



## Century Farm Applications

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

ALBERT LLOYD PAULSON  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

OLEN RTE AITKIN MINN 56431

PHONE NUMBER

(218) 927-3782

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SAME

SECTION

FOUR

TOWNSHIP

NORDLAND

COUNTY

AITKIN

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

139.92

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1883

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

GOVT. LOTS ONE, EIGHT, NINE, TEN OF SECTION FOUR, TOWNSHIP FORTY SIX, RANGE TWENTY SIX

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1883	
<u>JOHN PAULSON</u>	TO 1885	<u>BROTHER OF TORSTEN</u>
next owner	1885	
<u>TORSTEN PAULSON</u>	1919	<u>FATHER OF JOHN</u>
next owner	1919	
<u>JOHN PAULSON</u>	1957	<u>FATHER OF ALBERT</u>
next owner	1957	
<u>ALBERT PAULSON</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 NATIONAL ARCHIVES

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Albert Paulson

(signature of present owner)

DATE

3-30-85

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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- FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? HOMESTEADED
- HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 139.92
- 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? DULUTH
- DID HE FARM THE LAND? DIED IN 1885, HAD ABOUT 2 ACRES CLEARED
- DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? CARPENTER
- WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? YES
- IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? NO
- WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1894
- WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? DAIRY CATTLE PASTURE
- ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: CAMPGROUND.

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PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Albert G. Johnson  
(this name will appear on certificate)

OK

ADDRESS R#1 Box 130 Audubon MM 56511  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (218) 429-6343  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE same

SECTION 33 TOWNSHIP Audubon COUNTY Becker

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 84

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1884

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

SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 \* lot 5, Township 139 - Range 42

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1884	
<u>Lars G. Johnson</u>	TO 1947	<u>father of Albert</u>
next owner	1947	<u>mother of Albert</u>
<u>Annie Johnson</u>	1956	<u>Albert</u>
next owner	1956 -	<u>Lars &amp; Annie</u>
<u>Albert G. Johnson</u>	<u>present</u>	<u>Son</u>
next owner		
next owner		

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

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Albert G. Johnson  
(signature of present owner)

DATE May 28, 1985

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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:



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PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

DENNIS R JOHNSON

(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

LAKE PARK Minnesota Rt 2 56554

PHONE NUMBER

(218) 439-6620

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

30

TOWNSHIP

Audubon

COUNTY

BECKER

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

343

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1870

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

NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 and NW 1/4

Range 139

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>JOHANN OLE JOHNSON</u>	FROM <u>1870-1900</u> TO	Father of <u>MRS JONAS JOHNSON</u>
next owner <u>JONAS H JOHNSON</u>	<u>1900-1944</u>	Father of <u>VERNON</u>
next owner <u>VERNON A JOHNSON</u>	<u>1944-1959</u>	Father of <u>DENNIS</u>
next owner <u>DENNIS R. JOHNSON</u>	<u>1959 -</u>	
next owner		

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County Land Record ( )

Original Deed (X)

OTHER Tax statement

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

Dennis R. Johnson  
(signature of present owner)

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ST. PAUL MN 55108

DATE

5-22-85

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Vernon A Johnson  
HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160  
WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$65.00 (when we bought it in 1959)  
WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Sweden  
WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Southern 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 - we're living in it. There is also a

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? The old part about 1890 - added on to in 1910 Original log house once lived in.

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Wheat, Hay, Beans - Beef cows -

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

We have two daughters so no one to take over and carry on from here.

Elroy Johnson of Detroit Lakes, Minn. is a son of ~~Vernon~~ Jonas<sup>H</sup> Johnson and has written a history of this farm and is called Jonas H.



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Gordon R. Anderson  
(this name will appear on certificate)

OK

ADDRESS Route 2 Box 168 ORTONVILLE, MINN 56278  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (612) 839-3622  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE same

SECTION 12 TOWNSHIP ORTONVILLE COUNTY BIG STONE

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 240

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1871

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

NW 1/4 Sec 12 ALSO SW LOT 8 AND 9 Sec 1

Township 121 N Range 46 W

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1871	
NELS Lindgren	TO 1918	FATHER OF Louis
next owner	1918	
Louis Lindgren	1955	Uncle of Gordon
next owner	1955	
Lindgren estate	1957	
next owner	1957-	
Gordon R. Anderson	Present	
next owner		

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

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Gordon R. Anderson

(signature of present owner)

DATE 3/30/85

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? from the Lindgren estate

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 240

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$ 40.00

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Skulatorp, Sweden

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? worked on the railroad before he homesteaded on this farm

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? Their log cabin, the house, granary

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1892

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: The autobiography which my grandfather wrote is printed in the Big Stone County History book. There is also a history of our ancestors and pictures of their life written by a relative Wayne M. Hokenson the book called "Our ancestors", a chronology of events. Published in 1981 will be entered in the county (Big Stone) Historical building being built now in Ortonville, MN

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER RUSSELL and THEDA SKUNDBERG  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS BEARDSLEY BRIDGE 128 MINNESOTA 56211  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (612) 265-6351  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE same

SECTION 20 TOWNSHIP 123 - Foster COUNTY Big Stone

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY June 12, 1985

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

S 1/2 NE 1/4, E 1/2 SE 1/4 SECT 20 TWP 123 RANGE 48

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>LARS O SKUNDBERG</u>	FROM <u>1885</u> TO <u>1934</u>	<u>Father of Julius</u>
next owner <u>JULIUS SKUNDBERG</u>	<u>1934</u> <u>1971</u>	<u>Father of Russell</u>
next owner <u>RUSSELL and THEDA SKUNDBERG</u>	<u>1971</u> <u>1985</u>	<u>Father Present</u>
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.

Russell Skundberg  
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 1, 1985

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? United States Gov.

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? cut lumber  
in northern Minnesota in winters

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? 1887

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: The original house, built in 1887 is  
the one we are now living in. additions and remodeling  
have been done over the yrs. and the house is  
in very good condition. another 40 acres just to the  
west was a part of this farm from 1902 to 1972 when  
it was sold to the state of Minn. as a part of Big Stone  
State Park. we do not farm the land, but still live  
on this farm.

Russell Skundhoy

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LUVERNE W. BERGEMANN

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Luverne W. Bergemann  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

Waynon Center  
Minnesota

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(642)-8536  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

33

TOWNSHIP

Ceresco

COUNTY

Blue Earth

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

120

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1885

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

En 1/2 of NE 1/4 SE 1/4

Sec 33 Tawn 106 Range 29

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Wm. F. Bergemann</u> first owner		<u>Son</u>
<u>Wm F Bergemann</u> next owner	FROM TO <u>1885 to 1934</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Theo Fred Ellner L. Bergemann</u> next owner	<u>1934 to 1969</u>	<u>Son</u>
<u>Luverne W. Bergemann</u> next owner	<u>1969 to 1985</u>	<u>Son</u>
<u>next owner</u>		
<u>next owner</u>		

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County Land Record ( )

Original Deed (✓)

OTHER

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Luverne W. Bergemann  
(signature of present owner)

DATE

7-2-85

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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? 160 A.

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

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

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

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1888

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

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PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Ivan and Donna Borchardt  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS RR 2 Box 50 Good Thunder Minnesota 56037  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 278-3664  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 27 TOWNSHIP Lyra COUNTY Blue Earth

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 194

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY May 6, 1879

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

N 1/2 SW 1/4, Sec. 27 + Pt. NE 1/4, SE 1/4 Sec 28-106-27

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1879	
Charles Borchardt sr.	TO 1892	Father
next owner	1892	
Charles Borchardt Jr.	1923	son
next owner	1923	
Arno Borchardt	1964	son
next owner	1964	
Ivan + Donna Borchardt	present	son
next owner		

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

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Donna Borchardt + Ivan Borchardt  
(signature of present owner)

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DATE May 22, 1985

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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? no

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1974

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:



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PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Loren C & Ruth Crane  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

R 9 Box 198 Mantato, Mn.

56001

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 625-4408  
area code

CITY STATE

ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

Same

SECTION

19 & 20

TOWNSHIP

South Bend

COUNTY

Blue Earth

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

June 1 - 1883

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

SE 4 of NE 4 & NE 4 of SE 4 Sec 19-108-27 and SW 4 of NW 4 & NW 4 of SW 4 Sec 20-108-27 - 160 acres

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM	
<u>A. D. Crane</u>	<u>6-13-1883</u>	
	TO	
	<u>11-13-1883</u>	<u>Father of David</u>
next owner		
<u>DAVID E. Crane</u>	<u>11-13-1883</u>	
	<u>1-12-1924</u>	<u>Husband of Jennie</u>
next owner		
<u>Jennie Crane</u>	<u>1-12-1924</u>	
	<u>1935</u>	<u>Mother of Loren</u>
next owner		
<u>Loren E. Crane</u>	<u>1935 - Present</u>	
next owner		

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County Land Record ( )

Original Deed ( )

OTHER

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Loren C. Crane

(signature of present owner)

DATE

march - 27 - 1985

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ST. PAUL MN 55108

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

\_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:



Loren C. & Ruth Crane Farm  
160 Acres Sec 19 & 20 South Bend Township  
RFD 9, Box 198  
Mankato, MN 56001

The above described farm was purchased on June 1, 1883 from Mary Evans by Archibald D. Crane, my grandfather. Mrs. Evans and her late husband Evan H. Evans were the original owners, having received title from the U.S. Government on August 23, 1856.

Archibald D. Crane and his wife Jane sold the farm to their son, my father, David E. Crane and his wife Jennie on November 13, 1883. They operated the farm until their retirement and then moved to Mankato in September 1923. My wife and I operated the farm until 1969. Since that date we have rented the cropland to a neighbor and are still living in the buildings.

A brief history of our families:

The Crane family originated in England and our records show that Moses Crane, my great grandfather, was born in New York State in 1781. He was a shoe cobbler by trade, married and had six sons; the youngest of which was my grandfather, Archibald D. Crane. He married Jane A. Haynes in Speedville, New York on December 25, 1849. They migrated to Wisconsin in 1854 and settled on a farm in Adams County near Stevens Point. Grandpa served in the Civil War with the Wisconsin volunteers. Upon completion of his army service, the family moved to Minnesota in 1866. They settled on a farm in Rapidan township where they raised their family.

My father, David E. Crane, was seven years old when they came to Minnesota. He was educated in the rural schools and later went to Mankato High School from which he graduated at the age of twenty three. He taught school for two years before he started farming.

In Blue Earth County on April 10, 1884, he married Jennie Williams, daughter of Hugh W. and Elizabeth (Herbert) Williams, natives of Wales; but in early life immigrants to the United States. Thirteen children were born of this marriage; two died in infancy and one at the age of eleven. I was born April 19, 1904.

Ruth Davis, daughter of John & Elizabeth (Jones) Davis, and I were married June 28, 1923 in Mankato, Minnesota. We had four children: Loren Junior 1924-1928; Audrey, Lorraine, and Arlene. We rented this farm from my folks until they passed away and then from their heirs until 1935 at which time we bought out my brothers' and sisters' shares. This farm has been continuously owned and occupied since 1883 by my parents and ourselves.

Loren C. and Ruth Crane

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PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Martin & Mabel (Mullerliede)  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS Janesville Minnesota 56048  
city state zip code  
PHONE NUMBER (507) 234-6630  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE \_\_\_\_\_  
SECTION 23 TOWNSHIP Le Ray COUNTY Blue Earth  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 67

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Jan 3 - 1873  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) \_\_\_\_\_  
W 1/2 SE 1/4 and W 10 A of SE SE of Sec 23  
Twp 108 Range 25

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<del>Wendelin Mullerliede</del> first owner <u>Wendelin Mullerliede</u>	<u>1873-1915</u>	<u>Father of Frank</u>
next owner <u>Frank Mullerliede</u>	<u>1915-1954</u>	<u>Father of Mabel (Mullerliede) Daschner</u>
next owner <u>Martin and Mabel Daschner</u>	<u>1954 - 90 acres</u>	<u>Father of Lyle Daschner</u>
next owner <u>Lyle and Phyllis Daschner</u>	<u>1974 - 23 acres</u>	<u>Father of Andy &amp; Adam</u>
next owner _____		

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Original Deed                | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                           |

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Mabel Daschner  
Martin Daschner  
(signature of present owner)

DATE July 13-85

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ST. PAUL, MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? John & Emily Urlick

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 90 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$83.33

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

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

A Saloon at Madison Lake

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? 1906 by <sup>Mutterliche</sup> son Joseph

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

+ building site  
This house owned by Lyle & Phyllis + <sup>sons</sup> Andy + Adam  
Daschner son of Martin + Mabel Daschner.

Martin built a home on his 67 acres. 1973

3 generations living on this land.

Ottilia Mullerliche wife of Frank Mullerliche  
and mother of Mabel Daschner still living.



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Willard W. Davis  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Lake Crystal Minnesota 56055  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 726-2168  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 30 + 19 TOWNSHIP Judson COUNTY Blue Earth

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 240

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1873

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) N.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of N.W.  $\frac{1}{4}$

Township 108 Range 28 and N.W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of S.W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  Town-  
ship 108 Range 28

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1873	
David Davis	TO 1898	Uncle of David L.
next owner	1898	
David L. Davis	1936	Father of Willard
next owner	1936	
Willard W. Davis	to present	
next owner		
next owner		

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

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Willard W. Davis  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 5/15/85

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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

Ben Edwards  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS R.R. 9 Box 184 Mankato MN. 56001  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 947-3525  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 13 & 18 TOWNSHIP Judson - South Bend COUNTY Blue Earth

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 142

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1857

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) W 1/2 of SW 1/4  
of Sec. 18 Township 108N. Range 27W. - All of E 1/2 of SE 1/4  
N of R.R. of Sec. 13 Township 108N. Range 28W.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1859 -	Father of
<u>Hugh Edwards</u>	TO 1870	<u>Daniel</u>
next owner	1870 -	Father of
<u>Daniel Edwards</u>	1918	<u>Lemuel</u>
next owner	1918 -	Father of
<u>Lemuel Edwards</u>	1968	<u>Ben</u>
next owner	1968 -	
<u>Ben Edwards</u>	Present	
next owner		

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

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Ben L Edwards  
(signature of present owner)

DATE April 7, 1985

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

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 120

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? - Given by President James Buchanan for serving in the Army

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? New York

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes - Land Patent

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? 1943

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

when Hugh Edwards came to m.n.  
in a covered wagon with other families.  
They stopped at St. Charles and secured  
all the tents and put them over trees and  
spent the winter there.



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

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

OK

ADDRESS RR 2 TRUMAN MN 56088  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 776 3466  
area code

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

SECTION 30 TOWNSHIP PLEASANT MOUND COUNTY BLUE EARTH

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 120

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY JULY 16 - 1864

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

W. 1/2 OF NW 1/4 NW 1/4 OF SW 1/2

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 10-16-1864	
JAMES H. HAMILTON	TO SEPT. 13-1876	NEPHEW
next owner	1876	FATHER
THOMAS HAMILTON	1924	FATHER
next owner	1941	
THOMAS HAMILTON		
next owner		

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

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Thomas Hamilton  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 12-30-84

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ST. PAUL MN 55108

Dale G. Wiedehoyt  
R.R. 2  
Truman, MN 56088

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questions write to  
or call 776-3667

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? UNITED STATES GOV.

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? HOMESTEAD + PAPER WORK

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? NO

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1887

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

OK

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER HARLAND S HELLEKSEN  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS LAKE CRYSTAL Rt. 1387 MINN 5655  
city state zip code  
PHONE NUMBER (507) 726-6680  
area code  
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE -  
SECTION 8 TOWNSHIP BUTTERNUT COUNTY BLUE EARTH  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1871  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) W 1/2 SW 1/4 AND NW 1/4 SW 1/4 AND S 20 ACRES OF GOVT. LOT 3 AND S 20  
A. OF GOVT LOT 4 ALL IN SEC 8-108-29 EXC. SCHOOL SITE

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>ANDREW TWEED</u>	<u>1871</u> <u>1901</u>	<u>FATHER OF NORMAN</u>
next owner <u>NORMAN TWEED</u>	<u>1901</u> <u>1934</u>	<u>FATHER-IN-LAW</u> <u>OF</u> <u>ROY HELLEKSEN</u>
next owner <u>ROY H. HELLEKSEN</u>	<u>1934</u> <u>1951</u>	<u>FATHER OF HARLAND</u>
next owner <u>HARLAND S HELLEKSEN</u>	<u>1951</u> <u>PRESENT</u>	
next owner		

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Original Deed                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>LAND GRANT #1306</u><br><u>APPLICATION # 1528</u> |

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

R/S Helleksen  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 7-6-85

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? LAND GRANT SIGNED BY U.S. GRANT

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 78.7

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? —

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? NORWAY

DID HE FARM THE LAND? YES

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

MUSKRAT TRAPPER

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? 1904

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

THE LAND HERE WAS

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Harold C. Jones  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS R.R. 1 Box 118 Mapleton MN 56065  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
PHONE NUMBER (507) 524-3304  
area code

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

SECTION 26 TOWNSHIP Mapleton COUNTY Blue Earth

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 80 original acres 120 A at present

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY June 5, 1885

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

SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 and SW 1/4 of SE 1/4

Section No. 26 Town 105 Range 26

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>first owner</u> <u>Charles E. Jones (Sr.)</u>	FROM <u>June 5, 1885-</u>	
<u>next owner</u> <u>Charles E. Jones (Jr.)</u>	TO <u>May, 1922</u>	<u>Father of Charles Jr.</u>
<u>next owner</u> <u>Harold C. Jones</u>	<u>May, 1922-</u> <u>Nov. 18, 1950</u>	<u>Harold C.</u> <u>Father of</u>
<u>next owner</u>	<u>Nov. 18, 1950-</u> <u>Present</u>	
<u>next owner</u>	<u>The present owner, Harold C. Jones holds a deed of a life-lease. Harold C. Jones was born on this farm and still resides there.</u>	

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

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Harold C. Jones  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 4-8-1985

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ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Fairfield Smith

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$500.<sup>00</sup> plus one cow for entire 80 acres

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Lewis County, New York

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? Stone-mason,  
also Blue Earth Co. commissioner

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? 1928

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

When Charles E. Jones Sr. purchased this 80 acre farm, there was 10 acres under cultivation and there was a possible 2 more acres that could be broken up for farming. Today the entire 80 acres is under cultivation with the exception of the building spot.



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Richard R. Oberle  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Route 6 Box 248 Mankato Mn. 56001

PHONE NUMBER ( 507 ) 625 7891 CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE same

SECTION 6 TOWNSHIP Decoria COUNTY Blue Earth

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 166

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1883

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) W2 of NE4 & N20A  
of NW4 of SE4 & N9.28A of NW4 of SW4 & 20.25A of NW4 of SW4  
006 107 26 166.380A

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>first owner</u> Anton Oberle	FROM 1883 TO 1926	Father of Rudolph
<u>next owner</u> Rudolph Oberle	1926 1951	Rudolph husband of Veronica
<u>next owner</u> Veronica Oberle	1951 1968	Mother of Richard
<u>next owner</u> Richard R. Oberle	1968 present	
<u>next owner</u>		

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Original Deed ☒ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Richard R. Oberle  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 6/12/1985

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Charles + Florence Yates

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 36.95 + 40 acres length in 1885

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$28.00

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? 3 miles west of here

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? 100

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Mr. & Mrs. C.W. Pemble  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Rt. 3, Box 207, Janesville, Minnesota 56048  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
PHONE NUMBER (507) 234-6252  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 35 TOWNSHIP Le Ray COUNTY Blue Earth

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Feb. 6, 1884

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

SW 1/4 Township 108 Range 25

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1884	
John Anderson	TO 1952	Grandfather to Elizabeth
next owner	From 1952	
Elizabeth Pemble	To Present	
next owner		
next owner		
next owner		

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

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Elizabeth Pemble (Mrs C.W. Pemble) PLEASE RETURN TO:  
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 11, 1985

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Mary C. Ewing

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$18.00

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Varmland, Sweden

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Worked on the DeGraff Farm near Janesville, Mn.

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? Worked on building the railroad bed. Supervisor of logging crews

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? No

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1894

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER FRANK G. REEDSTROM  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS R.1 Box 309, Mankato, MN 56001  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER ( 507 ) 278-3024  
area code

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

SECTION 4 TOWNSHIP RAPIDAN COUNTY BLUE EARTH

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 105 ✓

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY December 15, 1884 ✓

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

NE 4 of NE 4 004 107 27 and

S 2 of NE 4 E from center of R.R.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>first owner</u>		
Charles A. Reedstrom	FROM 1884 TO 1929	Husband of Eva
<u>next owner</u>		
Eva Reedstrom	1929 1947	Mother of Frank
<u>next owner</u>		
Frank G. Reedstrom	1947 Present	
<u>next owner</u>		
<u>next owner</u>		

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

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Frank G. Reedstrom  
(signature of present owner)

DATE April 16 1985

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Fay H. Pierce

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 60 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$11.25 per acre

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Skone Province, Sweden

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? worked on the railroad

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? 1885 with additions made later years

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Harley & Arlys Strand  
(this name will appear on certificate)

OK

ADDRESS

R#1 Bx 307 Mankato

CITY

Mn.

