus E. Swenson, Erick Swenson, S. E. Swanson and S. Erick Swanson. The name "Sus" was not a nickname nor was it a given name. This appellation can be traced through his family in the Venjan parish records back to a Sus Mats Matsson (1679-1766). In the 1700s a pastor in the Venjan parish, in order to distinguish between all the "sons" and families with similar names, identified the families with a farm name in latin. The word "Sus" in latin means pig but of course the peasants of that time did not know latin. The word "Sus" in swedish means "sighing or whispering" as in "It whispers or sighs so beautifully in the woods." It is interesting to note that the ancestry of Erick on his fathers side includes members of the Swedish clergy that date back to the 16th and 17th centuries: Johan Klingius (1695-1760), Eric Johannes Klingius (1660-1729), Johannes Lundbeck (1673-1726), Gabriel Acrelius (1648-1694), Matthias Nicolai Ravitius ( ?-1687), Johan Petri Skeptunensis (1608-1666), Ericus Holstenius (1588-1640), Petrus Thomae Cassiopaeus ( ?-1640), and Christopherus Magni Ihrestadiensis ( ?-1621).

On 15 November 1890, Erick married Bessie Kron. The marriage record shows that she was 16 years old and that her father Eric Kron gave his written consent. Bessie was born in Öje in the Malung parish on 1 July 1874, her parents were Eric Kron and Kerstin Olofsdotter. The birth record shows her name as Brita, the marriage record Betsey, the 1895 state census Brita and the 1905 state census Betsie, the 1914 Farmers Directory Bertha and the death record Betsey. Despite these variations, she was best known as Bessie. In Sweden, the names Brita and Bessie are often interchangeable.

Bessie's father, Eric Kron, was born in the Venjan parish 30 May 1840. He had been a soldier in the 7th Mora Company of the Dala Regiment. The military records show his name originally as Eric Matsson but he was given the name Kron as it was customary to use different surnames in the military in order to avoid the confusion resulting from the similarity of names. The military records also show he was given permission to retain his surname Kron. He was given a medical discharge in 1881. On 5 May 1882 he left the port of Gothenberg, Sweden, the ultimate destination was shown as Anoka, Minnesota. His wife Kerstin and daughters Brita age 8, Karin (Carrie) age 5 and Ingeborg (Ena) age 2 followed later that fall and departed from the port of Gothenberg, on 8 September 1882 on the vessel Orlando bound for Hull, England. Their ultimate destination was shown as New York City. Four other children of the Kron family had died in infancy.

Kerstin Olofsdotter was born 25 April 1843 in Öje, Malung parish, daughter of Olof Olsson and Anna Persdotter. The parish records also identify her as a "Tåli", an appellation given to her father. Her brother Olof Talin was the father of the Tolin brothers, Eric and Ole, who also emigrated to America in 1885 and lived near Dalbo, Minnesota. Kerstin died 4 April 1888, only 45 years old. On 11 June 1891 Eric Kron married Brita Knickt. Brita

died in 1934 at an age of almost 93. On 7 May 1892 Eric Kron received patent #3420 for the homestead he purchased in Section 10 of Dalbo township, Isanti county, Minnesota. Eric died 25 December 1900, age 60.

On 10 February 1898, Sus Erick and his family were received into the membership of the Salem Lutheran Church, Dalbo, Minn. He was on the building committee for the parsonage and served as a janitor for many years. He became a citizen in 1902. Census records show his occupation as a farmer but he worked much of the time as a carpenter in the community as well as doing shoe repairing and blacksmithing on his farm. He died 8 April 1934, age 75.

Except for the winters, his widow Bessie continued to live on the homeplace until her death 7 March 1960, age 85. On 14 October 1953 the farm was purchased from the estate by the daughter Esther Elvina and son-in-law Arthur W. Miller. The consideration was \$2,400.

Arthur W. Miller was born 6 April 1893 in Spring Vale Township, Isanti county, Minnesota, son of Carl Johan Moller and Mathilda Charlotta Andersdotter. On 27 January 1915 he and Esther Elvina Swanson were united in marriage. Arthur worked 34 years for the city of Minneapolis as an equipment operator for the sewer and water departments. On his retirement in August 1957 he and his wife and mother-in-law Bessie Swanson, moved from Minneapolis to their farmstead and he began to modernize and make over the old home into a bungalow. He added a basement, two bedrooms and a bath and installed heating, water, electric and sewage systems. Unfortunately before the remodeling was completed he died 10 May 1958, age 65. After his death a carpenter was engaged and assisted by the sons and sons-in-law, the upper story was removed and the remodeling completed.