STATE

56001

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 388-8101

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SAME

SECTION

TOWNSHIP

South bend

COUNTY

Blue Earth

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

200

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

Nov. 19, 1883

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

SW 1/4 Sect 34 - 108 - 27

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM	
<u>Nels Strand Sr</u>	<u>1883</u>	
	TO	
next owner		
<u>Nels Strand Jr</u>	<u>1932</u>	<u>son</u>
	<u>1983</u>	
next owner		
<u>Harley Strand</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>son</u>
	<u>-</u>	
next owner		
next owner		

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Abstract of Title ☒

Court file in Registration Proceedings ☐

Land Patent ☐

County Land Record ☐

Original Deed ☒

OTHER

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Harley W Strand  
(signature of present owner)

DATE

7-1-85

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Laura & John Bass

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 120

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$2.25 an acre

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Norstrand, Norway

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes - was bought for the wood. They cleared the land & then farmed

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

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

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Albert T. Teigum  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Rt. 2 Box 42 Madelia, Minnesota, 56062  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER ( 507 ) 642 8776  
area code

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

SECTION 6 TOWNSHIP Lincoln COUNTY Blue Earth

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 240

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 12/31/1875

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

N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  & NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , Sec. 6, Twp. 107, Rge. 29, Blue Earth Co., Minn.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner Christian Teigum	FROM 7/5/1875, 12/10/1875 & 7/13/1880 TO 12/29/1923	Father
next owner Heirs of Christian Teigum: Carrie Berentson, Ida Martha Teigum Christian I Teigum & Albert Teigum	1923 to 1940	Brother & sisters
next owner Albert M. Teigum	1940 to 1975	F <del>at</del> Father
next owner Christian L. Teigum David R. Teigum & Albert T. Teigum	1975 <del>to present</del>	Brothers
next owner Albert T. Teigum	1975 to present	

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

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Albert T. Teigum  
(signature of present owner)

DATE July 4, 1985

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108



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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? My brothers

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? Same

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? Yes: Merchant,

Register of Deeds, Insurance sales,

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL  
STANDING OR IN USE? Grandfathers home is still standing & usable. It  
is a brick home.

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? Believe about 1880

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Grandfather was one of the organizers of Trinity Lutheran Church and a charter member as well as being the congregation's first treasurer. He was also one of the organizers of the Madelia Farmers Mutual Insurance Company and acted as an agent for this company until he retired. He was a partner in the general store of Estes and Teigum from 1869 to 1872.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Albert E. Vandrey  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Rt. 1 Box Vernon Center Minn 56090  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER ( ) 549-3694  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 33 TOWNSHIP 1 Gresco COUNTY Blue Earth

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 120 acres

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY June 4, 1872 - Nov. 8, 1880

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) Deed No 1078-A96

E 1/2 of the NW 1/4 - E 1/2 NW 1/4 Sec 33 township 106 range 29 west  
of the 5 Principal Meridian

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>St Paul - Sioux City Rail Road Co</u>	<u>FROM 1872-1906</u>	
<u>William J. Vandrey</u>	<u>TO Wm J. Vandrey</u>	<u>Father Wm E</u>
next owner <u>Wm E. Vandrey</u>	<u>1906-1961</u>	<u>Father Albert E</u>
next owner <u>Albert E Vandrey</u>	<u>1961-Present</u>	
next owner		
next owner		

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Original Deed (✓) OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Albert E. Vandrey  
(signature of present owner)

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CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? St Paul-Souix City Rail Road

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$7.00

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Debenke <sup>1845</sup> Wis. (Germany) Bromberg

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Farm: yes

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

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

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? I do not know for sure

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:



Wm Friedrich Vanday was born at Debenke  
Province Posen, 27 day of Sept 1842 served  
in the Prussien Army

Was released 15<sup>th</sup> day of Jan. 1864 so he  
could emigrate to America.

Arrived at Bottimore in June 1866.  
He subscribed & sworn to, the 5<sup>th</sup> day  
of April 1869 his intention to become  
a citizen of the U.S.A. and renounced  
his former subject.

He received his Certificate of  
Citizenship on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May 1895  
He worked for a logging Co. in eastern  
Wis. floating logs down the river to  
Dubuque Iowa later working for  
the rail road laying the Rail road  
tracks from Waseca to Janesville  
His bride followed him in 1867  
arriving at Rockford Ill. and was  
employed there

On the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Dec 1869 they were  
married by the Justice of Peace J.M.

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Rogers at Berlin Wis.

They then moved to the Willow Creek Mn.  
~~area~~ lived in ~~the~~ a house by the Blue  
Earth River where their first child ~~Wm~~  
was born.

Bought a track of land in Ceres town-  
ship, Blue Earth County. Year of 1872 & lived  
& raised had 4 sons. ~~Wm~~

Their son Wm Edward was married in  
1902. the following year <sup>1903</sup> Wm F. built  
a house in Truman, Mn. and moved  
there. Wm Edward bought the farm in  
1906 paying \$65. Per acre beside having  
the life lease of his parents on the farm.

Wm Friedrich lived in Truman till 1936  
when he passed away at the age of 93.

He & his wife lived to celebrate their 67<sup>th</sup> <sup>Wedding</sup> ann.  
his wife lived on till her 97 year.

They had bad grasshopper years. in the  
1880 and their home & picknicks ~~etc~~ in the smoke

~~Wm Edward~~ <sup>house</sup> saved them from losing  
the farm as they had no money to pay the

interest but the collectors took the meal instead. (What the folks lived on is is a question)  
 Wm Edward & wife with 3 daughters & 1 son Albert farmed & built up a Gurnsey herd milked and made money when the world war was on. Then the depression of the early 30's came.

The son got married & the girls were still making so a 3 room house with full basement & bath was built on the place. 6

As the girls got married they all received starter heads with 3 cows & calves.

Albert their son had to pay out ~~the~~ or could pay out the girls \$8000.00 as he had the money & give the folks \$800 a year to live on. For the other daughters the folks had provided for in their lifetime.

The mother died in her 63 years then Dad could get by with less so they had switched the houses.



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Wm Edward was born & also died ~~here~~ <sup>or the place</sup>  
was 70 years old.

Albert & his son farmed & with  
Utilities going up & taxes also. & farm  
prices down just could not make  
ends meet the son had a repair  
shop besides & machinery shop & by the  
the son just had to give up.

So Albert donated <sup>40<sup>th</sup></sup> 40 acres to the  
Missionary Synod and is in a trust  
fund for the rest of their lives.

The Synod sold it in 1982 &  
brought \$2900 an acre.

What will happen with the price now is a ?  
I do not know if you want  
all of this information.

but pick out what you can use.

The oldest Daughter of Wm. Edward & wife

Mrs. Alvin Krause R1B42, Vernon, Center  
mm

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Ira and Mary Etta Ward  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

RR 3 Mableton Minn 56065

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 5243350  
area code

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

same

SECTION

12

TOWNSHIP

Beauregard

COUNTY

Blue Earth

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1864

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

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM	
<u>Ira Ward Jr.</u>	TO <u>1864 to now</u>	<u>grandpa</u>
next owner		
<u>Mary Etta Ward</u>	<u>1890</u>	<u>father</u>
next owner		
<u>Ira Ward</u>	<u>1942</u>	<u>self</u>
next owner		
<u>same</u>		
next owner		

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Court file in Registration Proceedings ( )

Land Patent ( )

County Land Record ( )

Original Deed (X)

OTHER

Blue Earth County

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Ira and Mary Etta Ward  
(signature of present owner)

DATE

July 7 - 1985

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CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

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

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:



PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Dennis and Lorraine Reinarts  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

318

711 Washington New Ulm Minn. 56073

PHONE NUMBER

(507)

359-9762

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

Rt. 2 Box 109B

SECTION

12

TOWNSHIP

Sigel

COUNTY

Brown

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

205

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1-19-55

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

NE 1/4, + East 45 AC OF SW 1/4

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1875	
<u>The United States of America</u>	TO	<u>None</u>
next owner		
<u>Ignatz Reinarts</u>	1897	<u>Son</u>
next owner		
<u>Peter Reinarts died</u>	1912	<u>wife</u>
next owner		
<u>Theresia Reinarts</u>	1938	<u>Son</u>
next owner		
<u>Edward Reinarts</u>	1955	<u>Son</u>
<u>Dennis Reinarts</u>	1955	

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

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Dennis Reinarts  
(signature of present owner)

DATE

5/11/85

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CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? 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? 1903

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Lennis and Lorraine Reinarts  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

318  
1808 N. Washington New Ulm Minn. 56073

PHONE NUMBER

(507)359-9762

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

Rt. 2 Box 107B

SECTION

12

TOWNSHIP

Sigel

COUNTY

Brown

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

205

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1-19-551875?  
1897?

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

NE 4, + East 45 AC OF SW 4

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>first owner</u>	FROM <u>1875</u>	
<u>The United States of America</u>	TO :	<u>None</u>
<u>next owner</u>		
<u>Lynette Reinarts</u>	<u>1897</u>	<u>Son</u>
<u>next owner</u>		
<u>Peter Reinarts died</u>	<u>1912</u>	<u>wife</u>
<u>next owner</u>		
<u>Theresa Reinarts</u>	<u>1938</u>	<u>Son</u>
<u>next owner</u>		
<u>Edward Reinarts</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>Son</u>
<u>Lennis Reinarts</u>		

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OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Lennis Reinarts  
(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE

5/11/85

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

Thank  
you!





June 21, 1985

Dear Mr. Reinarts,

I am sorry for the misunderstanding concerning your Century Farm application. I have recieved the copy of your application clairifying the date of purchase by member of your family. My question is concerning which member of the family purchased the farm at that time, 1875. It seems that the U.S. government was the first owner and your family did not own the farm until 1897.

If you could clear up this matter by sending me the information I would certainly appreciate it!

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely;

Joan Frawley  
Communications Dept.

June 26, 1985

Dear Joan Frawley

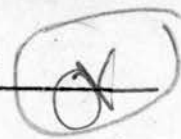
This is concerning our Century Farm application. The land was purchased by Ignatz Reinarts in 1875 from the government. He was my great grandfather.

56073 Dennis Reinarts  
318 N. Washington St  
New Ulm, Minn.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Charles H. Romberg  
(this name will appear on certificate)



ADDRESS R1 Box 94 Sleepy Eye Minn. 56085  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
PHONE NUMBER (507) 794-6091  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION Part of 33 & 34 TOWNSHIP Home COUNTY Brown

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160 ✓

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Receiver's Receipt = Oct 4, 1866  
Patent = July 10, 1868

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) NW 1/4 of  
NW 1/4 Section 34 Township 110 rng 32 — E 1/2 of NE 1/4  
Section 33 Township 110 rng 32

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER ✓
first owner		
<u>Henry Romberg</u>	FROM <u>July 10, 1868</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner	TO <u>Oct 1899</u>	
<u>Henry S. Romberg</u>	<u>Oct 1899</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner	<u>Aug 2, 1943</u>	
<u>Carl T. Romberg</u>	<u>Aug 2, 1943</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner	<u>Jan - 1979</u>	
<u>Charles H. Romberg</u>	<u>Jan - 1979</u>	
next owner		

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Land Patent ( ) County Land Record ( )  
Original Deed ( ) OTHER Mrs. Arnold Romberg - Grand-daughter of Henry Romberg

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

Charles H. Romberg  
(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE 6-28-85

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? United States of America

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$1.50

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Hanover Germany

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1882

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

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Henry Romberg who homesteaded the farm was born Sept. 21, 1838 in Hanover Germany. He came to Wisconsin with his brother Ludwig in 1858. He obtained a receiver's receipt for the land in Minn. on Oct 4, 1866. He went back to Wisconsin and was married to Dortha Knoke in April, 1867. The land was patented July 10, 1868. The first house was a frame house. The present house was built in 1882 and they lived in the present granary while it was being built.



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

1885

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Esther Scholtz and Leonard Scholtz  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS RFD 1 Springfield MN 56087  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
PHONE NUMBER ( 507 ) 723-5759  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 6 TOWNSHIP Burnstown COUNTY Brown

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1885

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) West One-half of  
Southeast Quarter (W $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ), and East One-half of Southwest Quarter (E $\frac{1}{2}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ),  
Section 6, Township 109, Range 34, Brown County, Minnesota

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP - W $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1/15/1885	
Johann (John) Wendt	TO 12/03/1892	Father of next owners
next owner W. J. Wendt, Frederick Wendt, Alvina Arndt, Augusta Zoost, August Wendt, Bertha Schade	12/03/1892 4/14/36	Brothers and Sisters of W. J. Wendt
next owner	4/14/36 5/23/46	Father of Esther Scholtz
next owner	5/23/46 1/21/83	Wife of Leonard Scholtz
next owner	1/21/83 Present	
Esther Scholtz and Leonard Scholtz		

(See attachment for chain of title on E $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ )

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Original Deed ( ) OTHER

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Leonard Scholtz - Esther Scholtz  
(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE July 5, 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:

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP - E $\frac{1}{2}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
1. Johann (John) Wendt	1/15/1885 12/03/1892	Husband of Emily and father of others
2. Emily Wendt, W. J. Wendt, Frederick Wendt, Alvina Arndt, Augusta Zoost, August Wendt, Bertha Schade	12/03/1892 7/29/04	Emily Wendt is the same person as Emily Wendt Schiller and others listed are her children
3. Emily Wendt Schiller	7/29/04 4/04/14	Mother of Frederick Wendt
4. Frederick Wendt	4/04/14 3/14/46	Father of next owners
5. Erna Kjos, Hilda Specht, Theodore F. Wendt	3/14/46 12/27/61	First Cousins of Esther Scholtz
6. Esther Scholtz	12/27/61 1/21/83	Wife of Leonard Scholtz
7. Esther Scholtz and Leonard Scholtz	1/21/83 Present	



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MONDAY P.M.; THURSDAY A.M.  
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July 6, 1984

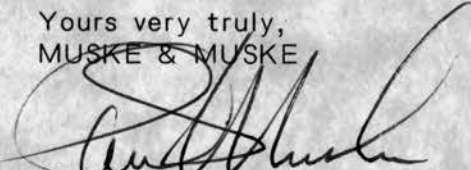
Century Farms  
Minnesota State Fair  
St. Paul, MN 55108

Re: Esther Scholtz and Leonard Scholtz

Gentlemen:

Enclosed for filing on behalf of the above-referenced individuals please find a completed application regarding the Century Farm program. You will note that there are two parcels which together make up a 160 acre farm, and that the chain of title is slightly different on each parcel. If you have any questions concerning the chain of title or other matters that are needed in order to make the application complete, please contact either me or the owners directly.

Yours very truly,  
MUSKE & MUSKE

  
Paul N. Muske

PNM:bfb

Enclosure



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July 9, 1984

Muske, Muske & Boyle  
Attorneys at Law  
112 North Cass  
Springfield, MN 56087

Dear Sirs;

Thank you for your interest in the Century Farm program. When reviewing your application we found that the dates of ownership do not qualify your farm as a Century Farm. The original purchase is listed as 1885, but to qualify for a 1984 Century Farm the farm must have been in ownership since 1884. If there has been a mistake in filling out the application please correct and return it as soon as possible. If the 1885 date is correct you will be recognized as one of next years Century Farms. Thank you again.

Sincerely,

*Joan M. Frawley*  
Joan Frawley  
Communications Dept.

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July 12, 1984

Ms Joan Frawley  
Communications Department  
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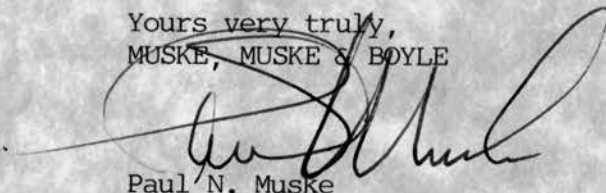
Re: Esther Scholtz and Leonard Scholtz

Dear Ms Frawley:

I received your letter dated July 9, 1984, regarding the above-referenced individuals who had applied for Century Farm recognition. The original purchase date listed as 1885 is correct, and therefore they will not qualify until next year. Please advise me if we will need to submit a new application, or if the application that has already been submitted can just be held until next year.

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours very truly,  
MUSKE, MUSKE & BOYLE

  
Paul N. Muske

PNM:11z





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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? United States of America

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

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

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Austria

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? Part of the present home was added to the original log house in the late 1800's

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? The original log house was removed and the balance of the present house built in 1911

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Dale Mattinen - JOANNE MATTINEN  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

65 Juntunen Rd. Eske, Minn.  
city state

55733  
zip code

PHONE NUMBER

(218) 879-9377  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

- Same

SECTION

22

TOWNSHIP

Thomson<sup>049</sup>

COUNTY

Carlton

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

300

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

June 2, 1885

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

PT OF NE 1/4 OF NW 1/4

PT OF SE 1/4 OF NW 1/4

SECTION 22 TOWNSHIP 49 RANGE 16

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Joseph Juntunen, Sr.</u>	<u>1885</u> <u>1939</u>	<u>Father of Ed</u>
next owner <u>EDWIN A JUNTUNEN</u>	<u>1939</u> <u>1960</u>	<u>FATHER OF HIS PARTNERS</u>
next owner <sup>PARTNERSHIP</sup> <u>EDWIN A, EDWIN M, RAYMOND, WILLARD HOWARD, &amp; WALLACE JUNTUNEN</u>	<u>1960</u> <u>1967</u>	<u>FATHER + 2 SONS DROPPED OUT OF CORP. PARTNERSHIP OVER THE YRS</u>
next owner <sup>PARTNERSHIP CORP.</sup> <u>RAYMOND, WILLARD, HOWARD &amp; WALLACE JUNTUNEN</u>	<u>1967</u> <u>6/1/81</u>	<u>UNCLES TO DALE M</u>
next owner <u>JOANNE &amp; DALE MATTINEN</u>	<u>6/1/81</u> - <u>PRESENT</u>	

(A) REAL ESTATE DID NOT CHANGE OWNERSHIP SO THE 1960 DATE IS NOT ON ABSTRACT

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( ) Other

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Dale Mattinen

(signature of present owner)

DATE

7-19-85

Please Return To:

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? ALBERT & SOPHIA MIKKONEN

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80 ACRES

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$2,000 INCLUDED LOG HOME, BARN, SAUNA, ETC

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? FINLAND

DID HE FARM THE LAND? YES

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? WORKED BUILDING A RAILROAD IN CANADA & WAS A LOGGER BEFORE HE BOUGHT FARM

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? 1934

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

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

WE REALIZE WE'RE LATE (JULY 15 DEADLINE) FOR 1985 SO MAYBE MOVE IT TO 1986. WE ARE FARMING (55 DAIRY COWS - FARMING APPROXIMATELY 360 ACRES - NOT ALLOWED) BUT WE ALSO OPERATE A CREAMERY ON THE PREMISES AND HAVE A WHOLESALE & RETAIL MILK ROUTES. FIVE OF MY UNCLES ARE STILL INVOLVED WITH THE OPERATION AS FOLLOWS:

RAYMOND JUNTUNEN	70 JUNTUNEN RD - HELPS ON FARM
WILLARD JUNTUNEN	67 JUNTUNEN RD - OPERATES CREAMERY
HOWARD JUNTUNEN	10 MEMORIAL DR. - "GOPHER"
WALLACE JUNTUNEN	64 JUNTUNEN RD - FARM WORKER, HELPS ON MILK ROUTE & IN CREAMERY
WILBUR JUNTUNEN	8 TORMA RD - WHOLESALE MILK ROUTE

ALL ADDRESSES ARE ESKO MN 55733

IF THERE IS ANY RECOGNITION OR PRESENTATION AS SUCH - I WOULD LIKE MY 5 UNCLES TO BE THE PERSONS RECOGNIZED. THEY'VE BEEN INVOLVED ALL THEIR LIVES (54 - 65 YEARS) WHEREAS JOANNE & I HAVE ONLY BEEN HERE 4 YEARS.  
SINCERELY, Dale Mattson

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Alice Becker  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS 4575 Cord St Mayer MINN. 55360  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (612) 955-2366  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 22 TOWNSHIP 117 RANGE 26 COUNTY CARVER

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 200 ✓

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 4-14-1875 120 acres 9-24-1884 80 acres

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 23 117 26  
SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 26 117 26 NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 + NW 1/4 of NW 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>MARY Doherty</u>	FROM <u>4-14-1875</u> TO <u>4-14-1875</u>	<u>this is when land was purchased</u>
next owner <u>C. Frederick Gloege</u>	<u>1875</u> <u>1921</u>	<u>FATHER of HENRY</u>
next owner <u>HENRY Gloege</u>	<u>1921</u> <u>1931</u>	<u>decided Husband of EMMA</u>
next owner <u>EMMA Gloege</u>	<u>1931</u> <u>1972</u>	<u>Mother of Alice</u>
next owner <u>Alice Becker</u>	<u>1972</u> <u>PRESENT</u>	

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Original Deed ☒ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Alice Becker  
(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE 6-3-85

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Mary dloherly  
HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 120  
WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? ~~120~~ \$11.25  
WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Schoenwerder, Germany  
WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Wisconsin  
DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes  
DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? no  
  
WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? \_\_\_\_\_  
IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? no.  
WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1898  
WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Dairy, Corn Oats  
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Beans & alfalfa

the first 120 acres was bought in 1875  
80 acres purchased from James & Catherine  
McCellan 9-24-1884 for \$2500.00



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER FRANK S. MARGARET HESSE OK  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS 6720 COUNTY ROAD 140 COLOGNE MINN 55322  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (612) 448-4269  
area code

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

SECTION 3 TOWNSHIP DALHOGREN COUNTY CARVER

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) \_\_\_\_\_

W 4 1/2 of SE 1/4 TOWNSHIP 115 RANGE 24

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>ADOLPH HESSE</u>	FROM <u>1880</u> TO <u>1900</u>	<u>FATHER OF ADOLPH JR.</u>
next owner <u>ADOLPH HESSE JR.</u>	from <u>1900</u> to <u>1938</u>	<u>FATHER OF FRANK</u>
next owner <u>FRANK S HESSE</u>	<u>1938</u> <u>PRESENT</u>	
next owner		
next owner		

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Frank S Hesse  
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 21 1985

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ST. PAUL MN 55108

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*From United States to August Fischer in 1861*  
*Then to Peter + Theodore Smidt + sisters*  
FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? *Then to Adolph Hesse in 1880*

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? *No*

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? *1922*

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? *Corn, Beans + Grains*

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

OK

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Edward J Jaus  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS 13935 Hwy 5+25 Hamburg Mn. 55339  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (612) 467-2760  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 20 TOWNSHIP Young America COUNTY Carver

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 131

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1864

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

S.E. 1/4 of section 20 TWP.-115 RANGE-26

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER ✓
first owner	FROM 1864	
<u>Martin Jaus</u>	TO 1890	<u>father of John</u>
next owner	1890	
<u>John Jaus</u>	1934	<u>father of Edward D</u>
next owner	1934	
<u>Edward D Jaus</u>	1966	<u>father of Edward J</u>
next owner	1966	
<u>Edward J Jaus</u>	till present	
next owner		

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Edward J Jaus  
(signature of present owner)

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DATE 6/2/85

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Joel Noble

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$375.00

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

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? 1901

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

*All I can say is if I would have  
got around to write in is I could have done  
this 21 years ago and had a century farm.*

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

OK

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER GUSTAV F. MENZEL  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS HAMBURG MINNESOTA  
city state zip code  
PHONE NUMBER ( 612 ) 467-2766  
area code  
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE \_\_\_\_\_  
SECTION 28 TOWNSHIP Young America COUNTY Carver  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 210  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Dec. 28th 1867  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) \_\_\_\_\_  
Sect-28 TWP-115 Rang-26 NW 1/4 & in NE-1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner		
t <u>CHARLES MENZEL</u>	1867 1899	Father of Gustav A.
next owner		
t <u>GUSTAV A. MENZEL</u>	1899 1942	Father of Gustav F.
next owner		
<u>GUSTAV F. MENZEL</u>	1942 - present	
next owner		
next owner		

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Gustav F. Menzel  
(signature of present owner)

DATE July 12, 1985

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? John Dunn, DEC 28, 1867

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$4.25

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

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

General building, contractor and furniture designer

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? No

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

A house, summer kitchen, grainery and corncrib.

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1900

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

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

In 1860, ownership of this tract of land was transferred to Henry Paul. This photo copy bears the signature of Pres. James Buchanan and is dated August 15, 1860.

Charles Menzel traveled many miles to follow his trade. Among the buildings he designed and constructed were several churches, which are still in use. I have several pieces of furniture he designed and constructed and several of the hand tools he used.

At the time of his death, he was working on an idea that was to produce perpetual motion. To lessen the labor involved in clearing land for crop production, he cut a deep groove around the trunk of the big trees, as a result the trees died. Later a storm came along and blew the trees down. This eliminated the problem of trying to burn green wood. At one job, when a shortage of lime developed, he used horse manure as a substitute to make mortar. Although, this was a temporary solution it did the trick.



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

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PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Roger Raether  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS 5630 6th 155 Waconia Minn 55387  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (612) 446-1095  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 36 TOWNSHIP Water town COUNTY Carver

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 119.11

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1874

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

NW 1/4 of Section 36 Township 112  
Range 25

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM	
<u>Friedrich Raether</u>	<u>1874</u>	
next owner	TO	
<u>1896</u>	<u>Father of Franz</u>	
<u>Franz Raether</u>	<u>1929</u>	
next owner	<u>1929</u>	
<u>John Raether</u>	<u>1980</u>	
next owner	<u>1980</u>	
<u>Roger Raether</u>	<u>Present</u>	
next owner		

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Roger Raether  
(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE 7-8-85

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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? before some of it was

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? before 1900

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Farm was at one time 3 separate

Farms & One of the sales was as follows.

on. Jan 21<sup>st</sup> 1896 the farm was sold as 82.2  
Acres. The agreements were

1 The Room as now occupied by us in the  
brick veneeted Building

2 To provide either one of our parents Frederick  
and Christina Rafter during life time annually  
with 300<sup>lb</sup> Flour, 10 bu potatoes, 200<sup>lb</sup> Pork each  
six months one Fresh Milk Cow; and the

Necessary fire wood Ready for stovewse  
\$50 in Cash Medical aid in time of sickness  
And a Christian burial at time of death and a  
Suitable tombstone on our graves.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

MR. CARROLL ARNTZEN  
Route 3, Box 80  
Montevideo, MN 56265

certificate)

ADDRESS

PHONE NUMBER (612) 269-9715  
area code CITY STATE ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 19 & 20

TOWNSHIP Leenthaap

COUNTY Chippewa

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 240

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

July 7, 1885

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

W 1/2 NW 1/4 - S 1/2 SW 1/4

20 117 39

12 117 39

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner u.s. A to 1885 E.O. Sonsteli	FROM 1884 TO 1885	None
next owner HEMMING ARNTZEN	1885 1896	Father of G.H. ARNTZEN
next owner BESSIE ARNTZEN	1896 1944	Wife of G.H. ARNTZEN BESSIE ARNTZEN
next owner BESSIE ARNTZEN	1944 1967	Mother of Carroll Arntzen
next owner CARROLL ARNTZEN	1967 present	

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Abstract of Title ☒  
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.

Carroll Arntzen  
(signature of present owner)

DATE

6/1/85

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CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108



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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? E. O. SORSTELIE

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$1300<sup>00</sup> ÷ 80 = 16.25

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? NORWAY.

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? PARENTS NEAR WEGDALL.

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? yes  
Teaching school for 21 years in Winter time.

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? no

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? YES BARN & GRANARY.

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1909

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? wheat, corn, soybeans  
sugar beets.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

The original deed was written in Norwegian. I have the original copy & I had it translated in to English

My Mother was a rural teacher prior to her marriage to my father for 8 years and 1 year after her marriage.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Wayne K. and Vernice E. Erickson  
(this name will appear on certificate)

OK

ADDRESS

GR 3. Box 138 Montevideo Mn. 56265  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(612) 269-7401  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

same

SECTION

7

TOWNSHIP

Leentrop

COUNTY

Chippewa

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

187.04

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

Oct. 23, 1883

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

S. E. 1-4 T. W. 1-4  
& E. 1-2 S. W. 1-4 & lots 3 & 4 and Ex 208.7 ft x 208.7 ft  
of lot 3 Section 7 Township 117 Range 39

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM	
<u>David P. Erickson</u>	<u>11 Oct 1883 - 1910</u>	<u>Father of Lawrence Erickson</u>
next owner		
<u>Lawrence Erickson</u>	<u>Nov. 27 1910 - 1954</u>	<u>Father of Wayne K. Erickson</u>
next owner		
<u>Wayne K. Erickson</u>	<u>1954 - present</u>	
next owner		
next owner		

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Court file in Registration Proceedings ☐

Land Patent ☐

County Land Record ☐

Original Deed ☒

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Wayne K. Erickson  
(signature of present owner)

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CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

DATE

4-1-1985

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? My Dad Lawrence Ericson

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 187.04

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? 175.00

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Norway

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? on this Homestead in Sparta Town  
Chippewa County

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? No it was purchased from the Hastings & Dakota Railway Company

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? our kitchen is the original house.

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1884-1911-1965 was added on to the 2nd

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: was growing trees - shrubs - & Green House  
Crops all discontinued this in 1985 - gone away lot.



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

STOEN-BROS. INC.

(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

R. R. 5 Box 24-EE. MONTEVIDEO MINN. 56265

PHONE NUMBER

(612) 269-5811

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

MILAN - MINN. 56262

SECTION

6

TOWNSHIP

BIG BEND

COUNTY

C HIPPEWA

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

640

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

4-30-1883

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

S. E. 1/4 TOWNSHIP-119-RANGE 41

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
JACOB STOEN	FROM 4-30-1883	
first owner	TO 7-12-1909	FATHER
JACOB STOEN	7-12-1909	
next owner	5-21-1957	SON
EDWARD STOEN	5-21-1957	
next owner	PRESENT	SON'S
MANFORD & ERNEST STOEN		
next owner		
STOEN-BROS.-INC.		
next owner		

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Abstract of Title (X)

Court file in Registration Proceedings ( )

Land Patent ( )

County Land Record ( )

Original Deed (X)

OTHER

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Ernest Stoen & Mae E. Stoen  
(signature of present owner)

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DATE

June 10-1985

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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 ANNA TOSTENSON AND ERNEST TOSTENSON  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Rural Route 1 MONTEVIDEO MN 56265  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER ( 612 ) 269-9601  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 6 TOWNSHIP ROSEWOOD COUNTY CHIPPEWA

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 74.8

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1882

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

E<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> of NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> SECTION 6 TOWNSHIP 118 RANGE 40

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>first owner</u>	FROM 1882-	
<u>TOSTEN K. TOSTENSON</u>	TO 1931	FATHER OF EMIL
<u>next owner</u>	1931-	
<u>EMIL TOSTENSON</u>	1940	HUSBAND OF ANNA FATHER OF ERNEST
<u>next owner</u>	1940-	
<u>ANNA TOSTENSON AND ERNEST TOSTENSON</u>	PRESENT	
<u>next owner</u>		
<u>next owner</u>		

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Land Patent (x) County Land Record (x) (COUNTY RECORDER'S OFFICE)  
Original Deed ( ) OTHER

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Ernest Tostenson  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 6-20-85

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? LAND PATENT FROM UNITED STATES

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 74.68 ACRES

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:

PHOTOCOPY FLAGGING SHEET

1.) Name/Initial

Instructions, page no., date, or other

LYSTRA

Oct 12, 1864

2.) Name/Initial

Instructions, page no., date, or other

3.) Name/Initial

Instructions, page no., date, or other

4.) Name/Initial

Instructions, page no., date, or other

5.) Name/Initial

Instructions, page no., date, or other

6.) Name/Initial

Instructions, page no., date, or other

PHOTOCOPY FLAGGING SHEET

<p>1.) Name/Initial</p> <p><i>Auth</i></p> <p><i>6 pgs</i></p>	<p>Instructions, page no., date, or other</p> <p><i>Memorandum of Agreement</i>  <i>2 Bill of Sale logs</i>  <i>staple together</i></p>
<p>2.) Name/Initial</p> <p><i>BSUM</i></p> <p><i>Sp</i></p> <p><i>By law</i></p>	<p>Instructions, page no., date, or other</p>
<p>3.) Name/Initial</p>	<p>Instructions, page no., date, or other</p> <p><i>p. 520 bottom</i>  <i>p. 521 back</i></p>
<p>4.) Name/Initial</p> <p><i>R. Chapman</i></p>	<p>Instructions, page no., date, or other</p> <p><i>Minutes, 10-6-49</i>  <i>(2 p.)</i></p>
<p>5.) Name/Initial</p> <p><i>Anfinsen</i></p>	<p>Instructions, page no., date, or other</p> <p><i>Letter Aug 25, 1928</i>  <i>3 p.</i></p>
<p>6.) Name/Initial</p> <p><i>J. Daniels</i></p>	<p>Instructions, page no., date, or other</p> <p><i>all Chicago Co. Apps.</i>  <i>(2)</i></p>



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

WILLIAM A. STRELOW  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

RT. 2. BRAHAM  
CITY

MN  
STATE

55006  
ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(612) 3963525  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

Same

SECTION

4

TOWNSHIP

037

COUNTY

chisago

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

238

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1876

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

NW 1/4 N 1/2 of SW 1/4 township 037 Range 22

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM	
<u>HENRY STRELOW</u>	<u>1876</u>	<u>Father of Albert</u>
	TO	
	<u>1904</u>	
next owner		
<u>ALBERT STRELOW</u>	<u>1904</u>	<u>Father of William F.</u>
	<u>1945</u>	
next owner		
<u>WILLIAM F. STRELOW</u>	<u>1945</u>	<u>Father of William A.</u>
	<u>1968</u>	
next owner		
<u>WILLIAM A. STRELOW</u>	<u>1968</u>	
	<u>Present</u>	
next owner		

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Land Patent ( )

County Land Record ( )

Original Deed ☒

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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William A. Strelow  
(signature of present owner)

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4-26-85

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER DONALD L. & NANCY L. ZACHRISON  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS RT 1 BOX 58 BRANCH MN. 55056  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
PHONE NUMBER (612) 674-4749  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE SAME

SECTION 7 TOWNSHIP 035, BRANCH CITY COUNTY CHISAGO

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 150

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 5-10-1882

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) SECT. -07  
TWP.-035 RANG.-21 SW 1/4 OF NE 1/4. NE 1/4 OF SW 1/4  
EX. W. 20 RD. THEREOF. W 1/2 OF SE 1/4.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1882 -	
PETER STREAM	TO 1907	FATHER OF CHARLES
next owner	1907 -	FATHER OF HAROLD AND VICTORIA
CHARLES STREAM	1964	
next owner	2/1964 -	VICTORIA WAS MOTHER OF JUDITH & DONALD
HAROLD STREAM VICTORIA STREAM ZACHRISON	12/1964	
next owner	12/1964 -	
J.E., JUDITH, & DONALD ZACHRISON	1970	
next owner	1970 -	
DONALD & NANCY ZACHRISON	PRESENT	

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

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Donald L. Zachrisson  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 6-2-85

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? JAMES M. GRISWOLD, GALASTENBERG CONN.

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

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

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? SWEDEN

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? YES

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? YES

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1920

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

NORMAN BJORNDAHL

(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

HAWLEY

MINN.

56549 <sup>OK</sup>

PHONE NUMBER

(218) 937-5428

area code

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

Same

SECTION

6

TOWNSHIP

PARKE

COUNTY

CLAY

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

400 ✓

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1880 ✓

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

NE 1/4 Township 138 N Range 44 W

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>first owner</u>	FROM	
<u>NELS BJORNDAHL</u>	TO <u>1880-1910</u>	<u>Grandfather</u>
<u>next owner</u>		
<u>ADOLPH BJORNDAHL</u>	<u>1910-1949</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>next owner</u>		
<u>NORMAN BJORNDAHL</u>	<u>1949 to present</u>	
<u>next owner</u>		
<u>next owner</u>		

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Court file in Registration Proceedings ( )

Land Patent ☐

County Land Record ( )

Original Deed ☒

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Norman Bjorndahl  
(signature of present owner)

DATE

July 13 1985

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Adolph Bomedall  
HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160  
WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? Homestead \$1.25 per acre  
WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Norway  
WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Norway  
DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes  
DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? No & yes  
Was a blacksmith in Norway making Sythes  
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? About 1900  
WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Dairy and Grain & Corn  
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: The Deed is issued by

Grover Cleveland president of United States in 1888. Had a original Indian and Ox Cart Red River trail going across the farm. All the first and original houses where built of Oak Log timbers.

Had a Family Reunion June 29-30 1985 with 150 people present. Mrs & Mrs Nels Bomedall had Ten Children five born in Norway and five born in the United States of America



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Conrad B Christianson  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Rt 1 Ulen Mn 56585  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (218) 596-8328  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE same

SECTION 2 TOWNSHIP Goose Prairie COUNTY Clay

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 480

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1981

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

NE 1/4 Sec 2 141-44

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1881	
<u>Anton Christianson</u>	TO 1938	<u>Father of Christian</u>
next owner	1938	
<u>Christian Christianson</u>	1952	<u>Father of Conrad</u>
next owner	1952	
<u>Conrad B Christianson</u>	Present	
next owner		
next owner		

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Conrad B. Christianson  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 4-2-85

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Homestead - Railroad

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 480

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$ 8.25

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Norway

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1965

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Small Grains

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Gustav A. Haug  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS Rt. 2 Hawley MN 56549  
city state zip code  
PHONE NUMBER (218) 937-5238  
area code  
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE same  
SECTION 10 TOWNSHIP Skree COUNTY Clay  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 440  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1882  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) N 1/2 of NE 1/4 Township 138 Range 45

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Andrew Heiberg</u>	<u>1880</u> - <u>1943</u>	<u>Grandfather of Gustav</u>
next owner <u>Oscar Haug</u>	<u>1943</u> - <u>1963</u>	<u>Father of Gustav</u>
next owner <u>Gustav Haug</u>	<u>1963</u> - <u>present</u>	
next owner		
next owner		

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

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Gustav A. Haug  
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 18, 1985

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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. Government

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? Homesteaded

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Norway

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? portion in 1898

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

One of my sons plan to purchase and operate the farm in the near future.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER GARY A. LEE  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Route One, Box 133, GLYNDON, MINN 56547  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (218) 233-0014  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE SAME

SECTION 20 TOWNSHIP MOLAND COUNTY CLAY

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 205.5

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1870

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

Section 20, Township 140, Range 47, CLAY county  
E 1/2 & NE 1/4 & NW 1/4 S. of Buffalo River

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner GUNDER O. LEE	FROM 1870 TO 1929	FATHER to SIGNE LEE
next owner SIGNE LEE	1929 1949	SISTER TO GEORGE T. LEE
next owner GEORGE T. LEE	1949 1982	FATHER TO GARY A. LEE
next owner GARY A. LEE	1982 Present	
next owner		

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

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Gary A. Lee  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 6-19-85

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Homestead Grant

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? Additional Land beyond 160 homestead \$2.00/Acre

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Gunder O. Lee - Born near Oslo, Norway

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? Worked on steamboat on Red River between Fargo N.D. and Winnipeg

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? Original Log House, birth place of Sione and George Lee, stood until 1975. Blacksmith shop still standing and barn - built 1908 (Not original Barn)

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1926

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Kermit and Alice Nelson  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

RR1

Barnesville

Minnesota

56514

PHONE NUMBER

(218) 937-5250

area code

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

Same

SECTION

12

TOWNSHIP

Humboldt

COUNTY

Clay

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

128

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1884

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

S.W. 1/4 of Section 1 N.W. 1/4 of Section 12 N.E. 1/4 Section 11

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1884	
<u>Ole O Egge</u>	TO 1936	Father of Oscar
next owner	1936	Father of Alice
<u>Oscar Egge</u>	1936	Nelson
next owner	1936	Daughter of
<u>Kermit + Alice Nelson</u>	to present time	Oscar Egge
next owner		Son of
<u>James M Nelson</u>		Kermit + Alice Nelson
next owner		

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Court file in Registration Proceedings ☐

Land Patent ☐

County Land Record ☒

Original Deed ☐

OTHER

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Mrs Alice M Nelson

(signature of present owner)

DATE

May 15 - 1985

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED?

John Anderson

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL?

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE?

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN?

Oh O Egge - Norway

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM?

Ladeland, Norway [Brandhu]

DID HE FARM THE LAND?

Farmed ~~at~~ himself

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?

granary

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT?

1898

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS?

Corn -

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Wallace + Carol Thomas  
(this name will appear on certificate)

1985  
OK

ADDRESS Route #1 Moorhead Minn. 56560  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (218) 233-5953  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 15 TOWNSHIP Kragnes COUNTY Clay

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 90 ✓

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 12/1/1883 ✓

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

NW 1/4 Sec 15 Twp 141 Range 48 Less ditch and  
Less 63.70 acres

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Asah Thomas</u>	FROM <u>1883</u> TO <u>1923</u>	<u>Husband</u>
next owner <u>Mrs Anna Thomas</u>	From <u>1924</u> to <u>1927</u>	<u>Mother</u>
next owner <u>Arthur, Clarence Theodore, Ling Thomas</u>	From <u>1927</u> to <u>1972</u>	<u>Uncles and aunt</u>
next owner <u>Wallace Thomas</u>	From <u>1972</u> to <u>1984</u>	
next owner		

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

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Wallace Thomas  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 11/9/84

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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 Rodney Nackerud  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS RR2 Walnut Grove Minn 56180  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 859-2522  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Bevere Minn

SECTION 10 TOWNSHIP ann COUNTY Cottonwood

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1874  
1883

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)  
SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 Township 108 of Range 38 Book D page 413  
N 1/2 of SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 Section 10 Township 108 Range 38 Book D Page 352

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Gilbert Olson</u>	FROM <u>1874-1883</u> TO <u>1921</u>	<u>Father of Frank and Julia</u>
next owner <u>Frank A. Olson</u> <u>Julia M. Olson</u>	<u>1921</u> <u>1938</u>	<u>Son of Gilbert</u> <u>Daughter of Gilbert</u>
next owner <u>Frank A. Olson</u>	<u>1938</u> <u>1962</u>	<u>Julia sister of Frank</u> <u>Uncle of Rodney</u>
next owner <u>Rodney Nackerud</u>	<u>1962</u> <u>Present</u>	
next owner		

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

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Rodney Nackerud  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 4-19-85

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

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 40 acres + 120 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? Norway

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Norway

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

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

Lumbering before he came to the 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 original house turned into Blacksmith Shop

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

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Gilbert Olson came in 1871 and lived in a dugout. The following year they built a house.



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Arvid Redman  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

Sanborn

Minn

56083

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 648-3372

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

10

TOWNSHIP

German town

COUNTY

Cottonwood

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

April 1, 1885

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

NW 1/4 of Section 10 Township 108 Range 36

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Fred Redman</u>	FROM 1885- TO 1945	Father of Edward
next owner <u>Edward Redman</u>	1945- 1956	Father of Arvid + Glen
next owner <u>Arvid + Glen Redman</u> (deceased)	1956 - present	
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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Arvid Redman

(signature of present owner)

DATE

April 29, 1985

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? George Pfeilschifter

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$7.88 (\$1,260. for the 160 acres)

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

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

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 Barn

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? early to late 1890

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: My Grandfather (Fred) came over from Germany with his parents when he was a young lad. They settled in Wis. Fred came to Minn. and married the daughter (Sarah) of the first Minister of The Germantown Zion Church.

Fred and Sarah bought the farm (160) acres for \$1260 on April 1, 1885

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Floyd V. and Louise S. Richardson  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Bingham Lake Minnesota 56118  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
PHONE NUMBER ( 507 ) 831-1602  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION Sect-34 Twp-105 Rang-35 SE TOWNSHIP Lakeside COUNTY Cottonwood

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Homestead

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) Sect-34 Twp-105 Rang-35  
E $\frac{1}{2}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  & E $\frac{1}{2}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>first owner</u>	FROM 1879	Father of Frederick H.
<u>Isreal Bray Burbank</u>	TO 1919	
<u>next owner</u>	1919	Father of Louise S.
<u>Frederick H.</u>	1966	
<u>next owner</u>	1966	
<u>Floyd V. &amp; Louise S. Richardson</u>		
<u>next owner</u>		
<u>next owner</u>		

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Floyd V. and Louise S. Richardson  
(signature of present owner)

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DATE

July 5, 1985



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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Civil War Veterans 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? East Claire, 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 - part of the house

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1885 according to Assessor's records

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Grace Weseth  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS 255 Wheeler St St Paul Minn 55105  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (612) 698-7887  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Revere Minn 56166

SECTION 14 TOWNSHIP Ann COUNTY Cottonwood

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 80 ✓

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1871 ✓

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

E 1/2 of SE 1/4 Township 108 Range 38

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>first owner</u> John Alfson Weseth	FROM 1871 TO 1921	Father of John Weseth
<u>next owner</u> John Weseth	1921 1939	Uncle of Grace
<u>next owner</u> Grace Weseth	1939 present	Niece of John
<u>next owner</u>		
<u>next owner</u>		

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

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Grace Weseth  
(signature of present owner)

DATE March 29 1985

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? \_\_\_\_\_

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 140

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

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Winconsin (Muskego)

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Iowa (Ridgeway)

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

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

He did some home carpentering

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes

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

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

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the original farm  
was left in his will by Uncle  
John to some of his cousins.