Apparently the original home had been a log cabin. During the 1958 remodeling, original logs were found in the walls and joists of the kitchen. The cabin later was expanded by adding a living room, dining room and a bedroom on the first floor and three bedrooms on the floor above. Various outbuildings were constructed during the years: a summer kitchen, milk house, pig and hen house, blacksmith shop, granary, barn (originally a log barn), garage, privy and root cellar.

Grain and potatoes were grown on the few arable acres available and the meadow provided hay. Sheep were raised and Bessie did the shearing, carding and spinning of the wool. At times the farm also had some pigs, chickens, cows and horses.

In the old days before the house was modernized, the children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren delighted in visiting and staying on the farm with its primitive facilities, especially in the summer months. Today they can recall that theirs was an unique experience, that of having lived without the modern conveniences of electricity and indoor water and plumbing. Today on this anniversary celebration they can also rejoice with the psalmist who wrote, "Yea, we have a godly heritage." (Psalm 16:6).

DEED.

Edwin M. Lewis, Trustee  
in Bankruptcy of Jay Cooke  
& Company,

to (12)

H.F. Barker.

Dated May 4, 1883.  
Filed May 19, 1883 at 9 a.m.  
RECORDED in Book "F" of Deeds page 561.  
Sealed and two witnesses. Consideration \$220.00.  
Acknowledged May 4, 1883 by Edwin M. Lewis,  
Trustee, before John F. Lewis, Notary Public,  
Philadelphia County, Penn.  
Notarial seal affixed.

DESCRIPTION:

The SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 31, Township 37,  
Range 24, containing together 80 acres of land.

DEED.

Edwin M. Lewis, Trustee in  
Bankruptcy of Jay Cooke  
and Company,

to (13)

H.F. Barker.

Dated May 4, 1883.  
Filed July 30, 1901 at 5 p.m.  
RECORDED in Book "U" of Deeds page 51.  
Sealed and two witnesses. Consideration \$220.00.  
Acknowledged May 4, 1883 by Edwin M. Lewis,  
Trustee, before John F. Lewis, Notary Public,  
Philadelphia County, Penn.  
Notarial seal affixed.

DESCRIPTION:

The SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 31,  
Township 37, Range 24, containing together 80  
acres of land.

WARRANTY DEED.

H.F. Barker and M.C.  
Barker, his wife,

to (14)

S.E. Swanson.

Dated May 12, 1883.  
Filed July 10, 1883 at 9 a.m.  
Consideration \$250.00.  
RECORDED in Book "D" of Deeds page 574.  
Sealed and two witnesses.  
Acknowledged May 14, 1883 by Henry F. Barker  
and Maggie C. Barker, his wife, before Hans  
Engberg, County Auditor, Isanti County, Minn.  
County Auditor's seal affixed.

DESCRIPTION:

The SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 31,  
Township 37, Range 24, containing 80 acres.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Ronald & Beverly Sarnier  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Rt. 2 Box 113 Princeton Mn. 55371  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
PHONE NUMBER ( 612 ) 389-2605  
area code

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

SECTION 32 TOWNSHIP Dalbo COUNTY Isanti

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 80

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1884

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

S $\frac{1}{2}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 32 Twn. 37N Rge 25W

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>first owner</u>	FROM 1884	
Gustav Sarnier	TO 1894	Father of Charles
<u>next owner</u>	1894	Wife of Gustav
Mary Sarnier	1946	Mother of Charles
<u>next owner</u>	1946	
Charles Sarnier	1960	Father of Ronald
<u>next owner</u>	1960	Wife of Charles
Emma Sarnier	1966	Mother of Ronald
<u>next owner</u>	1966	
Ronald Sarnier	Present	

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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.