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Charles E. Engler  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS RR 1 Randolph Minnesota 55065  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER ( 507 ) 263-2085  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 6 TOWNSHIP Randolph COUNTY Dakota

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 178

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1878

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) E $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  and E $\frac{1}{2}$  of W $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  Township 112 Range 18

Added in 1912 E $\frac{1}{2}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  Township 112 Range 18

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>first owner</u> <u>Charles Engler</u>	FROM 1878- TO 1921	Father of Alvin
<u>next owner</u> <u>Alvin Engler</u>	1921- 1941	Father of Charles
<u>next owner</u> <u>Estate of Alvin Engler</u>	1941- 1959	
<u>next owner</u> <u>Charles E Engler</u>	1959- Present	
<u>next owner</u>		

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Charles E Engler  
(signature of present owner)

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Philip Young

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 105

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? Mortgage of \$ 2100.00

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Switzerland

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? Around 1900

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

**The abstract shows there were 11 owners of the farm between 1858 & 1878**

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Edwin Fredrickson

(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

Northfield

MINN

55057

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 645-8694

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

34-35

TOWNSHIP

EUREKA

COUNTY

DAKOTA

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

80

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1871

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

Sec 34

TWN 113 RANGE 20 SE 1/4 OF SE 1/4 40 ACRES - SEC 35 TWN 113 RANGE 20 E 1/2 OF SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 20 ACRES - SEC 35 TWN 113 RANGE 20 W 1/2 OF SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 20 ACRES ALL TOGETHER.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
OLE Peterson wife ANNE		
first owner		
OLE Peterson wife ANNE	FROM 1871	HUSBAND
next owner	TO 1877	WIFE
ANNE Peterson	1877	
next owner	1899	WIFE
Edwin Fredrickson	1927	FATHER
next owner	1927	
OSCAR Fredrickson	1947	FATHER
next owner	1947	SON
Edwin Fredrickson	1985	FATHER

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Abstract of Title (X)

Court file in Registration Proceedings ( )

Land Patent ( )

County Land Record ( )

Original Deed ( )

OTHER

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Edwin Fredrickson

(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE 5/24/85

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

PAUL P. MAHER  
(this name will appear on certificate)

OK

ADDRESS 19221 Nicolai Ave. Hastings MN 55033  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (612) 432-3934  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 24 TOWNSHIP MARSHAN COUNTY Dakota

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 480

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1881

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) SW 1/4 of NE 1/4  
and W 1/2 of NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 and N 1/2 of SE 1/4 of  
NE 1/4 and S 1/2 of SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 23 Township 114 Range 17  
Dissection (Sec 23 - Twn 114 - Range 17 - NE 1/4)

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1881	
<u>Thomas Maher</u>	TO 1895	<u>Father of James</u>
next owner	1895	
<u>James Maher</u>	1941	<u>Father of Paul</u>
next owner	1941	
<u>Paul P. Maher</u>	Present	
next owner		
next owner		

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

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Paul P. Maher  
(signature of present owner)

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DATE 6-11-85

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ST. PAUL MN 55108

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

JAMES EDWARD EBENHOH  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

R.R. 1 Box 47 CIAREMONT, MN. 55924

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 528-2467  
area code

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

107N 18W

SECTION

16

TOWNSHIP

CIAREMONT

COUNTY

DODGE

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

677.5 ✓

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

OCTOBER 6, 1885 ✓

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

NW 1/4 (90 ACRES)

107N 18W CIAREMONT TWP SEC. 16 DODGE CTY.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1885	FROM Geo B. Ridder
<u>JOSEPH EBENHOH</u>	TO 1894	FATHER
next owner <u>SINGLE</u>	FROM 1894	TO
<u>JOSEPH EBENHOH, JR.</u>	TO 1920	SON
next owner <u>AND LENA</u>	FROM 1920	FATHER
<u>EDWARD EBENHOH</u>	TO 1968	TO SON
next owner	FROM 1968	FATHER
<u>JAMES EDWARD EBENHOH</u>	TO PRESENT	TO SON
next owner		

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County Land Record (✓)

Original Deed (✓)

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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James E. Ebenhoeh  
(signature of present owner)

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

DATE

September 28, 1984

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? From Geo. B. Kidder  
HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 40 Book 23 page 442  
WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? not known City Ct. House  
WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? \_\_\_\_\_  
WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? West of Claremont 16  
DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes  
DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? By Kidder  
IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? Present owner, lives in original home which has been added to during the years  
WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1885

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Kidder owned the land 1864  
School Land Certificate #2172

Bk 16 Page 89  
County Court House  
Mantorville, Mn.

Joseph Echenok, single to  
Joseph Echenok, Jr. Bk 23 page 442  
Joseph Echenok, Jr. & Lena to Ed Echenok  
Dec 17, 1920 Bk 58 Page 256

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Beth Proper Hartung  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Box 112 Claremont Minnesota 55924  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER ( 507 ) 528-2624  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Rt. West Concord, Minn. 55985

SECTION 29 TOWNSHIP Milton COUNTY Dodge

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 79.45

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1859

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) Sect-29 Twp-108  
Rang-16 79.45 Acres - Ex 88/160A on S. Side w $\frac{1}{2}$  NE  $\frac{1}{4}$

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>first owner</u> U.S. to Erastus K. Proper	FROM 1859 TO 1889	Husband of Samantha Father of 6 children
<u>next owner</u> Samantha Proper plus 6 Proper children	1889 1893	Wife of E.K. Proper
<u>next owner</u> Erastus S. Proper	1893 1907	Son of E. K. Proper Uncle of James
<u>next owner</u> James O. Proper	1907 1956	Father of Beth
<u>next owner</u> Beth Proper Hartung	1956 Present	

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

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Beth Proper Hartung  
(signature of present owner)

DATE

May 30, 1985

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108



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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? From the United States

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? At one time he owned 460 acres  
80 in this parcel

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? ??

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Township of Benton, County of Yates  
State of New York

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Winnebago Co. Utica, Wis.

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? 4 yrs. assessor,  
3 yrs. supervisor 2 terms as county commissioner  
2 terms in the State Legislature the 10th and 11th in 1868-1869

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? In 1877 he raised 3,000 bus. wheat  
sheep, hogs, grain

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

He was a Universalists and a Republican

The above was taken from the Dodge Co. History dated 1884

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Leon William Spreiter  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

West Concord

CITY

Minnesota

STATE

55985

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(507)  
area code

527-2733

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

1 and 12

TOWNSHIP

Concord

COUNTY

Dodge

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

267

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1858

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

Section 1 Twp 108

Range 17 187 acres - out lots 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 12 + E 2A of Lot 11

USE 1/4 ex SSA 17.7A 1/2 NE 1/4 SE 1/4 Sect 12 Twp 108 Range 17, 77 acres

1/2 NE 1/4 Section 12 Twp 108 Range 17

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1858	
<u>Jacob Stucki</u>	TO 1891	<u>Father of Elizabeth</u>
next owner	1891	
<u>Leonard and Elizabeth Spreiter</u>	1914	<u>Daughter and son in law</u>
next owner	1914	
<u>William and Anna Spreiter</u>	1950	<u>Son of Leonard</u>
next owner	1950	
<u>Howard and Frieda Spreiter</u>	1979	<u>Son of William</u>
next owner	1979	
<u>Leon and Irene Spreiter</u>		<u>Present Son of Howard</u>

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

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Leon Spreiter  
(signature of present owner)

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ST. PAUL MN 55108

DATE

5/15/85

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

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

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

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Switzerland

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

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? About 1885

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

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

ADDRESS Route 3 Box 253 Parkers Prairie, MN 56361  
city state zip code

PHONE NUMBER (218) 267-2252  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 11 TOWNSHIP Leaf Valley COUNTY Douglas

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 120

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Nov. 17, 1885

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

Sect. 11 TWF-130 RANG-38

33/011/031/000/000 W2 SE4 + NE4 SW4 120 Acres

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Fritz Greunkogen</u>	<u>1885</u>	<u>1910</u>	<u>Husband of Louise</u>
next owner <u>Louise Greunkogen</u>	<u>1910</u>	<u>1921</u>	<u>Grandmother of Wm. C.</u>
next owner <u>Wm. C. Diedrich</u>	<u>1921</u>	<u>1971</u>	<u>Father of Wilfred</u>
next owner <u>Wilfred Diedrich</u>	<u>1971-</u>	<u>present</u>	
next owner			

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( ) Land Patent  
( ) Original Deed
- ☒ Court file in Registration Proceeding  
☒ County Land Record  
( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Wilfred Alfred Diedrich  
(signature of present owner)

DATE July 10, 1985

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CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Wm. Henning

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 40 acres

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

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

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? 1925

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Bernard J. Boesen  
(this name will appear on certificate)

OK

ADDRESS

Rt 1 Box 100 Evansville Mo. 56326

PHONE NUMBER

(218) 267-5941  
area code

STATE

ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

5

TOWNSHIP

Muller

COUNTY

Douglas

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

224.95

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1875

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

Sect-05 Twp-130 Rang-39  
39/005/030/000/000 SW4 Ex Sch. AC 145.75

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Peter Boesen</u>	FROM <u>1875</u> TO <u>1894</u>	<u>Husband to</u> <u>Mary</u>
next owner <u>Mary Boesen</u>	<u>1894</u> <u>1914</u>	<u>Mother to</u> <u>M.W.</u>
next owner <u>M.W. Boesen (Moth)</u>	<u>1914</u> <u>1956</u>	<u>Father to</u> <u>Bernard J.</u>
next owner <u>Bernard J. Boesen</u>	<u>1956</u> <u>Present owner</u>	
next owner		

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Court file in Registration Proceedings (☒)

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County Land Record (☒)

Original Deed (☐)

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Bernard J. Boesen

(signature of present owner)

DATE

May 10, 1985

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? U.S. Gov't

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 145.75

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? The deed shows 1.50 paid which would indicate less than a penny per acre.

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? Aug. 1974

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Dennis <sup>AND</sup> Randi Hockert  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS R.R. #1 Brandon MN. 56315  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
PHONE NUMBER (612) 876-2122  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE - Same -

SECTION 21 & 28 TOWNSHIP Millerville COUNTY Douglas

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 152.98

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1876

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) SE 1/4 SE 1/4 in  
Section 21 and NE 1/4 NE 1/4 in Section 28 all in Township 130N,  
Range 39W in Douglas County.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Nicholas Hockert</u>	FROM <u>1876</u> TO <u>1894</u>	<u>Father of Nicholas Jr.</u>
next owner <u>Nicholas Hockert, Jr.</u>	<u>1894 to</u> <u>1938</u>	<u>Father of George</u>
next owner <u>George P. Hockert</u>	<u>1938 to</u> <u>1976</u>	<u>Father of Dennis</u>
next owner <u>Dennis E &amp; Randi B. Hockert</u>	<u>1976 to</u> <u>present</u>	
next owner		

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

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X Dennis E. Hockert & Randi B. Hockert  
(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE May 13, 1985

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? It was Homesteaded So it wasn't bought from anyone.  
HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 175 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? -None-

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? From Germany, then to Kansas City, Mo. for 2 yrs. then to the farm.

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? He was a Horse trader and brought breeding stock along from Germany.

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1969

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:



OK

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER LOUIE W. SCHACKEL  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS RT. 5, Box 182 EILEEN B. SCHACKEL ALEXANDRIA MINN. 56308  
PHONE NUMBER (612) 852-7088 CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE \_\_\_\_\_  
SECTION 15 TOWNSHIP Carlos COUNTY Douglas  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 75  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1943 1882  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) SE 1/2. SE 1/4 Sec. 15 Twp. 129  
Range 37

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1873	
Abraham C. Lark	TO 1882	Son of - Schackel
next owner	1882	
Christian F. Schackel	1898	Father of William
next owner	1898	
William H. Schackel	1943	Father of Louie
next owner	1943	
Louie W. Schackel	Present	
next owner		

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

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Louie W. Schackel  
(signature of present owner)

DATE July 12, 1985

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Abraham and Charlotte Clark

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80 ACRES

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$ 4,300

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Wash. County - Woodbury Twp. St. Paul

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? 1873

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Dairy - Hogs.

It was a lot of woods so they sold a lot of wood by the cord.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

RAYMOND W. THUNBERG  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

RR1

NELSON

MINN.

56355

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(612)

762-0169

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SAME

SECTION

6

TOWNSHIP

OSAKIS

COUNTY

DOUGLAS

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

153

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1883

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

S 1/2 of SE 1/4 SEC. 6 TOWNSHIP 128 RANGE 36

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM	
<u>JOHN F. THUNBERG</u>	<u>1883</u>	
next owner	TO	
<u>JOHN W. THUNBERG</u>	<u>1910</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
next owner	<u>1910</u>	
<u>JOHN W. THUNBERG</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>FATHER OF RAYMOND</u>
next owner	<u>1961</u>	
<u>RAYMOND W. THUNBERG</u>	<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>SON OF JOHN W.</u>
next owner		
next owner		

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Abstract of Title ☒

Court file in Registration Proceedings ☒

Land Patent ☐

County Land Record ☐

Original Deed ☐

OTHER

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Raymond W. Thunberg  
(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE

4/11/85

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108



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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? H. ALVORAND ANNA ANDERSON

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 320

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$ 12.00

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? SWEDEN (VALBO)

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? NOT WHILE

BLACK SMITH FARMING

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? NO

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1910 by JOHN W THUNBERG

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

BETTY THUNBERG - GRANDDAUGHTER OF ORIGINAL  
OWNER JOHN F THUNBERG AND MARRIED  
to ROLO CASSADY LIVES ON THE ORIGINAL  
SITE. BUT NEVER FARMED

RAYMOND W. THUNBERG LIVES ON THE  
PORTION OF LAND WILLED TO HIM  
BY HIS FATHER WHO IN TURN  
INHERITED A PORTION OF THE FARM  
BOUGHT BY HIS GRANDFATHER (JOHN F.)

EASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Clarence William Allis  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

803 Circle Drive Stells

Mn.

56097

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 553-5667

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

Rd. 2 Box 108 Stells

SECTION

35

TOWNSHIP

104 Mn. Lake

COUNTY

Faribault

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

240 A ✓

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

May 19-1885 ✓

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

N 1/2 of NW 1/4 Sec. 35-104-25

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM	
<u>Charles &amp; Ida Allis</u>	<u>5-19-1885</u>	<u>Father</u>
	TO	
<u>1898</u>		
next owner		
<u>William Allis</u>	<u>1898</u>	<u>Father</u>
	<u>1951</u>	
next owner		
<u>Clarence Allis</u>	<u>1951-present</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner		
next owner		

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Abstract of Title ( )

Court file in Registration Proceedings ( )

Land Patent ( )

County Land Record ( )

Original Deed ( )

OTHER Contract for deed

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Clarence Allis  
(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Southern Minn. Rail Way  
HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80 A  
WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$6 per acre  
WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germania  
Lura Twp. Faribault Co. Minn.  
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? They lived there since 1885  
IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL  
STANDING OR IN USE? Yes - House  
WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? before 1885  
WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Soybeans, Corn  
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

This homestead has been handed down  
from father to son from the beginning.  
Our youngest son lives on this farm  
and our other sons and our grandsons  
all work together on their farms.  
It is a warm and thankful feeling,  
back to our God and our ancestors.  
The interest in this land debt was 7% - paid off  
in 1900.



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Wayne L. Bebler  
(this name will appear on certificate)

OK

ADDRESS

RR # 2 Box 18 Wells Minn 56097

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 553-5916

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

Same

SECTION

20

TOWNSHIP

Dunbar

COUNTY

Faribault

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

157.5

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1878 July 1

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

S. E. 1/4 of Section 20 Township 104.  
Range 24 Faribault County Minnesota

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner		
<u>Herman F. Bebler</u>	FROM 1878	Husband of
next owner	TO 1918	<u>Emelie</u>
<u>Emelie Bebler</u>	From 1918	Mother of
next owner	to 1920	<u>Emil</u>
<u>Emil H. Bebler</u>	From 1920	Father of
next owner	to 1954	<u>Rueben</u>
<u>Rueben E. Bebler</u>	From 1954	1st Cousin of
next owner	to 1971	<u>Gerald</u>
<u>Gerald R. Bebler</u>	From 1971	Father of
	to 1983	<u>Wayne</u>

Wayne L. Bebler From 1983 to Present

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Abstract of Title ☒

Court file in Registration Proceedings ( )

Land Patent ( )

County Land Record ( )

Original Deed ( )

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Wayne L. Bebler  
(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE

June 29, 1985

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Calvin C. Boyle  
HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160  
WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$10.00 Total purchase price \$1600.00  
WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? ?  
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? ?  
IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? yes the granary was original home  
WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? Not sure, was added onto in 1937  
WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn, Soybeans, peas

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

In 1888 a  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre was sold to School District No. 121. The School House is now the Dunbar town Hall. In 1894 another small portion was sold to The Dunbar Creamery Company

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Lester B. Cook and Lila V. Cook  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

RR1 Winnebago MN 56098

PHONE NUMBER

(507)

893-4193

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

Same

SECTION

18

TOWNSHIP

Delavan

COUNTY

Faribault

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

Aug. 22, 1881

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

N 1/2 of NW 1/4 & SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 18-104-27  
Section 18 Township 104N Range 27W

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM	
<u>Paul Lutz</u>	<u>Aug 22, 1881</u>	<u>Husband of</u>
	TO	<u>Josephine</u>
next owner	<u>April 30, 1882</u>	<u>Mother of</u>
<u>Josephine Lutz</u>	<u>June 6th, 1925</u>	<u>Charles</u>
next owner	<u>June 6th, 1925</u>	<u>Uncle of</u>
<u>Charles Lutz</u>	<u>April 28th, 1947</u>	<u>Lila V. Cook</u>
next owner	<u>April, 28th, 1947</u>	
<u>Lila V. Cook</u>	<u>Present</u>	
and		
<u>Hester B. Cook</u>		
next owner		

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Court file in Registration Proceedings ( )

Land Patent ( )

County Land Record ( )

Original Deed ☒

OTHER

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Lester B. Cook & Lila V. Cook  
(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE

April 26 1985

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108



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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Adams H. Bullis

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$ 600 For all 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? No

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1920's

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Lila Cook is the granddaughter of Paul Lutz and Josephine Lutz. Lila is the wife of Lester Cook.

The original house was burned down around 1925 by the neighbor, who was an arsonist.

Paul Lutz died on this farm in 1939. He was around 97 yrs. old.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

OVER

OK

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Evelyn Prange Dumke & Alice Prange Ayers  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
575 - 1st Ave. S.W. Wells, Minn 56097 (Alice)  
ADDRESS 351 - 7th Ave. S.W. Wells Minn 56097 (Evelyn)  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
PHONE NUMBER ( 507 ) 553-5105 (Evelyn) 507-553-5261 (Alice)  
area code  
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE RR - 1 - Wells, Minnesota 56097  
SECTION Three TOWNSHIP Brush Creek COUNTY Faribault  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 80  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1885  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) 1/2 of SW 1/4 of Sec. 3-102-25

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1885	Father of George Prange
<u>Frederick Prange</u>	TO 1912	
next owner	1912	Father of Evelyn Dumke & Alice Ayers
<u>George Prange</u>	1943	
next owner	1943	
<u>Evelyn Dumke</u> <u>Alice Ayers</u>	Present	
next owner		
next owner		

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

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Evelyn Prange Dumke  
(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE July 2-1985

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
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? 160 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$2.00 an acre

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Wisconsin ~~Iowa~~

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? 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, but not in use

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1881

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

The farm was paid by raising hogs and cattle.



Wells, Minn.  
July 2, 1985-

Dear Sir:

If you notice on my application  
for the century form ~~has~~ two names  
as owners.

Could you issue each one of  
us a certificate?

If you can you can, send them  
both to me and I will pass the  
one to my sister.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Mrs Evelyn Grange Dumble  
351 - 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.W.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER LESTER Egeeness

ADDRESS Frost (this name will appear on certificate)  
city state zip code  
MN. 56033

PHONE NUMBER (507) 878-3120  
area code

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

SECTION 1 TOWNSHIP ROME COUNTY FARIBAULT

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 106

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1885

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

SW 1/4 E of C.D. #44 + S + N of R.R. in SEC. 1 TWP 101  
RANGE 26

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>ANDREW OLESON Egeeness</u>	<u>1885 - 1934</u>	<u>FATHER OF AUGUST</u>
next owner <u>AUGUST Egeeness</u>	<u>1934 - 1976</u>	<u>FATHER OF OTIS</u>
next owner <u>OTIS Egeeness</u>	<u>1976 - 1981</u>	<u>BROTHER OF LESTER</u>
next owner <u>LESTER Egeeness</u>	<u>1981 - PRESENT</u>	
next owner		

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|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abstract of Title | <input type="checkbox"/> Court file in Registration Proceeding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Patent                  | <input type="checkbox"/> County Land Record                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Original Deed                | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                           |

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

Lester Egeeness  
(signature of present owner)  
DATE July 6, 1985

Please Return To:

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Railroad officials  
HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160  
WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? NOT CLEARLY STATED

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? NORWAY

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

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

He HAD A BLACKSMITH SHOP ON FARM

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? NO

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1895

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Gene A. Hanks  
Name(s) to appear on certificate Stanley and Gene Hanks; Oakvale Farm  
Address Rt. 2. Winnebago, Mn. 56098  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 21 Township Verona County Fairbault

Number of acres in the farm at present 200 A

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1884, March 14

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

SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 Township 103 Range 28 - 80A.  
N 1/2 of NE 1/4 Township 103 Range 28 - 80A. SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 Township 103 Range 28 - 40A

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Thomas & Laura Kennedy	March 14, 1884 from to	None
(owner in 1876 or B4)		
John Marshall Hanks	from 1884 to 1917	Father of Fred
next owner		
Fred Hanks	from 1916 to 1924	son of Marshall
next owner		
Nettie Hanks	from 1924 to 1962	wife of Fred
next owner		
Stanley Hanks	from 1962 to 1981	son of Fred
next owner		
Gene Hanks	from 1981 to present	son of Stanley
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  
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:

Brenda Ripley, Deputy  
(Witness sign here)

Gene A. Hanks  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 12-18-84

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Thomas & Laura Kennedy
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? ~~160~~ 200A
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$8.75
4. Where was the first owner born? Vermont
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Rented land with house on it (2 yrs) about a mile from farm
6. Was this a homestead? NO
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
yes - he was a carpenter
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? yes - the living room of present house was a granary in 1884
10. When was the present home built? In stages since 1884
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Dairy Farm, corn & alfalfa
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Blue Earth Post Ambassador

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

Fred Hanks was the breeder of

1. Polled Shorthorn cattle
2. Durac Jersey hogs
3. Shetland Ponies
4. Brown Leghorn chickens

Fred Hanks had the first Purebred Polled Shorthorns in the state  
The herd was eventually sold to Bert Hanson and his father at  
Vernon Center, Minn.

SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  - Patent Sept. 1860 Recorded March 10, 1886  
by Orlando Coolidge Junior  
- deeded to Granville Herring Oct 12, 1891  
Recorded same date

\* - Purchased by Fred Hanks for \$1500 from  
Sarah Ann Baldwin and husband An.  
1892, Aug 16.

S $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  - Patented by Fredrick Geiser - Nov 10, 1859  
Recorded by ? June 11, 1894

N $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  - Patented by Frances R. Shepard - March 10, 1862  
Recorded on June 20, 1881

John Marshall and John A. Hanks bought 200 A from  
Thomas Kennedy and Laura for \$1750 on  
March 14, 1884. Recorded May 6, 1884

1924 - deeded to Howard, Stanley, Harlan and Kenneth  
 $\frac{1}{4}$  each.

Nettie got a life estate of the farm in 1924

1945 - Nettie was deeded  $\frac{1}{4}$  of farm (Kenneth share)

1949 - Howard and Harlan deeded their  $\frac{1}{4}$  shares to Stanley

1949 - Nettie deeded her  $\frac{1}{4}$  of farm to Stanley



PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Mabel Heitzeg  
 (This name will appear on certificate)  
MABEL HEITZEG  
 ADDRESS Kiester CITY Minn STATE 56051 ZIP CODE  
 PHONE NUMBER (507) 294-3416  
 area code  
 ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE \_\_\_\_\_  
 SECTION 17 TOWNSHIP Kiester COUNTY Parish  
 NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160  
 DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1985  
 LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) NW 1/4 Section 17

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Lewis Heitzeg</u> first owner	FROM <u>1985</u> TO <u>1934</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Charles Heitzeg</u> next owner	<u>1934</u> <u>1964</u>	<u>Son</u>
<u>Mabel Heitzeg</u> next owner	<u>1964</u> <u>1985</u>	<u>wife</u>
<u>next owner</u>		
<u>next owner</u>		

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

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Mabel Heitzeg  
 (signature of present owner)

DATE June 21-1982

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

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

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

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Foster Township - Wptly Rice Lake

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Don't know where the hotel was with Raupmanns Courier farm

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? well-digger, Castrator of colts, horse doctor

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? no

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1885

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn, soybeans, oats, milk  
sheep + chickens

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

GRACE L. Johnson  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

ELMORE

MINN.

56027

PHONE NUMBER

(507)

943-3416

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

31

TOWNSHIP

10'

Pilot Grove

COUNTY

Faribault

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

162.8

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1884

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

Section one half of the Northwest quarter of  
Section 31 - Township 101 - Range 28

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM	
<u>Andrew Holm</u>	TO <u>1884-1938</u>	<u>Father of Clarence</u>
next owner		
<u>Clarence Holm</u>	<u>1938-1969</u>	<u>Father of Grace</u>
next owner		
<u>GRACE Johnson</u>	<u>1969—Present</u>	
next owner		
next owner		

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County Land Record ☐

Original Deed ☒

OTHER

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Grace L. Johnson

(signature of present owner)

DATE

April 11, 1985

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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 HAROLD LURA  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS RR 1 BOX 207 BRICELYN MN 56014  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
PHONE NUMBER (507) 653 4174  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 25 TOWNSHIP BRUSH CREEK COUNTY EARL BAULT

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 80

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 12-27-81

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

N.W. QUARTER OF S.E. QUARTER AND S.E. QUARTER OF N.E.  
QUARTER OF SEC. 25 IN TOWNSHIP 102 NORTH OF RANGE  
15, WEST OF THE FIFTH PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>OLE O. QVELLAND</u>	FROM <u>12-27-1881</u> TO <u>12-15-1923</u>	<u>FATHER OF BEN CARL ANDREW RAGNHILD</u>
next owner <u>BEN QVELLAND</u> <u>CARL</u> <u>ANDREW</u> <u>MRS RAGNHILD LURA</u>	<u>12-15-1923 to</u> <u>8-30-1924</u>	<u>BROTHERS</u> <u>AND SISTER OF BEN</u>
next owner <u>BEN QVELLAND</u>	<u>8-30-1924 to</u> <u>12-6-1948</u>	<u>UNCLE OF</u> <u>RACINE</u>
next owner <u>RACINE LURA</u>	<u>12-6-1948 to</u> <u>3-14-1974</u>	<u>BROTHER OF</u> <u>HAROLD</u>
next owner <u>HAROLD LURA</u> <u>AND WIFE SHIRLEY</u>	<u>3-14-1974</u> <u>PRESENT</u>	

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Harold Lura  
(signature of present owner)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? TOMAS LARSON

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$ 8 00

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? NORWAY

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? YES

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? YES MAY 10, 1873

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1975

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

THERE WERE NO BUILDINGS ON THIS 80 ACRES WHEN  
MY GRANDPARENTS MOVED ON. TOM LARSON LIVED  
CLOSE BY ON OTHER <sup>LAND</sup> HE OWNED, NOW OWNED BY  
ARTHUR JOHNSON

MY GRANDFATHER OLE O. KVELLAND'S NAME WAS SPELLED  
KVELLAND AT THE COURTHOUSE SO THATS THE WAY  
I PUT IT DOWN, A MISTAKE MADE WHEN HE FILED  
BACK IN 1881



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER DENNIS & JANET NELSON  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS RR2 WINNEBAGO MN 56098  
PHONE NUMBER (507) 893-4451 CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE SAME

SECTION 9-10 TOWNSHIP DELAUAN COUNTY FARIBAULT

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 383

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1856 Homestead

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

W 1/2 of NW 1/4 Sec 10, Twp 104 R. 27 80A - N 1/2 of NW 1/4 Sec 9 Twp 104  
R. 27. 80A - N 1/2 of SE 1/4 & NE 1/4 Sec 7 Twp 104 R. 27 223.5A.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>THOMAS BLAIR</u>	FROM <u>MAY 11, 1856</u> TO <u>APR 28, 1910</u>	<u>FATHER OF DONALD</u>
next owner <u>DONALD BLAIR</u>	<u>APR 28, 1910</u> <u>1960</u>	<u>UNCLE OF GLENN</u> <u>HART</u>
next owner <u>GLENN HART</u>	<u>JULY 29, 1960</u> <u>APR 12, 1981</u>	<u>GLENN - FATHER</u> <u>OF JANET</u>
next owner <u>JANET NELSON</u>	<u>JAN 12, 1981</u> <u>Present.</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. Dennis W. Nelson

Janet Nelson  
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 26, 1985

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Everet Hart, Tom Hart, Glenn Hart.

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? 800<sup>00</sup>

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Scotland

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? yes - But in need of repair.

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1858 or 1860

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

The farm now has 176 Acs Tillable land the rest is pasture, woods, & Wetlands. It is a farm where people once come to buy milk, eggs, weigh grain etc. I would like to see the place restored but with farm conditions since I bought it don't allow it. Thomas Blain buggy is still in the hayrack hayrack. ~~the~~ The house still rests on rocks.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

GK

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Mr. and Mrs. Paul A. Nichols  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS 322 E. 8th Street Blue Earth, Minnesota 56013  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER ( 507 ) 526-2461  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Rt. 2 Box 83, Winnebago, Minnesota 56098

SECTION 27 TOWNSHIP Verona COUNTY Faribault

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 120

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 3-5-1879

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

S.W. of S.E. 1/4, W1/2 of E 1/2 of SE 1/4 & NW1/2 of SE 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP		
NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 3-5-1879	Mother of Retta Nichols
Elmira Carpenter	TO 12-22-1891	
next owner	1891 - 1939	Parents of Paul A. Nichols
Charles J. & Retta A. Nichols	1939 - present	
next owner		
Mr. & Mrs. Paul A. Nichols		
next owner		
next owner		

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

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Mrs. Paul A. Nichols  
(signature of present owner)

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UPON WHICH 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 Emil Osmundson  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Rt 1 Delavan MINN 56023  
PHONE NUMBER (507) 854-3653  
area code CITY STATE ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 7 TOWNSHIP Lura COUNTY Faribault

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 152.39

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1871

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

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM	
<u>Eaton Osmundson</u>	<u>1871</u>	
	TO	
next owner	<u>1908</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Oscar &amp; Marcus Osmundson</u>	<u>1908</u>	
	<u>1938</u>	<u>Uncle of Emil</u>
next owner	<u>1938</u>	
<u>Emil Osmundson</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Grandson of Eaton</u>
next owner		
next owner		

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Original Deed ☒ OTHER

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Emil Osmundson  
(signature of present owner)

DATE

July 9<sup>th</sup> 1985

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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:



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PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Marvin Walter Prechel  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

RR 2 Box 220 Blue Earth Minnesota 56013

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 526-2269  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

3

TOWNSHIP

Blue Earth

COUNTY

Faribault

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1885

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

S 1/2 of NE 1/4 & N 1/2 of SE 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1885	
<u>Emil Prechel</u>	TO 1941	<u>father to Walter</u>
next owner	1941	<u>Husband of Elsie</u>
<u>Walter Prechel</u>	1966	<u>father to</u>
next owner	1966	<u>mother of</u>
<u>Elsie Prechel</u>	1975	<u>Marvin</u>
next owner	1975	
<u>Marvin Prechel</u>	Present	
next owner		

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OTHER

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+ Marvin Prechel  
(signature of present owner)

DATE

6/3/85

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? John Squires - Homesteader

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 120

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? Approximately \$8 per acre

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Emerald twp. Faribault Co.

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? by lot owner John Squires - no relation

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? 1897

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Little or no buildings on place when Prechel family purchased farm. Buildings were put up by Emil, Walter and Martin.

OK

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Theron Comstock MARCET Comstock Wendt  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS RR3 Box 97 Spring Valley Minnesota 55975  
city state zip code

PHONE NUMBER (507) 378-4481  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE same

SECTION 32 AND 29 TOWNSHIP SUMNER COUNTY FILLMORE

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 120

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1858

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

NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 TWP 104 RANGE - 13  
SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 TWP 104 RANGE 13 SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 TWP-104 RANGE 13

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Caleb Comstock</u>	<u>1858</u>	<u>1916</u>	<u>FATHER of WILLIAM</u>
next owner <u>William</u>	<u>1916</u>	<u>1945</u>	<u>FATHER of SON</u>
next owner <u>Theron &amp; MARCET Comstock</u>	<u>1945</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>DAUGHTER</u>
next owner	<u>present owner</u>		<u>Farm site is on this 40 acres</u>
next owner			
next owner			

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|---|--|
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Patent                  | <input type="checkbox"/> County Land Record                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Original Deed                | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                           |

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MARCET Comstock WENDT  
(signature of present owner)

DATE July 10, 1985

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Gulielmus Carter 1855

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

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

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Michigan

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? There is an old granery still standing.

The first house was a log Cabin. The house that is here now is old.

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? Do not know for sure but it must be around 100 years

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

In 1916 Caleb Comstock's estate was divided among the four living children William, Addison, Roby, Clara, each one 40 acres. Roby & Clara sold 80 acres to Isabel Comstock in 1947. In 1952 Theron Comstock bought the same 80 acres from his mother. Addison Comstock sold his 40 acres year unknown.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Mr. and Mrs. Allan E. Dahl  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Prosper Minnesota 55966  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER ( 507 ) 733-5473  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE R.R. Canton, Minnesota 55922

SECTION 22 TOWNSHIP 101 COUNTY Fillmore

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 200

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1876 Warranty Deed

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

NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 22 Township 101 Range 9

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1876	
Lars Olson Dahl	TO <del>XXXX</del> 1937	Grandfather
next owner	1937 To 1976	
Arland Dahl		Uncle
next owner	1976 To Present	
Allan E. Dahl		
next owner		
next owner		

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Allan E. Dahl  
(signature of present owner)

DATE April 6, 1985

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? George McMaster

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? Forty Acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$ 600.00

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? No, But it was to the Dahl Family

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL  
STANDING OR IN USE? Second Home after the Original LOG Building is

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1896

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

SEE ATTACHED



Lars and Betsey Olson arrived in the Prosper area during a fall season of the 1870's. The first winter was spent in a cave until a log home could be constructed in the spring on the original homestead of forty acres. This log home was replaced by a frame structure that is still existing on the homestead. The exact dates are not certain but it is known that Lars Olson received a warranty deed to the homestead on September 3, 1876. This homestead is located two miles northwest of Prosper, Minnesota, where the Olsons received their mail. Since Lars Olson thought there were too many Olsons and his mail would be confused, he changed the family name to Dahl.

Three daughters and two sons were born to the Dahl's while they lived in the log home. The daughters married and moved away from the area. One son, Oscar, moved to Prosper and became an entrepreneur by starting a general store with a post office of which he was postmaster; by starting the Prosper Lumber Company; and by opening the Prosper Bank. The other son, Albert, continued to farm in the Prosper area, married, and had four daughters and four sons. One son, Arland, purchased the Lars Dahl homestead in 1937 from the surviving children of Lars Dahl and eventually increased it to eighty acres. Arland Dahl's brother, Emerson, lived in Harmony, Minnesota, and had one son, Allan, who purchased the Dahl homestead from his uncle Arland in 1976, one hundred years after his great grandfather received a warranty deed to the property. Allan has increased the farm to two hundred acres by purchasing two additional sixty acre parcels one of which was once purchased by Lars Dahl in 1889. Allan and his wife Janie live on this century farm in the original Dahl frame home with their children Mattie and Justin during summers. Allan is the owner of Prosper Lumber Company which was begun by his great uncle Oscar Dahl.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Reuben Grabau  
Route 1, Box 114  
Spring Valley, MN 55975

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Spring Valley CITY Minn STATE 55975 ZIP CODE  
PHONE NUMBER (507) 352-2961 area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 17 TOWNSHIP Tonawanda COUNTY Hillmore  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1878

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) SE 1/4 NE 1/4  
Sec 17-102-12

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1878	
<u>August Schwanke</u>	TO 1896	<u>Father</u>
next owner	1896	
<u>Martin Schwanke</u>	1920	<u>Son</u>
next owner	1920	
<u>Ernest Schwanke</u>	1957	<u>Son</u>
next owner	1957	
<u>Reuben Grabau</u>	1985	<u>Cousin</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.

Reuben Grabau  
(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

DATE

June 3, 1985

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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? \_\_\_\_\_

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

WHEN DID YOU LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? \_\_\_\_\_

DID YOU OWN THE LAND? \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_

WAS THE FARM A HOMESTEAD? \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

ADD ANY COMMENTS:



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

Reuben Grabau  
Route 1, Box 114  
Spring Valley, MN 55975

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

Spring Valley CITY

Minn STATE

55975 ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 352-2961  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

9

TOWNSHIP

Lonestree

COUNTY

Fillmore

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

80

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1885

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

W 1/2 SW 1/4  
Sec 9 - 102-12

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1885	
<u>August Grabau, sr</u>	TO 1899	<u>Grandfather</u>
next owner	1899	
<u>WILLIAM Grabau</u>	1947	<u>UNCLE</u>
next owner	1947	
<u>Reuben Grabau</u>	1985	<u>Nephew of WILLIAM</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

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Reuben Grabau  
(signature of present owner)

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DATE

June 3, 1985

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

Harold J. and Marjorie A Ivers  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

R 1 Box 27

CITY

Lime Springs Ia. 52153

STATE

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 563-2662  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

This is address but we live in  
Mn. with Ia. mail address

SECTION

26

TOWNSHIP

York

COUNTY

Fillmore

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

Oct 12, 1860

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

W 1/2 SW 1/4 and the SW 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 26 - 101 - 12  
also west 2 rods  
of South 40 rods of Sec. 26 - 101 - 12

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1860	Father of
<u>Ole Johnson</u>	TO 1910	<u>Emma Iverson (IVERS)</u>
next owner	1910	Father + Mother of
<u>John and Emma Ivers</u> <u>(IVERSON)</u>	1944	<u>Sever Ivers</u>
next owner	1944	Father of Harold
<u>Sever Ivers</u>	- 1970	
next owner	1970	
<u>Harold J. and Marjorie A Ivers</u>	Present	
next owner		

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

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Harold J. Ivers  
(signature of present owner)

DATE

July 2, 1985

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CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108



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FROM WHICH WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? United States of America

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? Dane Co, Wis.

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? No. ~~The~~ granary + hog house are moved to ~~new~~ a new

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1923

location, but are still in use

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? ~~1923~~ Corn, hay, oats,

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Hogs + Dairy (Jersey)

Times must have been very hard on the late 1800's. This farm was mortgaged many many times by the first owner. It has only been mortgaged twice by following three owners - Then for relatively short periods of time. It is not mortgaged at present.

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner ARTHUR H. KULSRUD  
Name(s) to appear on certificate ARTHUR H. KULSRUD  
Address LANESBORO, MN RR#2 55949  
Address of farm, if different from above \_\_\_\_\_

Section 33 Township 103 - 10 County FILLMORE

Number of acres in the farm at present 282 1/2

Date of original purchase by member of your family SEPT 19, 1881

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

EAST 32 1/2 ACRES OF SE 1/4 SE 1/4 33-103-10 } ORIGINAL  
SW 1/4 SW 1/4 - 34-103-10 } FARM

Proof of 100 years of Continuous Family Ownership

Name	Dates (Years) of Ownership	Blood Relationship to Next owner
(owner in 1876 or B4)	from to	
JENS HANSON next owner	Sept 19, 1881 to March 2, 1899	UNCLE
HENRY T. KULSRUD next owner	March 2, 1899 - Jan 2, 1952	FATHER
ARTHUR H. KULSRUD next owner	Jan 2, 1952 - STILL OWNS THE FARM	
next owner		
next owner		
next owner		

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

Court File in Registration Proceedings ( )  
Other (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_

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

[Signature]  
(Witness sign here)

Arthur H. Kulsrud  
(Signature of present owner)

Date 4-29-85

See reverse side for additional information.



## Additional Information

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? THOMAS HAYES
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 72 1/2
3. What was the cost of land per acre? 12<sup>00</sup>/ac
4. Where was the first owner born? NORWAY
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Was this a homestead? NO
7. Did the first owner farm the land? NO
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? NOT SURE
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use?  
PRESENT HOUSE (1892)
10. When was the present home built? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? GENERAL CORN HAY  
BEANS OATS  
LIVESTOCK
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation: PRESTON REPUBLICAN

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



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Nelson Elwood Ackland

Elwood Ackland

(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

RR2

Albert Lea

Mn

56007

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(507)

373-5845

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

25

TOWNSHIP

Manchester

COUNTY

Freeborn

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

155.52

(tax receipt)

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1858

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

W 1/2 of NW 1/4 Sec. 25 Township 103 Range 22

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>first owner</u>		
<u>Nelson Ackland</u>	FROM <u>1858</u>	<u>Father of</u>
	TO <u>1903</u>	<u>Louis</u>
<u>next owner</u>		
<u>Louis Ackland</u>	<u>1903</u>	<u>Father of</u>
	<u>1942</u>	<u>N. Elwood</u>
<u>next owner</u>		
<u>N. Elwood Ackland</u>	<u>1942</u>	
<u>next owner</u>	<u>Present</u>	
<u>next owner</u>		

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Abstract of Title ☒

Court file in Registration Proceedings ☐

Land Patent ☐

County Land Record ☐

Original Deed ☐

OTHER

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Elwood Ackland

(signature of present owner)

DATE

4-15-'85

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER MARVIN L. ANDERSON  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS ROUTE # 1 BOX 132 GLENNVILLE MN 56036  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 325-4642  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE SAME

SECTION 15 TOWNSHIP LONDON COUNTY FREEBORN

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1878

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

SW 1/4 of Section 15, Township 101 North, Range 19 West of the  
Fifth Principal Meridian

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>first owner</u>	FROM 1878-	
<u>ANDERS ANDERSEN</u>	TO 1883	FATHER TO PETER
<u>next owner</u>	1883-	
<u>PETER ANDERSON</u>	1918	BROTHER TO MARTIN
<u>next owner</u>	1918-	
<u>MARTIN ANDERSON</u>	1961	HUSBAND TO CLARA
<u>next owner</u>	1961-	MOTHER TO
<u>CLARA ANDERSON</u>	1981	MARVIN & BEVERLY
<u>(life lease estate)</u>		
<u>next owner</u>		
<u>MARVIN L. ANDERSON</u>		Sister & Brother-in-
<u>BEVERLY RUFFRIDGE, deceased</u>	1981	law to Marvin
<u>(Myron Ruffridge, husband)</u>		

next : MARVIN L. ANDERSON 1981 - present

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

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Marvin L. Anderson  
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 20, 1985

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108



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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Edward H. Lathrap, executor of Randolph E. Ladd and Rebekah G. Ladd, widow  
HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$7.50/acre Total of \$1200.00

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Denmark

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Albert Lea, MN

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Don't Know for sure. Peter and rest did though.