Ronald D. Sarnier  
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 9, 1984

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

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

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

Edwin K. Kolander  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

RR #1 Box 185 Lakefield

Minn

56150

PHONE NUMBER

(507)

662-6583

area code

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

1 - 6

TOWNSHIP

West Heron Lake

Heron Lake

COUNTY

Jackson

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

131

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

March 21, 1884

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

SE 1/4 SE 1/4

1 103 37 40

NW 1/4 SW 1/4 & Lot #1

6 103 36 91.57

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM	
<u>D. W. Kolander</u>	TO <u>1884-1958</u>	<u>Grand father</u>
next owner		
<u>Estate</u>		
next owner		
<u>Kolander Bros.</u>	<u>My husband was 1 of four</u>	<u>brothers and grand</u>
next owner		
<u>Edwin Kolander</u>	<u>son of D. W. Kolander. Edwin bought out the other three brothers in 1969.</u>	
next owner		

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Abstract of Title ☒

Court file in Registration Proceedings ☐

Land Patent ☐

County Land Record ☐

Original Deed ☒

OTHER

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

Edwin Kolander  
(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE

July 11, 1984

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? D. W. Kolander Estate

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 131

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? 250

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL  
STANDING OR IN USE? Still standing but not living in it

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? Don't know

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Orrie R. + Lois Werner  
(this name will appear on certificate)

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ADDRESS

R.R. 1

Alpha

Mn.

56111

PHONE NUMBER

(507)

847-2668

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

1

TOWNSHIP

Petersburg

COUNTY

Jackson

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1884

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

SW 1/4 Sec. 1 Township 101 Range 34

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM	
<u>August Werner</u>	<u>1884 -</u>	<u>Father of</u>
	TO	<u>Edward</u>
next owner		
<u>Edward J. + Ella Werner</u>	<u>1948 -</u>	<u>Parents of</u>
	<u>1974</u>	<u>Orrie</u>
next owner		
<u>Orrie R. + Lois Werner</u>	<u>1974 -</u>	
	<u>Present</u>	
next owner		
next owner		

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Court file in Registration Proceedings ( )

Land Patent ( )

County Land Record ( )

Original Deed (X)

OTHER

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Orrie R. Werner

(signature of present owner)

DATE

May 29, 1984

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Frederiksen, Hansen, + Drummond - Chicago, Ill.

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

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

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Evergreen Park, Ill.

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? No

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1974

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Howard G. Flann  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Rt 2 Box 184, Lake Lillian Mn. 56253  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (612) 664-4213  
area code

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

SECTION 14 TOWNSHIP Lake Lillian COUNTY Kandiyohi

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 410

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Dec. 13, 1880

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) SW 1/4 NE 1/4

NW 1/4 SE 1/4 Township 117 Range 34 also timberland

in Lot 1 Section 18, township 117, N of Range 33, bounded on N by line  
E + W from Section line between 7 + 18 of 10 76/100 chain, on the W by  
meandered Lake - etc. containing in all 195 44/100 acres more or less - Government  
PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP Survey

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>John G. Flann</u>	FROM 1880 TO 1925-'26	father of Charles
next owner <u>Charles S. Flann</u>	1925 - 26 1968	father of Howard
next owner <u>Howard G. Flann</u>	1968 1984 - Present	
next owner		
next owner		

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

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Howard Flann  
(signature of present owner)

DATE May 4, 1984

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Jonas and Anna C. Granstrand, <sup>County of Wash-  
ington, State  
of Minnesota</sup>

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 135 <sup>44</sup>/<sub>100</sub> acres (first warranty)

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? Noted sum Eleven Hundred Dollars

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Indseth, Nedemarken, <sup>Trondheim</sup> Norway

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Goodhue Co. Married at Hastings Minn.

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? Not in my record  
but do not know what he did in Goodhue County.

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes, moved his family in covered wagon to the land and one room  
cabin in 1878

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL  
STANDING OR IN USE? no - old barn demolished Spring 1983

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1969

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn, Soybeans, occasionally wheat  
Livestock; hogs and turkeys

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

John Flann's parents Halvor H. and Randie Flann also  
came to America later and made their home with their son.

Presently, the sons of Howard Flann, Steven and  
Bryan Flann are farming the land in Partnership with  
their father.

Also grandsons of Howard Flann, Jared T, and  
Derek 3 1/2 are now assisting with rock picking and  
chores.

This makes six generations of Flanns to  
occupy this property.

Respectfully Submitted, Mrs. Howard Flann