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? probably

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? Barn built by Anders Andersen & siding from old house used on a machine shed

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1925

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

William H. & Marjorie Beiber  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Rt 2 Box 179 Alden Minn 56009  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 874-3411  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE N/A

SECTION 30 TOWNSHIP Manchester COUNTY Freeborn

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 157 1/3

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1860

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) The Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section thirty (30) IN township 103 North, Range 22 West of 5th PM

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Samuel Smith</u>	FROM 1860 TO 1902	Father to Cora
next owner <u>R.J. Coffeen &amp; Cora</u>	1902 1907	Self
next owner <u>Cora Coffeen</u>	1907 1932	wife & mother
next owner <u>William Henry Beiber</u> <u>William Hollace Beiber</u> <u>Earlis Vaniece Olson</u>	1932 1932	father & brother & Sister
next owner <u>William Hollace Beiber</u> <u>Earlis Vaniece Olson</u>	1932 1936	brother & sister
<u>William Hollace Beiber</u>	1936 - present	Self / Grandson of Samuel

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

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William Hollace Beiber  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 5-27-85

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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. Government

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 157 1/3 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$1.50

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Ohio

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

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? 1861

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner WYMAN E. HANSON

Name(s) to appear on certificate WYMAN E. + EUNICE HANSON

Address RI BOX 123 CLARKS GROVE, MINN 56016

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

Section 23+24 Township BATH County FREEBORN

Number of acres in the farm at present 91.93 acres

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1874 - By my grandfather Paul Hanson

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

Sec-23 TWP 104 Range 21 NE 1/4 SE 1/4 40A

Sec-24 TWP 104 Range 21 SW 1/4 SW 1/4 NW 1/4 + NW 1/4 SW 1/4 EXC 5.82 A. For HWY + EXC All That part NW 1/4 SW 1/4 lying S + E of L# 35

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
(owner in 1876 or B4)	from _____ to _____	<u>Anders Rasmussen + Johanna Marie Rasmussen</u>
next owner	from _____ to 1874	
next owner	from 1874 to 1910	<u>Paul Hanson - grandfather</u>
next owner	from 1910 to 1946	<u>Mark Hanson - father</u>
next owner	from 1946 to 1985	<u>Wyman Hanson - son</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	

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

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

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

(Witness sign here)

Wyman E. Hanson  
(Signature of present owner)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

See reverse side for additional information.

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Mark Hanson - my father
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 100 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$100<sup>00</sup>
4. Where was the first owner born? Denmark
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Was this a homestead? yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
no
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? yes - The main part of the house is in use.
10. When was the present home built? The present home was remodeled & built in 1910, 1970
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, beans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
The Albert Lea "Evening Tribune" Albert Lea, Minn.

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

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

(Alma)  
Mrs. Mildred Hellick  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

Blooming Prairie

MN.

55917

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 583-2746  
area code

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

R. F. D. 3

SECTION

12

TOWNSHIP

104 N.

COUNTY

19 W.

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

80

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

July 13, 1869

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

E 1/2 SW 1/4 12-104-19 Freeborn County

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM	
Theodore M. Hellickson	July 13, 1869	
next owner	TO	
Henry Hellick	Oct 23, 1914	Father of Henry
next owner	Oct 23, 1914	
Alma Hellick	Aug 26, 1926	Father of Alma
next owner	Aug 26, 1926	wife
Mildred Hellick (deceased)	present	→ Mildred Hellick
next owner		
next owner		

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Court file in Registration Proceedings ( )

Land Patent ( )

County Land Record ( )

Original Deed ( )

OTHER

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Mildred Hellick

(signature of present owner)

DATE

5-23-85

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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

George Kermes

(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

RR 3, Box 81

Hayward

Mn

56043

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 373-5876

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

same

SECTION

21

TOWNSHIP

Hayward

COUNTY

Freeborn

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

200

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

Dec 3, 1884

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

5 1/2 NE 1/4 Sec 21, Tp 102, R. 20

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1884-	
<u>John Kermes</u>	TO 1902	<u>Father of Joseph</u>
next owner	1902-	
<u>Joseph Kermes</u>	1940 present	<u>Son of Jane</u>
next owner	1940	
<u>George Kermes</u>	1985	<u>Son of Joseph</u>
next owner		
next owner		

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George Kermes  
(signature of present owner)

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DATE

4-16-85

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Christine Jackson and wife

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$20<sup>00</sup>

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Bohemia

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

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? 1961

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Mr Donald Tavis  
Rt 1 Box 265  
Albert Lea MN  
56007

DONALD & MATILDA TAVIS

name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 373-3770  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 16 AND 21 TOWNSHIP PICKEREL LAKE COUNTY FREEBORN

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 140

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY aug. 28 1871.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) N $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  SEC. 21

SOUTH  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the SOUTHEAST  $\frac{1}{4}$  of SOUTHEAST  $\frac{1}{4}$  SEC 16-102-22

also SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of SEC. 21-102-22

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner WILLIAM TAVIS MINNIE TAVIS	FROM 1871 TO 1912	PARENTS
next owner GEORGE TAVIS CLARA TAVIS	1912 1957	PARENTS
next owner DONALD TAVIS MATILDA TAVIS	1957 1985 PRESENT	
next owner		
next owner		

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

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Donald Tavis

(signature of present owner)

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DATE ~~May~~ May 11 1985

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? ZEPHANIAH AND ELIZA JANE AMES

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$6.25

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? GERMANY

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? YES

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? CARPENTER IN  
SUMMER + BUTCHERING in the winter.

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? NO

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL  
STANDING OR IN USE? not any that we are aware of.

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1922

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: This farm is now 140 acres. my grandfather bought land from two other neighbors for a total 220 acres. In 1922 80 acres was sold to build the present house which cost \$6,000.00. In 1878 my grandfather paid 12% interest on a mortgage. If he could find some one who would loan him money for less interest he would pay the mortgage and borrow for less interest which he did 11 eleven different times.

There is a Concrete Block Silo on our yard that was built in 1912. The block were made here on our yard with sand from our own farm. Could still be used but we rent overland for cash rent thus no more cattle. my grandmother gave 8 indians a meal one time. These were the only indians they saw.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

BW. →  
RALPH Charlton  
(this name will appear on certificate)

OK

ADDRESS

RR #1 Box 85 Kenyon MN 55946

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 527-2447  
area code

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

Same

SECTION

28

TOWNSHIP

Cherry Grove

COUNTY

Goodhue

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1871

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

NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 Sec 28 109 17

S 1/2 of NW 1/4 91/100

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1871	
Richard Charlton	TO 1928	Father of Knight
next owner	1928	
Knight Charlton	1949	Father of Frank
next owner	1949	
Frank Charlton	1974	Father of Ralph
next owner	1974 -	
Ralph Charlton	Present	
next owner		

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Original Deed ☐

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Ralph Charlton  
(signature of present owner)

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ST. PAUL MN 55108

DATE

May 7, 1985



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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Joseph and Jennie Kelsey

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

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

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Bronx, New York

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

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

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

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Howell R. & Mary G. Daniels  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS Rt. 1, Box 55, Dennison, Mn. 55018  
city state zip code  
PHONE NUMBER (507) 263-2455  
area code  
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE \_\_\_\_\_  
SECTION 28 TOWNSHIP Stanton COUNTY Goodhue  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 2.23  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1856  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) 5 1/2 of SW 1/4 + No. 1/2 of SW 1/4 Sec. 28 Twp. 112 Range 18

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Samuel Daniels</u>	<u>1856 to 1891</u> <u>Daniels</u>	<u>Uncle - Wm.</u>
next owner <u>William Daniels</u>	<u>1891 - 1909</u>	<u>Father of Henry</u>
next owner <u>Henry B. Daniels, Sr.</u>	<u>1909 - 1964</u>	<u>Father of Lowell</u>
next owner <u>Lowell R. Daniels</u>	<u>1964 - Present</u>	
next owner		

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

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Mr. & Mrs. Lowell R. Daniels  
(signature of present owner)

DATE July 11, 1985

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

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 240

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? ?

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Prob. Ireland

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? 1991

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Edward Joel Ellingboe  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

R.R. 1. Bemis Minnesota 55018  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 789-5774  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

Same

SECTION

20 + 29

TOWNSHIP

Warsaw

COUNTY

Goodhue

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

162

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

Nov. 20 - 1867

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

Sec. 20 - Part of

E. 1/2 of Sec. 4 Dec 20 - 11/18 Reg. 25 R.D. of S.W. Cor. 8 to W. Cor. E. 25 Rd. NW 1/4 to Reg. also W 1/2 of Sec. 14. = E 1/2 of the 1/4 Dec 29 11 18 Ex W 1/2 ac. Part of NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 Corn 15 Rds S. of N.E. Cor. N 15 Rds W 6 Rds S. 10 Rds S.E. 9 Rds to Reg.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM Nov. 20 - 1867.	(Grandfather)
next owner	TO April 11 - 1911 -	(Deceased)
	April 26 - 1911 -	
next owner	May 13 - 1915	(Grandmother)
	brought - July 3 - 1911	Father "1943" died
next owner	Erick + Wife Johanna Ellingboe	June 6 - 1945 = Mother (Deceased)
	Amanda, Ivar, Edward Erick Dec 18 - 1946	Children of
next owner	brought out Amanda - to brother's "1946"	Erick + Johanna Ellingboe
	Ivar, Edward, Erick - From July 16 - 1965	Erick - Deceased June 3 - 1983
	to - July 23 - 1975	(Brother's)
Next owner - Ivar + Edward	"1975 to 1985"	Ivar - Deceased April 8 - 1985

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Original Deed ☒

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County Land Record ( )  
OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Edward Joel Ellingboe  
(signature of present owner)

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DATE

July 9 - 1985

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Oct. 31 - "1867"

FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Grandfather brought from Endre Hamre

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? Whole, 160 acres \$1,100.00 (on title)

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? House original = barn, new "1918" stormer took old barn.

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? Not sure, but late 1860's.

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Instrument, recites that decedent was also known in his life time as Iver Ellingboe and said Iver Thompson and Iver Ellingboe are one and the same identical person. Changed name, when he came from Norway, to "Ellingboe". That, was my Grandfather. Hat, that from Abstract title.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

FREDA FARRELL  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

R2

Goodhue

MN.

55027

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(612) 258-4179

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

10

TOWNSHIP

111 North

COUNTY

Goodhue

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1869

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

SW 1/4 of SECTION 10 township 111 range 16 West

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM	
<u>JAMES FARRELL</u>	<u>1869</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
	TO	
	<u>1915</u>	<u>OF THOMAS</u>
next owner		
<u>THOMAS FARRELL</u>	<u>1915</u>	<u>BROTHER</u>
	TO	
	<u>1928</u>	<u>OF LUCY</u>
next owner		
<u>LUCY GERMER</u>	<u>1928</u>	<u>NEPHEW AND</u>
<u>OTTO GERMER</u>	TO	
	<u>1953</u>	<u>WIFE OF LUCY</u>
next owner		
<u>ROBERT FARRELL</u>	<u>1953</u>	<u>HUSBAND</u>
<u>FREDA FARRELL</u>	TO	
	<u>1975</u>	<u>OF FREDA</u>
next owner		
<u>FREDA FARRELL</u>	TO PRESENT	

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Freda Farrell

(signature of present owner)

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DATE

June 27-1985



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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 CLEON AND DARLINE FLOTTERUD  
(this name will appear on certificate) OK

ADDRESS R2, BOX 165, ZUMBROTA, MINN. 55992  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
PHONE NUMBER (507) 732-7195  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE SAME

SECTION 5 TOWNSHIP PINE ISLAND COUNTY GOODHUE

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 190.21

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

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

NE 1/4 SEC 5 TOWNSHIP 109 RANGE 15

NW 1/4 OF SE 1/4 SEC. 5 TOWNSHIP 109 RANGE 15

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>first owner</u> MATHIAS PETERSON RINGDAHL INGEBORG " "	FROM 1856 TO 1920	FATHER MOTHER
<u>next owner</u> CAROLINE BERG (RINGDAHL)	1920 1944	MOTHER
<u>next owner</u> EDEL FLOTTERUD (BERG)	1944 1985	MOTHER
<u>next owner</u> CLEON FLOTTERUD	1985	
<u>next owner</u>		

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Cleon Flotterud

(signature of present owner)

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DATE

July 10, 1985

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? JAMES SPENCER AND <sup>CHRISTIAN</sup> OLSON  
AND CHRISTIAN NELSON

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 190

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? PAINT CREEK, IOWA

DID HE FARM THE LAND? YES

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

NO

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

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? (2) HOUSES - <sup>ABOUT</sup> 1870 AND - 1921

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? GRAIN - CORN, BEANS, CATTLE,

PIGS,  
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Roger A. and Doris M. Gruber  
(this name will appear on certificate) OK

ADDRESS Rural Route 3, Box 276 Cannon Falls MN 55009  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER ( 507 ) 263-2105  
area code

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

SECTION 19 TOWNSHIP Welch COUNTY Goodhue

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 165 ✓

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY April, 1867 ✓

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

GOODHUE COUNTY, WELCH TOWNSHIP

E 1/2 of SW 1/4, Section 19, Township 113, Range 16

Also, W 1/2 of SE 1/4, Section 19, Township 113, Range 16 and ✓

five acres convening at SE Corner of the said NW 1/4; thence North 20 rods;

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP thence West 40 rods; thence South 20 rods;

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>first owner</u>	FROM 1867	thence East 40 rods to place of beginning.
<u>JOACHIM ISTA</u>	TO 1898	FATHER OF SARAH
<u>next owner</u>	1898-1914	MOTHER OF ELEVEN GRUBER CHILDREN
<u>SARAH (ISTA) GRUBER</u>	1914-1950	FATHER AND SISTERS AND BROTHERS OF ALTON GRUBER
<u>next owner</u>	1950-1985	PARENTS OF ROGER GRUBER
<u>ALTON AND MOURINE GRUBER</u>	1985-PRESENT	
<u>next owner</u>		
<u>ROGER AND DORIS GRUBER</u>		

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Roger Gruber

(Signature of present owner)

DATE February 14, 1985

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ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Original Purchase--Ista's purchased from John and Anna Dorothea Roerig

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160 Acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$21.875

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Baden-Baden Germany

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? 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? (part of house)  
House converted to small shop and feed room

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1921

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER HAROLD AND ORELLA HANSON  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS R.R.1, GOODHUE, MINNESOTA 55027  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
PHONE NUMBER ( 507 ) 824-2537  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE SAME

SECTION 34 TOWNSHIP BELLE CREEK COUNTY GOODHUE

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 80

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 6-1-1876

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

W 1/2 of N.E. 1/4 TOWNSHIP 111 RANGE 16

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>first owner</u>	FROM 1876	
OSMUND HAUGSLAND	TO 1919	FATHER OF ARTHUR
<u>next owner</u>	1919	
ARTHUR HAUGSLAND	1978	FATHER OF ORELLA
<u>next owner</u>	1978	
HAROLD W. HANSON	PRESENT	
ORELLA H. HANSON		
<u>next owner</u>		
<u>next owner</u>		

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

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Harold & Orella Hanson  
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 6 - 1985

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108



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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? JOHN G. HAGER & WIFE

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80 ACRES

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$32.50 AN ACRE (TOTAL OF \$2,600.00)

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? NORWAY

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? ON A RENTED FARM NEARBY

DID HE FARM THE LAND? YES

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

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 - BEANS & OATS

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

WHEN GRANDFATHER & GRANDMOTHER FIRST BOUGHT THE FARM THEY LIVED IN AN  
EARTH CELLAR WITH STRAW ON THE FLOOR. LATER THEY BUILT A SMALL HOUSE  
WHICH IS STILL A PART OF THE HOUSE THERE.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Glenn + Luther LUHMAN  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS Rural Route 3, Goodhue, Minnesota 55027  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
PHONE NUMBER (612) 923-4283  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 11 TOWNSHIP Goodhue COUNTY Goodhue

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) NE 1/4 of  
Section 11 Township 111 Range 15

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Gerd Lohmeyer</u>	FROM <u>1879-</u> TO <u>1914</u>	<u>Father of John</u>
next owner <u>John Lohmeyer</u>	<u>1914-</u> <u>1953</u>	<u>Father of Norman</u>
next owner <u>Norman Lohmeyer</u>	<u>1952-</u> <u>1980</u>	<u>Uncle of Glenn and Luther</u>
next owner <u>Glenn + Luther Luhman</u>	<u>1980-</u> <u>Present</u>	
next owner		

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Glenn Luhman + Luther Luhman PLEASE RETURN TO:  
(signature of present owner)

DATE Feb 11, 1985

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? On Dec 4 1879 from John V H Bailey and Isabelle

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$26.25 per Acre

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? No

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1967

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

1898 District 35, School House was located on this Farm.  
Goodhue Post Office was located on this Farm.



February 12, 1985

Dear MR. Giannini;  
or whomever gets this letter.

Yesterday we sent a letter to you for recognition of  
acentury farm. There are afew things we didn,t make  
very clear.

I am the mother of Glenn and Luther Luhman and brother  
of Norman Lohmeyer .

My maiden name was Lohmeyer, Now Mrs. marvin (Alice)  
Luhman.

I can remember having barn dances in the hay barn.  
We used to buy a roll of printed color ribon and cut  
them into abought 2 inch lenghts. Thesewere used as  
thickets pinned on their shirts or coats. For the next  
dance adifferent color was used.

My dad played the accoRdion with the band.

My husband and I areliving on the boys farm now.

We are very sorry we are so slow wth this information.  
are telephone no. is 612-923 4601 if more information  
is needed.

Yours truly,

Mrs.Marvin Luhman

*Mrs. Marvin Luhman*  
RR3, Box 21  
Goodhue M N  
55027

*P.S. This farm is NE of section 11 Township 111  
Range 15. was patent from the United State Jan  
11, 1839 and filed July 20 1868.  
Goodhue township and Goodhue County .*

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Deane M. Lundell

(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

R. R. #1

Welch

Minnesota

55089

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER ( 612 ) 258-4284

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

2 & 3

TOWNSHIP

Vasa

COUNTY

Goodhue

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

180

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1856

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

S W ¼ OF N W ¼

SEC 2 TOWNSHIP 112 RANGE 16, S E ¼ OF N E ¼ SEC 3 TOWNSHIP 112 RANGE 16

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1856-	
Andrew P. Johnson	TO 1913	Father-in-law of Peter
next owner	1913-	
Peter Bodelson	1946	Father-in-law of Dennis
next owner	1946-	
Dennis M. Lundell	1972	Father of Deane
next owner	1972-	
Deane M. Lundell	Present	
next owner		

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Court file in Registration Proceedings ( )

Land Patent ( )

County Land Record ( )

Original Deed ( )

OTHER

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Deane M. Lundell  
(signature of present owner)

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

DATE

2/12/85

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? From a Yankee land broker.

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 120

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? I do not know.

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Hassleby, Sweden

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

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? 1914

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn, soybeans and wheat or oats/alfalfa.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

BRADLEY OLSON

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Bradley Olson  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Box 195 Welch Minn 55089  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 263 3305  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 29 TOWNSHIP Welch COUNTY Goodhue

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 397

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1874

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

Section 29 T113N Range 16 W

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1874	
<u>Andrew Olson</u>	TO 1933	parents of John
next owner		
<u>John &amp; Viola Olson</u>	1933 - 1957	parents of Donald
next owner		
<u>Donald &amp; Janice Olson</u>	1957 - 1982	parents of Bradley
next owner		
<u>Bradley Olson</u>	1982 -	
next owner		

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

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Bradley S. Olson  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 6-25-85

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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

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$3000 - Total

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Surdent

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? yes

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

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? dairy farm - hay corn

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

PAUL & MARY OLSON

(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

6264 Greenleaf Trail Apple Valley MN. 55124

PHONE NUMBER

(612) 432-6399  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

R.R. + 2 CANNON FALLS, MN.

SECTION

15

TOWNSHIP

LEON

COUNTY

Goodhue

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

120

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1863

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

THE South half (S1/2) of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) AND the  
Southeast Quarter (SE1/4) of the Southwest Quarter (SW1/4) of  
SECTION 15, Township 111 North, RANGE 17 West, Goodhue County, MN.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1863	
Louis Miller	TO 1925	HUSBAND
next owner	1925	
MARY Miller	1929	MOTHER
next owner	1929	
ANNA Miller HATTIE Miller	1954	Aunts
next owner	1954	
LuVerne Olson		FATHER
next owner		
PAUL Olson		

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County Land Record ( )

Original Deed ( )

OTHER

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*Paul Olson*

(signature of present owner)

DATE

2-11-85

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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 Willard Ramstad  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS RR1 Kenyon Minn. 55946  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 824-2796  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 18 + 19 TOWNSHIP Wanamingo COUNTY Goodhue

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 170

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1856

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

SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 East 3/4 of Lot 7 and N 1/2 of Lot 12 Sec. 18 Twp 110 Range 17  
NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 and East 1/4 of NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Sec 19 Twp 110 Range 17

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1856	Father of
<u>Ole Olson Oakland</u>	TO 1889	<u>Halvor</u>
next owner	1889	Father of
<u>Halvor O. Oakland</u>	1916	<u>Mrs. H. Ramstad</u>
next owner	1916	Husband of
<u>Henry Ramstad</u>	1964	<u>Nora</u>
next owner	1964	Mother
<u>Nora Oakland Ramstad</u>	1967	<u>Willard</u>
next owner	1967	
<u>Willard Ramstad</u>	Present	

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Willard Ramstad  
(signature of present owner)

DATE July 9 - 1985

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CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Kenneth W. Naomi Roper  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

R1 Box 232a Redwing,

CITY

MN.  
STATE

55066  
ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(612) 388-4846  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

20-21

TOWNSHIP

Florence

COUNTY

Goodhue

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

200

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1865

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

NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 20 and SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 21

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1865	
<u>John Roper</u>	TO 1907	Father of Louis
next owner	1907	
<u>Louis Roper</u>	1949	Father of William Roper
next owner	1949	
<u>William Roper</u>	1964	Father of Kenneth Roper
next owner	1964	
<u>Kenneth Roper</u>	Present	
next owner		

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Land Patent ( )

County Land Record ( )

Original Deed (☒)

OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Kenneth Roper

(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE

7, 7, 85

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? General Louis C. Harriard  
HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 200  
WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$57. Per Acre  
WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? John Roper was Born Germany  
WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? 1854 came to America live in New York for 1 yr.  
DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes for 50 yrs  
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 the original home burned in 1953 (granary + smoke house still there)  
WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? the present home build 1953  
WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn & hay

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

He John Roper  
He came to Frontenac in 1856 work for General Harriard  
he later purchased this farm from him in Well Creek  
This farm belong to the U.S. from 1858 to 1860  
3 other family had it from 1860 to 1865  
Then John took over in 1865

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

GLENN AND BEULAH WAHLIN

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Glenn Wahlin  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

Box 196 Welch Minn. 55089

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 263 2052  
area code

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

290

SECTION

31

TOWNSHIP

Welch

COUNTY

Goodhue

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

80

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1875

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

Section 31 T 113 N Range 16 W

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM	
<u>Olaf Wahlin</u>	<u>1875 to</u>	<u>Father of</u>
	TO	<u>Arthur</u>
next owner		
<u>Arthur Wahlin</u>	<u>1936 to</u>	<u>Father of</u>
	<u>1964</u>	<u>Glenn</u>
next owner		
<u>Glenn Wahlin</u>	<u>1964 to</u>	<u>present</u>
next owner		
next owner		

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Glenn Wahlin  
(signature of present owner)

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

DATE

6/23/85



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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? O Swanson

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

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

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Sweden

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? 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? dairy farm - hay - corn

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Merwin & Alan Adams  
(this name will appear on certificate)

OK

ADDRESS

Wendell

Mn

56590

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(218) 458-2539

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

26

TOWNSHIP

Lawrence

COUNTY

Grant

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

1400

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1878

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

NE 1/4 of Sec. 26

Township 130N

Range 44W

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM	
<u>Melvin Adams</u>	<u>1878</u>	
next owner	TO	
<u>Albert Adams</u>	<u>1946</u>	<u>Father of Albert</u>
next owner	<u>1946 -</u>	
<u>Merwin &amp; Alan Adams</u>	<u>1976</u>	<u>Father of Merwin &amp; Alan</u>
next owner	<u>1976 -</u>	
<u>Merwin &amp; Alan Adams</u>	<u>Present</u>	
next owner		
next owner		

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Land Patent ( )

County Land Record ☒

Original Deed ( )

OTHER

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Merwin Adams

(signature of present owner)

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ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Homesteaded

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

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

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Indiana

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? South Haven, Mich.

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? 1964

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? cert. & Reg. barley, soybeans, wheat;

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Also sugarbeets



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Burnell Kuseth + Elizabeth  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

Elbow Lake 216 10<sup>th</sup> Ave SE Mn

56531

PHONE NUMBER

(218) - 685-5294  
area code

CITY STATE

ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

18

TOWNSHIP

Lien

COUNTY

Grant

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

104.35

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

January 16, 1884

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

Lots 9-10-11-12 section 18 in township 12.8 North of Range 42 west of 5th principal meridian and containing 104.36 acres more or less

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM	
<u>Hans E Kuseth + Brita</u>	TO <u>Jan 16, 1884</u>	<u>Grandfather</u>
next owner		
<u>Melvin Kuseth + Dora</u>	<u>Sept 25, 1919</u>	<u>Father + Mother</u>
next owner		
<u>Burnell + Elizabeth Kuseth</u>	<u>Nov. 14, 1935</u>	<u>present owners</u>
next owner		
next owner		

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County Land Record ☐

Original Deed ☐

OTHER

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Burnell Kuseth  
(signature of present owner)

DATE

July 8, 1985

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? U.S. of America by John H. Allen

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 104.33

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? Goodhue County

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

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

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

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? about 1896

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: .

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

ORVILLE M. LIEN  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS RH3 ELBOW LAKE MINN 56531  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (218) 458-2194  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 3 TOWNSHIP STONY BROOK COUNTY GRANT

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 215

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY JUNE 21882

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) SECT 3 TWP 130

RANGE 43 - NE 1/4 SE 1/4 SW 1/4  
NE 1/4 - LOT 6 1/2 SW 1/4 - 215 ACRES

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>TOSTENT. CORDAL (KORDAL)</u>	FROM <u>1882</u> TO <u>1940</u>	<u>UNCLE TO WIFE</u> <u>(CLARA)</u>
next owner <u>SIGVARY + CLARA LIEN</u>	From <u>1940</u> TO <u>1960</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
next owner <u>ORVILLE LIEN</u>	From <u>1960</u> TO <u>PRESENT</u>	
next owner		
next owner		

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Orville M. Lien  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 5/12/85

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? ST PAUL MINNEAPOLIS + MANITOBA RAILWAY

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$5.17

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? SONG - NORWAY

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? horse Breeding  
(Perchows)

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? NO

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? NO - Home BUILT 1897

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1897

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

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

MY CORDAL MARRIED MARTHA CORDAL IN THE 1880'S - DO NOT KNOW EXACT DATE - BOTH HAD BEEN MARRIED PREVIOUSLY. MRS CORDAL WAS MY MOTHER'S AUNT, HER MOTHER'S SISTER, AS MY MOTHER WAS ORPHANED AT AGE 8 SHE WAS RAISED HERE BY HER AUNT + UNCLE AS A DAUGHTER. MY MOTHER IS STILL LIVING AND IS NOW 86 YEARS OLD

Carl L.

Date of Seal of the Court  
Who of the State Land  
Office Minn.)  
Before  
Where  
Sealed

The St. Paul, Minneapolis  
and Manitoba Railway  
Company

Kind of Inst. Trustee's Deed  
Date June 2, 1882, 1  
Filed June 24, 1884, 1  
At 1 o'clock P. M.  
Consideration \$ 414.00

RECORDED

Book D Page 175

Sealed yes No. of Witnesses 2

ACKNOWLEDGED

Date July 22, 1882

Who John S. Kennedy

James A. Roosevelt

Before Frank Saunders

Com. for Minn.

Where in New York

Sealed yes

No. 8

The Saint Paul, Minneapolis  
and Manitoba Railway  
Company, by John S. Kennedy  
and James A. Roosevelt,  
two trustees  
(signed J.A. Roosevelt)  
TO

Tosten T. Kordal

S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  3-130-43 Reserving however  
a strip of land 150 feet wide,  
be used by the said Railway Com  
for a right of way, or other ra  
road purposes, where the line o  
its road, or any of its branches  
as now located and constructed  
hereafter to be constructed, is  
laid or may ~~be~~ pass over said  
premises.

Kind of Inst. Mortgage Deed  
Date July 1, 1884, 1  
Filed July 9, 1884, 1  
At 4 o'clock P. M.  
Consideration \$ 200.00

RECORDED

Book D Page 20

Sealed yes No. of Witnesses 2

ACKNOWLEDGED

Date July 5, 1884

Who Torsten T. Cordal,  
a widower

Before W. J. Holmes

Notary Public

Where Otter Tail Co., Minn.

Sealed yes

No. 9

Torsten T. Cordal, a  
widower

TO

Ellen J. Atkins

SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  3-130-43

Kind of Inst. Mortgage Deed  
Date July 1, 1884, 1  
Filed July 10, 1884, 1  
At 9 o'clock A. M.  
Consideration \$ 20.00

RECORDED

Book E Page 289

Sealed yes No. of Witnesses 2

ACKNOWLEDGED

Date July 5, 1884

Who Torsten T. Cordal,  
a widower

Before W. J. Holmes

Notary Public

Where Otter Tail Co., Minn.

Sealed yes

No. 10

Torsten T. Cordal, a  
widower

TO

F. T. Day

SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$  3-130-43

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Lester R. Olson  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS RR 1 Box 51 Ashby MN 56309  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (218) 685-4305  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE same

SECTION 5 TOWNSHIP Erdahl COUNTY Grant

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 77

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1867

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

SW 1/4 of Section 5 Township 129 Range 41

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1878 - TO 1907	Father of John
next owner	1907 - 1961	Son of Jacob
next owner	1961 - 1970	daughter-in-law <del>wife</del> of Jacob (wife of John)
next owner	1970 - 1975	sons of John
next owner	1975 - present	son of John

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

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Lester R. Olson

(signature of present owner)

DATE June 11, 1985

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Homesteaded in 1868

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? About 80 acres or a little more

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

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? valley of Slidre, Valdres, Norway

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Norway, ~~Winnieshek~~ Winnieshek Co., Iowa + Fillmore Co, mn, near Presto

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? He was a Shoemaker

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? log base in 1877, frame house in 1901 (center part, north + south additions in 1918)

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

A genealogical chart of the Olson family and a family history was put together and written by a granddaughter of Jacob Olson. An interesting paragraph in the family history (entitled "Pioneer Days with Jacob Olson") tells of grasshopper plagues in 1875 and 1876. To control them men drove around the edge of fields with a sheet of heavy tin hitched behind the horses. The tin was covered with tar, and as the horses moved along, the grasshoppers flew up, sticking to the tar, and were scraped off at intervals, the tin was freshly tarred, and the operation repeated.

This is but one of the interesting pioneer stories left to us in this history.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Mr & Mrs Clarence and Thora Randin  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Kensington Minnesota 56343  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
PHONE NUMBER ( 612 ) 986-2658  
area code

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

SECTION 26 TOWNSHIP 127 (Land) COUNTY Grant

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 200 acres (original homestead of 160 acres-Section 26 plus 40 acres in Section 23)

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Dec 30 1878 (U S Patent to Hans Randin)

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) Section 26 Twp 127

Range 41-North Half of NE 1/4 (80 acres) SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 (40 acres) NE 1/4 of SE 1/4

(40 acres) Grantor-U S Patent to Grantee-Hans Randin on Dec 30 1878 by Rutherford B Hayes, President of the U S. (Fergus Falls Land Office) Filed Dec 19 1884

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>first owner</u> Hans (Halvorson) Randin	FROM 1870-Homestead TO 1878-Owner 1898	Father of Peter
<u>next owner</u> Peter Randin	Jan 17 1898 Jan 6 1941	Uncle of Clarence
<u>next owner</u> Clarence Randin	Jan 6 1941 Present	
<u>next owner</u>		
<u>next owner</u>		

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

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

Clarence Randin  
(signature of present owner)

DATE May 26 1985

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Section 26 (homestead) Grantor-U S Patent to Grantee-  
Hans (Halvorson) Randin on Dec 30 1878 (160 acres)

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? Homestead land

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Sweden (Hede, Harjedal, Jamtland)

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Southwest corner of Oscar Lake  
Holmes City Township, Douglas County

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? Probably in the 1890's

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn, Soy beans, Wheat, Oats, Barley and  
Alfafa

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Hans (Halvorson) Randin purchased from the railroad, 40 acres of land, due north and joining his homestead land on Nov 20 1889. The description is SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 in Section 23. Peter Randin became the owner of this 40 acres on Jan 17 1898. Clarence Randin is the present day owner.

The Hans (Halvorson) Randin Family left Sweden in the spring of 1869. Their youngest son Peter, who also became owner of this century farm, who was born on April 7 1869, is supposed to have been six weeks old when the Randin family left Sweden for America. The Randin family arrived at MacGregor, Iowa in August 1869 and stayed there until the spring of 1870. The June 1870 census lists the Randin family living in Holmes City Township, Douglas County, Minnesota. Hans (Halvorson) Randin applied for U S citizenship at Alexandria, Minnesota on June 24 1870. We think that Hans Randin and family staked their homestead claim in Land Township, Grant County, Minnesota in the year of 1870. It is said that their daughter, Christine, born August 11 1871, was the first white child born in Land Township. Hans Randin built a log cabin out of hewn logs from the Oscar Lake woods. This log cabin was still in use as a kitchen until about 1958, when a house fire destroyed the building. This log cabin was covered with white painted siding, maybe from as far back as 1880. A round ceiling stone cellar was located just south of the log cabin. This cellar was torn out the same time as the log cabin was dismantled in 1958. One key stone held all the other stones together. Clarence Randin told us that in order to dismantle the stone cellar, the key stone had to be found. Hans Randin must have been very artistic to build a cellar of this type for his family. This cellar was about four feet high in the center and probably ten feet long and eight feet wide.



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(10)

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Merton and Ardis Ronhovde  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Barrett Minnesota 56311  
city state zip code

PHONE NUMBER ( 612 ) 528-2283  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 23 & 26 TOWNSHIP Lien COUNTY Grant

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 240

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1870

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

Sect. -26 Twp. - 128 Range - 42 & Sect. -23 Twp. - 128 Range - 42  
NE 1/4 SE 1/4 SW 1/4, SW 1/4 SE 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner		
Ole K. Alvstad	1870 - 1926	Father of Selma
next owner (Rented by Anton & Selma Ronhovde)		
Ole K. Alvstad Estate	1926 - 1948	
next owner		
Anton & Selma Ronhovde	1948 - 1958	Son of Selma
next owner		
Merton & Ardis Ronhovde	1958 - present	
next owner		

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(x) Original Deed (x) Other Family Records

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Merton Ronhovde, Ardis Ronhovde  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 7-9-85

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Homestead from U. S. Government and St. Paul, Mpls. Manitoba Railroad Co.

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160 - Homestead  
80 - Railroad

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? Unknown

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Valders, Norway May 22, 1842

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 (Original House torn down in 1975)

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1974

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

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

First home was a 16 x 18 dugout in a sidehill in the present yard.

Original owner charter member of Immanuel Lutheran Church congregation (1872), of which the current owners are still members, worshipping in the original church building in Lien township.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Alfred E. Bleck  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS 7375 Rebecca Park Trail, Rockford, MN 55373  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER ( 612 ) 477-5289  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE 7875 Woodland Trail, Rockford, MN 55373

SECTION 21 TOWNSHIP 119 ~~Range~~ Range 24/Hennepin  
County

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 73.77

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY January 10, 1884

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

(see copy tax statement)

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>first owner</u> Charles Bleck	FROM Jan. 10, 1884 TO June 4, 1919	Father
<u>next owner</u> Richard C. Bleck	June 4, 1919 November 14, 1979	Spouse
<u>next owner</u> Hannah B. Bleck	November 14, 1979 November 30, 1984	Mother
<u>next owner</u> Alfred E. Bleck	November 30, 1984 Present	
<u>next owner</u>		

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

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Alfred E. Bleck  
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 11, 1985

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Isaac P. Gray and Eliza J. Gray

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 130 A

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

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

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

Worked during local railroad construction

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? around 1923

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

OK

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER GERMAIN BALL  
(this name will appear on certificate)  
ADDRESS 9000 NIKE ROAD MAPLE PLAIN MINNESOTA 55359  
PHONE NUMBER (612) 446-1067  
city state zip code  
area code  
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE \_\_\_\_\_  
SECTION 18 TOWNSHIP MINNETRIST COUNTY HENNEPIN  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 112  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1883  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) \_\_\_\_\_  
SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 and com at NW Section 18  
township 117 range 24

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Andrew + Mary Ball</u>	<u>1883</u>	<u>1890</u>	<u>Father of Joseph Ball</u>
next owner <u>Joseph Ball</u>	<u>1890</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>Son of Andrew Ball</u>
next owner <u>Germain Ball</u>	<u>1951</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>Grandson of Joseph Ball</u>
next owner			
next owner			

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|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abstract of Title | <input type="checkbox"/> Court file in Registration Proceeding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Patent                  | <input type="checkbox"/> County Land Record                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Original Deed                | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                           |

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

Germain Ball

(signature of present owner)

DATE July 3rd 1985

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Grandfather Joseph Bull

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 120

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

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

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

yes Stone layer

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1885

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: a Dairy Farm 70 milk cows



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Lloyd W. Henry  
(this name will appear on certificate)

OK

ADDRESS

12720 Brockton Ave Osseo Minn 55369

PHONE NUMBER

(612) 428-2396  
area code

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

24

TOWNSHIP

120

Range 23

COUNTY

Hennepin

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

153.20

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

Apr 28 - 1868 and Jan 11 - 1881

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

abstract of title to Lot 3 and NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Sec 24, Twp 120 Range 23

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>W B. Henry</u> first owner		
<u>W B. Henry</u> next owner	FROM	Grandfather
<u>Phada L. Henry</u> next owner	TO <u>Mar 6 - 1916</u>	Grandmother
<u>Frank B. Henry</u> next owner	<u>June 12 - 1916</u>	Father
<u>Grace M. Henry (widow)</u> next owner	<u>Dec 3 - 1973</u>	Mother
<u>Lloyd W. Henry</u> next owner	<u>Jan 16 1974</u>	Son

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.

Lloyd W. Henry  
(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE

July 5 - 1985

attached sheet.

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Nelson Herrick

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 25 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? ?

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Below Born in state of Kentucky and at early age entered the state of Ohio, Meigs County

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? Surveying and Teaching school

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? I believe so.

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? Rooms added on to old home in the '30's

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Land was mostly woods. They cleared the land and built the barn in 1889 using wood out of the woodland. Barn main frame is made of trees hewn out with a broad axe and mitred to gether and held with wood Pins

Mr Herrick got the land as a grant from the U. S. Government June 10-1856

I found W. B. Stenup Obituaray or memoriam He was born in Greenup County Kentucky. at an early age he moved to Chester township Meigs County Ohio. I will send you the paper sheet. If you could get a copy made and send it back it would be appreciated are no copiers around here that big. Call and we will send postage.

note Frank Henry is son of W B Henry  
and Rhoda L Henry

warranty Deed Bought

W.B. Henry Apr 28-1868 Filed Oct 2 1868

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all that Part of Lot 3 Sec. 24-120-23 lying east  
of Dayton & Shakopee Road containing 25 acres  
more or less

warranty Deed

W.B. Henry (Jan 11, 1881) Filed June 7-1881

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The NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec 24 and lot 3 of  
Sec 24-120-23 except that part of said lot 3  
lying E of Dayton & Shakopee Rd. 53.40  
acres more or less.

W.B. Henry Died interstate Sept 11-1910

Real Estate assigned to widow Rhoda L Henry  
the whole of Lot 3 and the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of  
Sec 24-120-23 (Homestead)

Probate Court C C Decree of distribution  
Mar 6-1916 Filed Apr 26-1916 Book of Deeds  
827 Page 103.

W B Henry

Grand father

+ to widow Rhoda L Henry Grand mother

warranty Deed June 12-1916 to

Frank B. Henry

my father

to Grace M Henry widow

and Children Rhoda, Francis Lloyd & Quentin

Dec 3-1973. (Probate court)

Lloyd W Henry Jan 16 1974

abstract of title to Lot 3 and NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$   
of Sec 24 Township 120 Range 23.



I Lloyd W. Henry am son of  
Frank B Henry and Grace H Henry

I am Present owner  
If any Questions call me at  
428-2396 and I will try  
and help you.

The way this form was secured  
in parts it is hard to get it down  
in space provided. and I sort  
of loused up on the sheet  
Hope you can figure it out  
and be satisfactory

Perhaps you can fill in a new  
form properly with information  
provided.





# In Memoriam.

## Splendid Tribute to A Worthy Man.



Lieut. W. B. Henry.

William Byron Henry was born in Greenup county, Ky., June 19, 1837, and died Sept. 11, near Rogers, Hennepin county, Minn., in the 74th year of his age.

He was brought when a little child by his parents to Chester township, Meigs county, Ohio, where he grew to a splendid manhood.

He was well and intimately acquainted with him, from a child to a vigorous, well-developed man. Being a robust, healthy youth, he naturally engaged in all of the strenuous activities of a boy's life, whether in school the shop, or upon the field of sport. In each he was a leader.

He was reared by God-fearing parents and developed a character of strict integrity and manliness. As a pupil, he was ambitious and studious, and while full of fun and a strong desire for sport, was well equipped. He would go to the limit in frolicsome pranks, but scorned and resented all things that were immoral or dishonorable. He arrived at the maturity of a man at an early age. I think his army measure was six feet, four and one-eighth inches.

He early engaged in teaching and took pride in his work and the fine standing of his pupils.

At the close of his schools in the springs of '60 and '61, he came to my home below Middleport, as he said, to unload the excessive energy with which he became burdened during the winter's confinement in the school house. He remained about ten days, giving wife and me a time long to be remembered, which he and we enjoyed and then he to his parents who then lived in Orange. He was simply.

Of spirits of mischief. Of get up and go. And the joyous gladness of living.

He entered the Tupper Plains Academy under the tutelage of the famous Prof. Keyes with whom he entered the army in August, 1862, being mustered in as first sergeant of Company B 316th Ohio Infantry. He commanded his company after the battle of Lynchburg, where the brave and highly respected Capt. Keyes fell mortally wounded. It was impossible for one so full of life, so full of hope, ambition and an indomitable will power, not to be conspicuous in his every effort and walk in life.

Proud of his profession and position, proud of his company and the record of his regiment, conscious of his own integrity and the full confidence of his men, he was daring and anxious for work, and impatient of delays and delays. Never was he more happy than when engaged in what called for the strenuous.

It could not be otherwise with a person who was the very embodiment of power and force. Yet in the presence of suffering or misfortune he was as tender and sympathetic as a woman. He could not talk to me of the death of his men in battle without tears welling up in his manly eyes.

As I had been his life-long neighbor, his teacher and confidant, and our companies adjoining in the regiment, it was natural that he should often express to me his hopes, ambitions and fears. Thus I came to him as did but few. He was firm, self-reliant, and consistent. A few days ago I asked J. L. Roier, an ex-soldier of Company B, what was Byron's chief characteristic, and his answer was, "undying regard for and deep loyalty to his friends."

His perception was quick, judgment good, and action resolute and tenacious.

At the battle of Piedmont he was sent with his company upon the skirmish line, as was company F. At the first glimpse of smoke from the enemy's guns, "lie down" was ordered; and, although held there for some time, but one of his men was killed and nine wounded, while F. through the inefficiency of its captain, lost eight killed and thirteen wounded, the ground and exposure the same.

He was vigilant on duty and in looking after the interests of his men. Nothing was too good for them; and right well did they deserve his care. At the battle of Kertown July 23, 1864, Gen. Crook was signally defeated, and his army put to rout. Lieut. Henry was upon the skirmish line with his company and, although charged by the enemy's cavalry in force, and being ignorant of the route of the army, succeeded in bringing his company safely off the field and overtaking the rest of the force, which fell back, hotly pursued by the victorious enemy until we reached Bunker Hill at 8 p. m.

On large stores and hospitals at Martinsburg made it necessary to make there a determined fight. Col. Wildes selected Lieut. Henry and his company for this task, leaving him at the rear with orders to hold his position at all hazards. The company was selected as a necessary sacrifice—a forlorn hope—that the rest

editor could give it personal attention. That time never came until after he entered the mysterious life beyond. We print it now because it is worthy of publicity, and more because it has in it so much of Byron Henry.

O what a man! Strong as an oak, he was at the same time as tender as a vine. With an indomitable will and energy, he knew no such thing as fail. There wasn't a lazy bone in his body. He never knew fear. His moral conduct was above reproach. He fought and stood for the right. He lived an upright life, has been a worthy example to the world, and has laid down his burden as one of the most faithful sojourners of earth.—Editor.]

### SCHOOLS AND WAR

The Subjects of Lieutenant Henry's Last Years To The Leader.

No. 290.

Rogers, Minn., Dec. 18, 1909.

S. F. Smith,

Editor of The Leader,

Pomeroy, O.

My dear good friend:—I have wanted to write you for a long, long time, but what used to be one of my sweetest pleasures has become my most dreaded task. Seven or more months since I tried to write you explaining my condition, not dreaming that you would publish same, but you did, and added many very kind and complimentary words. I am always grateful for kindness and wish to heartily tender my sincere thanks to you. I am indebted to you very many for acts of kindness and feel Oh, so grateful!

When Linnie Williamson was here last summer, she, Mrs. Henry and I drove around something over 100 miles, visiting and meeting and taking in scenery that was enjoyable. After her departure Mrs. Henry and I continued to drive about a good deal. The last Minnesota at that charge went into battle with 352 men. After it was over 215 lay upon the field stricken by confederate bullets. Forty-seven only were still in line and not a man was missing.

This beats all the records of loss percentages of the Civil War. I could tell you much about said charge that is interesting. I have all the records and history of Minnesota's battles. Hancock's tribute to those Minnesota boys is as follows: "There is no more gallant deed recorded in history. I ordered these men there because I saw I must gain five minutes time. Reinforcements were coming, but I knew that before they could reach the threatened point the confederates, unless checked, would seize the position. I would have ordered that regiment in if I had known that every man would be killed. It had to be done; and I was glad to find such a gallant body of men as the First Minnesota at hand, willing to make the terrible sacrifice that the occasion demanded."—General W. S. Hancock. (The wonderful fighter of the Army of the Potomac.)

I got off my perch and took up Gettysburg and forgot where I was at. We had a fine view of the troops forming on the field for the charge. Hancock's tribute to those Minnesota boys is as follows: "There is no more gallant deed recorded in history. I ordered these men there because I saw I must gain five minutes time. Reinforcements were coming, but I knew that before they could reach the threatened point the confederates, unless checked, would seize the position. I would have ordered that regiment in if I had known that every man would be killed. It had to be done; and I was glad to find such a gallant body of men as the First Minnesota at hand, willing to make the terrible sacrifice that the occasion demanded."—General W. S. Hancock. (The wonderful fighter of the Army of the Potomac.)

The above is a halftone picture of Morris Henry, the father of W. B. Henry, whose obituary appears in this connection. From the lips of the editor's mother and many others we are told that he was one of the best men that ever lived. He was a tanner in the village of Chester for many years, and his sterling qualities were known of all men in that community.

The announcement by Mrs. Henry of the death of her husband, was to the editor of this paper a shock and a surprise. I had never met Lieut. Henry, but there was something about him that drew him to me from the start. There was that about him which made him stand out from other men. His individuality was as marked as his towering and commanding person. He said things differently from most men, and you had to pause and listen. What he said was not chaff. Some men talk continually and say nothing. Not so with Byron Henry.

O how I should have enjoyed an intimate personal acquaintance with him. What a boy! what a man! what a soldier! what a teacher! what a husband, father and man! A man of ten thousand was Byron Henry. O why couldn't the world be filled with such as he. Accompanying this obituary is a letter written by Mr. Henry after he was paralyzed. It betrayed the shattered nerves and the failing bodily temple. It came to the office months ago, and was laid aside to wait a time when the

Well, Mr. Smith, shall I keep on words without end with this morbid epistle or shall I have some to the tomb, or write this, so help me

passion for I am buckeyed, Oh! kid-

I am writing by the lamp and my left hand keeps in the way so that I can't see what I am writing. You will find elsewhere that I've spelled Meigs county, Meigs. Oh! it's humiliating. None of us can know what may be our fate, but we are not very likely to have more than we can bear if we are man enough to stand by our fortune and have faith in one's self. Never give up; plenty of others have it—have it harder than yourself. A man can stand an abundance of pain if he firmly believes and knows he can. Physical pain never yet caused me to groan. If friends come in they are sure to say, why, how bright your face looks. My reply is, "Oh yes, my face is well," and we talk and have a good time and I must forget my pain. Interesting reading will cause me to forget much pain, but I am saying more of myself than I intend to say.

The teaching that I did in Meigs after the war was at Apple Grove. I taught two six months terms there that any teacher, pupil or father would need to be proud of. My salary was \$80 or \$85 per month, a very sure which can find out. Taught 11 terms in Meigs, one in Illinois, and afterward 17 terms in Hennepin county, Minn. In going to and from home to those schools, I traveled more than 12,000 miles, always in the coldest part of the day. Four of said schools were located four miles from my house and that would make eight miles a day, or 800 miles for each five months, 3000 miles in all. Two schools I traveled 1800 miles, three five months terms. I traveled 65 miles both ways every day, or 125 miles each day for five months, or 100 days, each winter, or 2,500 miles for the two winters.

I taught two schools 25 miles from home and one school on Friday night, 54 miles per week. The first winter the term was three months, and pay \$50 per month. Distance 448 miles. Three years later I went back for five months, getting \$60 per month. I traveled 1800 miles, the three intervening years between the two last-named schools. I was urged to come back, over and over again. I loved the pupils of the district. Oh, so much, and wished to go but justice to myself and family required better. I was urged to go back for a third school, but had contracted throat trouble that has stood by me to the present time, 35 years since.

The school last mentioned, where I taught 35 years since, was my first. I traveled 1800 miles, the three intervening years between the two last-named schools. I was urged to come back, over and over again. I loved the pupils of the district. Oh, so much, and wished to go but justice to myself and family required better. I was urged to go back for a third school, but had contracted throat trouble that has stood by me to the present time, 35 years since.

Well, friend Mr. Smith, I have been having one backset after another and have not got back to the "polish" attained early in the fall, but, apparently, I was about to get back at the time of my last attempted writing last April. As many of the people of Pomeroy and vicinity were the disposers of the two fortunes of old Mr. Williamson, and the son's name and child's name, I, Linnie W. and family, naturally saw we would get back there somewhat soon. If Jimmie W. had lived, the loss would have been so complete, but the old gent was too stubborn and everything went, nearly Mr. and Mrs. Williamson were at it for some time in Minnesota and he told me he was very fearful that Hudson would ruin his father.

Well, I sent my photo to you by Mrs. Williamson's hand, hoping she might meet you and that you might through The Leader give her a little send off. She did not mistrust my motive. What you said was strictly truthful and a little complimentary. I am a thankful and grateful. If you have procured a copy from said picture you may hand or send the photo to Mr. Chas. Donnelly, and oblige yours truly.

That I may be sure not to forget to write that Mrs. Henry corrects me as to your daughter's name, and since the correction I have seen her name in print—"Winifred." I am sorry to make a mistake but am not so far off either, for my eldest son's wife bears the name "Winifred," and she is a fine, capable and real home-maker, a good dancer and well liked by all; and then she is English, don't you know; but she does not sing like a lark; she talks U. S. English.

There are multitudes of beauty spots in Minnesota. A beautiful female woman is by far the most lovely and beautiful sight that human eyes are ever allowed to behold. The second best looking, probably, man that I have ever seen, is a young fellow named Horace. He is not far from it. Then third comes the horse. Nothing below the human is superior to the horse in style, action and beauty. I will send you a cut of Dan Panch, if I keep up my gait. I am anxious to send you for publication some of my school experience. It is a part of my career of which I have never been ashamed. I think you will say I am possessed of some energy and strenuousness. In your comments relating to myself last spring you give more than my due. I am honest and truthful. Any one who knows me knows that; but am not much to allow self imposed upon.

The trouble that has been after me since this writing began has been quite persistent—abscesses, appendicitis and dandruff what-not; but we store of the appendix. It is a very uncomfortable feeling in the region of your right bowel of compassion; but one is apt to cry out, "Oh! you kid, send along the com-

After looking over what I have written, if you think I am too far into my dotage to produce an Old Pomeroy, I will not write. I am aware that physical disabilities lower the mental strength but all I can see declining a little. Hearing perfect, eyes almost like new, voice good—but enough.

I feel the passing of S. A. M. Moore and regret it greatly. Then there's Comrade Marion Coleman, a model boy, a brave soldier, always reliable, three years my pupil, three years my company comrade; after the war a worthy leader of the M. E. church. I don't know as I ever knew him faulted.

John Cole, bravest of the brave!

# Oliver

You all know it to be the best plow in the world. We have the agency and the plow. Also any repairs needed!

Chas. J. Koehler.

The last time I rode with him, he drove me to Reedsville from his home. He told many of his experiences that he knew would be entertaining to me; one I will relate.

There was a Republican meeting at Lower Long Bottom, regularly called. A couple of Democrats who were canvassing county districts, came to the meeting and proposed that both sides be allowed to speak and the time divided. The chairman was loth to refuse, but none of the Republicans wished to yield and still the Democrats persisted. Then Cole, who was seated just in the rear of the contending Democrats, arose to his feet. "We have tried to be civil with you fellows," he said but you won't take no for an answer. Now say G—d—d—d you sit down or I'll knock you down. Mr. D. went down and stood down and was heard no more. Cole was a fighter for a fact.

Coleman, Cole and many others of the Long Bottom and Reedville boys enlisted with me. I can't tell you or express to you how much I regret that you did not get back the Pomeroy P. O. I was greatly interested in the result. I never felt any faith in your congressman Douglas, but could not believe he would go back on his word and the wishes of the county committee; but his picture has been the worst looking damn thing and non compos mentis nincompoops I ever beheld. Lindsey probably got in his work. Say, or tell the two Russells used to be Democrats.

I take more periodicals than I can read and do justice to but friends keep sending me magazines of one sort and another. A lady in Anoka sent me a bunch and one of them was a dog. I have read some kind of dogs of all species in said book that was last spring) than in all my life before. One in particular reminded me of John Lindsey, and as I have never met said Lindsey I can't account for the imaginary resemblance. The dog is described in part thus: "Stem's Checkers." A. K. C. 111,117. Checkers is a dark seal-brindle with short screw tail, evenly marked, trap-like 20 pound dog that is right at both ends and steepest kind of a snapper. What caller does your M. C. measure up. More than 20 pounds.

Feb. 14—I am in receipt today of a letter from Ransom Griffin stating that he lately has forwarded a letter of reminiscence of Uncle John Cole (long since departed) to The Leader for publication requesting me, if I could, to furnish Editor Smith with the weight of the famous old hog "Democrat," to please do so.

I saw said hog frequently before but never went with him. I was in the dressing and weighing the same. It was one of the early events of my life. There were three or four men at the killing. Father was taking to me or "near" talk of Uncle John's death and told just what the "Old Democrat" did weigh, and as I remember it, the weight was 750 pounds, and a little more; and that was the "biggest Democrat" I ever knew or "near" talk of Uncle John's mother's uncle, was one of the early pioneers and a typical "Down East" Yankee—good to the poor, kind to the sick, a good neighbor; but when aroused one of the most ferocious and violent; a black eye as petrifying as Geronimo or Sherman. Gen. Nelson Miles says that Geronimo has the fiercest and most penetrating eye he ever beheld, except Gen. Wm. T. Sherman's.

By R. Henry by request of R. Griffin.

### CAUSES SICKNESS

Good Health Impossible with a Disordered Stomach.

There is nothing that will create sickness or cause more trouble than a disordered stomach, and many people daily contract serious maladies simply through disregard of abuse of the stomach.

We urge every one suffering from a stomach derangement, indigestion or dyspepsia, whether acute or chronic, to try Rexall's Bismuth Tablets, with the distinct understanding that we will refund their money without question or formalities if after reasonable use of this medicine they are not satisfied with the results. We recommend them to our customers every day, and have yet to hear of any one who has not been benefited by them. Three sizes, 25c, 50c, and \$1.00 a box. Sold every where or at our store—The Rexall Store, W. F. Price.

Now you have seen by these pages something of the material of which I have to write of the Minnesota schools, but I'll get it up in better shape than is told herein or not attempt to send it. The cut that you used with my letter of the spring was not my picture, but that of my brother, and my friends marveled at the change in my appearance. One of before-the-war period and the other of later-day period are now in your possession.

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John Cole, bravest of the brave!

Chas. J. Koehler.

## Wagons

Do you need one? Mighty good time to buy one. 10 per cent off on the best wagon in the lot for the farmer or teamster.

Chas. J. Koehler.

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For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Signature of J. C. Ayer & Co.

Raw Furs.

I am connected with one of the best New York dealers and can pay as much as any one for skunk, mink, opossum, raccoon, fox and muskrat. Ship me small lots or large ones, or I will call on dealers having lots of \$50.00 worth or more. If on the road, or if they will meet me at their railroad station.

F. W. BUTCHER

Nov 17 to Mar 5

Cheshire, Ohio.



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Leon Schumacher  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS St 1 Box 190 Rockford Minnesota 55373  
city state zip code

PHONE NUMBER (612) 479-1864  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 6 TOWNSHIP Medina COUNTY Hennepin

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 147

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1961

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

W 1/2 of NW 1/4 Ex State Hwy

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Schumacher</u> <u>Hilarius + Magdalena</u>	<u>1861</u> <u>1888</u>	<u>Father + Mother</u>
next owner <u>Henry Schumacher</u>	<u>1888</u> <u>1950</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner <u>Aley Schumacher</u>	<u>1950</u> <u>1968</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner <u>Leon Schumacher</u>	<u>1968</u> <u>— present</u>	
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.

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|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abstract of Title | <input type="checkbox"/> Court file in Registration Proceeding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Patent                  | <input type="checkbox"/> County Land Record                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Deed     | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____                           |

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

Leon Schumacher  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 6/13/85

Please Return To:

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Homestead:

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? in 1888 when transferred

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? German emigrant + first born  
right on this farm

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

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? alfalfa oats corn

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

from Magdalena to Henry the dead shows \$27  
per acre

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Thomas + Nancy Langen  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS RR1 Box 215 LaCrescent Minn. 55941  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 894-4704  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE same

SECTION 20+29+28 TOWNSHIP Hokah + LaCrescent COUNTY HOUSTON

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 324

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1856

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) originally  
the south half of the south east quarter of sec. 20 +  
the north half of the northeast quarter of sec. 29

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM	
<u>Joseph Pfeffer</u>	TO <u>1856-1881</u>	<u>father in law</u>
next owner		
<u>William Langen Sr.</u>	<u>1881-1901</u>	<u>father</u>
next owner		
<u>William Langen Jr.</u>	<u>1901-1945</u>	<u>father</u>
next owner		
<u>Rudolph Langen</u>	<u>1945-1978</u>	<u>father</u>
next owner		
<u>Thomas Langen</u>	<u>1978-present</u>	

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

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Thomas Langen

(signature of present owner)

DATE

May 1, 1985

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108



ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? homesteaded

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80 acres

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

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? He was a brew master and ran a brewery 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? No

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1900

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Are there any other owners ~~of~~ of two Century farms?

One from the mother's side and one from the father's side.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Thomas + Nancy Langen, + Violet (Or) Langen  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS RR1 Box 215 LaCrescent Minn 55947  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 894-4204  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Rt 2 Houston, Minn

SECTION 4 TOWNSHIP Mound Prairie COUNTY Houston

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 125

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1855

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) originally  
5 1/2 of NE 1/4 of sec 4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM	
<u>Cathrine (Or) Fairbanks</u>	TO <u>1855-1882</u>	<u>sister</u>
next owner	<u>1882-1883</u>	<u>father</u>
<u>William Orr Sr.</u>	<u>1883-1938</u>	<u>father</u>
next owner	<u>1938-1981</u>	<u>father</u>
<u>Cliff Orr</u>	<u>1981-1982</u>	<u>mother + Aunt</u>
next owner	<u>1982-present</u>	
<u>Violet + Lucy Orr</u>		

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

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Thomas Langen  
(signature of present owner)

DATE May 1 - 1985

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? It was bought from the government in 1855.

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80 wild acres

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

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Ireland

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

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? 1915

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:



CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Mrs Joseph M. Lorenz

Name(s) to appear on certificate Mr. & Mrs. Joseph M. Lorenz

Address Box 235 Hokah Minnesota 55941

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

Section 32 Township Hokah County Houston

Number of acres in the farm at present 85

Date of original purchase by member of your family June 6, 1885

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

1/2 of the East one half of the north-west quarter of section 32

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Joseph Prokes	June 6, from 1885 to 1903	father of Mary K. Sauer
Mary K. Sauer	from 1903 to 1914	Aunt of John Lorenz
next owner John Lorenz	from 1914 to 1938	Brother of Joseph M. Lorenz
next owner Joseph M. Lorenz	from 1938 to 1985	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

Abstract of Title ( )	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:

Mrs. Wilfred Gaven  
(Witness sign here)

Mrs. Joseph M. Lorenz  
(Signature of present owner)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

See reverse side for additional information.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Henry & Margaret Franklin
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 6 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$12.50
4. Where was the first owner born? Bohemia
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Chicago, Ill.
6. Was this a homestead? No.
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
No
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? No
10. When was the present home built? 1926
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? corn, hay, dairying
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Caledonia Argus Caledonia, Minn. 55921

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

## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Laurel OienName(s) to appear on certificate LAUREL J. OIENAddress RT. #1 BOX 203 HOUSTON, MN 55943

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

Section 24-104-7 Township Money Creek County HoustonNumber of acres in the farm at present 190Date of original purchase by member of your family March 27, 1877.

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

The E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ; NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ; and the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$  excepting the following described

piece of land: Beginning at the center of the said NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , thence South 50 rods,  
thence West 35 rods, thence North 50 rods, thence East 35 rods to place of  
PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP beginning; all in 24-104-7.

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Peter Oien (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1877 to 1919	FATHER
Alfred P. Oien next owner	from 1919 to 1919	Son of Peter
Millie, Charles, Helmer Oien next owner	from 1919 to 1923	Son & Daughter of Peter
Helmer T. Oien next owner	from 1923 to 1968	Son of Peter
Laurel Oien next owner	from 1968 to Present	Son of Helmer
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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Abstract of Title ☒ (XX)  
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:

Dorothy Tressmer  
(Witness sign here)

Laurel J. Oien  
(Signature of present owner)

Date APRIL 8, 1985

See reverse side for additional information.



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1. From whom was the farm purchased? \_\_\_\_\_
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 120
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$1,200<sup>00</sup> for 120 acres
4. Where was the first owner born? Trond Heijm Norway
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Lac qui Parle Minn.
6. Was this a homestead? \_\_\_\_\_
7. Did the first owner farm the land? yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? yes, this house was originally a log cabin (the kitchen part) still in use & the  
drainery built with numerous square rails is still
10. When was the present home built? serving its purpose
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Hay, grains, corn etc. + now  
Beef & Hogs.
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)

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

LESTER C. STORLIE

(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS R.2 Box 189 SPRING GROVE MINN. 55974

PHONE NUMBER (507) 498-3929 <sup>CITY</sup> STATE ZIP CODE  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE SAME

SECTION 5 and 8 TOWNSHIP SPRING GROVE COUNTY HOUSTON

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160 ✓

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY APRIL 2, 1857 ✓

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

EAST 1/2 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 8 TOWNSHIP 101 RANGE 7

SW 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 5 TOWNSHIP 101 RANGE 7

NW 1/4 OF THE NE 1/4 OF SECTION 8 TOWNSHIP 101 RANGE 7

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>LESTER C. STORLIE</u>		
first owner		
<u>KNUD KNUDSON STORLIE</u>	FROM 1857- TO 1919	FATHER OF HELMER
next owner		
<u>HELMER K. STORLIE</u>	1919- 1938	HUSBAND OF CHRISTINA
next owner		
<u>CHRISTINA STORLIE</u>	1938- 1960	MOTHER OF LESTER
next owner		
<u>LESTER C. STORLIE</u>	1960- PRESENT	
next owner		

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Original Deed ☒ OTHER \_\_\_\_\_

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Lester C. Storlie

(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE April 1, 1985

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

ABOVE INFORMATION SENT BY HAROLD OMODT, R.2 Box 189  
SPRING GROVE, MINN. (NEPHEW OF PRESENT OWNER.)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

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

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? HALLINGDAL, NORWAY

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? ROCK PRAIRIE, WISCONSIN

DID HE FARM THE LAND? YES

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? YES

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? ABOUT 1920

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

X

X

April 1, 1982

ABOVE INFORMATION SENT BY HAROLD OMOT, R.2 BOX 189  
SPRING GROVE, MINN. (NEPHEW OF PRESENT OWNER)



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

DON D. GRAY  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS RT #2 BOX 51 CHAREMONT, MINN 55924  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 528-2576  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE SAME

SECTION 35-36-2 TOWNSHIP RIPLEY-CHAREMONT COUNTY DODGE

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 360 ✓

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1866 ✓

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) S 1/2 SE 1/4 -

SE 1/4 SW 1/4 - section 35 NW 1/4 SW 1/4 - section 36 - 107

N 1/2 NE 1/4 NE 1/4 NW 1/4 - section 2-106 SW 1/4 NE 1/4 -

NW 1/4 - SE 1/4 section 35 TWP 107 RANGE 18

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1866	
JOHN GRAY	TO 1872	FATHER TO GEORGE
next owner	1872	FATHER TO
GEORGE GRAY	1920	GEORGE A.
next owner	1920	FATHER TO
GEORGE A. GRAY	1946	ROBERT L.
next owner	1946	FATHER TO
ROBERT L. GRAY	1972	DON D.
next owner	1972	
DON D. GRAY	PRESENT	

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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.

Don D. Gray  
(signature of present owner)

DATE

June 7, 1984

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? JOSEPH B. GIBHARD - MAR 17 - 1866

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$ 11.25

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? "Old" Aberdeen Scotland

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Dearborn, Mich.

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? The first house burned, Horse barn built in 1890's is still in use.

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? about 1900

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

*The Gray family immigrated through Canada to Mich. then to Claremont, Minn. area.*

*While in Dearborn Geo. went to the same school as Henry Ford.*

*Dary + Sue Gray who presently live on the farm have two sons. Brad + Brian which are the 7<sup>th</sup> generation to live here,*