



Century Farm Applications

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PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER LEONA MOTL DORSCHNER
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS ALPHA MINN 56111
city state zip code

PHONE NUMBER (507) 847-4790
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____

SECTION 14 ^{Enterprise} TOWNSHIP ENTERPRISE COUNTY Jackson

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 140

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Grandfather in 1885

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

Sec. 14, Twp-103 - Rang 34
E 7/8 SE 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Frank Motl & wife Marie</u>	<u>1885</u>	<u>1904</u>	<u>Father & Mother</u>
next owner <u>Wensel Motl</u>	<u>1904</u>	<u>1939</u>	<u>wife of Wensel Motl</u>
next owner <u>Anna Motl et al</u>	<u>1939</u>	<u>1983</u>	<u>Mother of daughter of Wensel</u>
next owner <u>et al</u> <u>Leona Dorschner</u>	<u>1983</u>		
next owner			

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- ☒ Abstract of Title ☐ Court file in Registration Proceedings
☐ Land Patent ☐ County Land Record
☐ Original Deed ☐ Other Jackson County Plat Book 1887

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

Leona Dorschner
(signature of present owner)

DATE 6-11-1986

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CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? _____

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160 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? yes

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? _____

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

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PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Albert and Oscar Erpestad
(this name will appear on certificate)
ADDRESS R. Route 4 Windom Mn. 56101
city state zip code
PHONE NUMBER (507) 831-3246
area code
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE same
SECTION 12 TOWNSHIP Delafield COUNTY Jackson
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 320
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1879
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) SE 1/4 of Section 12 Township 104N. Range 36W

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Michael H. Erpestad</u>	<u>1879</u>	<u>1939</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner <u>life estate</u> <u>Rented by sons</u> <u>Mrs. Tomine Erpestad</u>	<u>1939</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>Wife of Michael</u>
next owner <u>Albert + Oscar Erpestad</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Sons</u>
next owner			
next owner			

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

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Albert Erpestad Oscar Erpestad
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 3, 1986

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Andrew Laird

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? (Total \$500.) \$3.12½ 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? No.

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? A Veteran's homestead, Purchased from him.

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1890

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

and alfalfa.

The deed from Andrew Laird to Michael H. Erpestad was recorded in the Register of Deeds office of Jackson County April 13, 1880

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PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER David and Rose Freking
(this name will appear on certificate)
ADDRESS RR 2 Box 225 Heron Lake Minnesota 56137
city state zip code
PHONE NUMBER (507) 793-2478
area code
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE same
SECTION 14 TOWNSHIP LaCrosse COUNTY Jackson
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1885
LEAGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) NW¼ Township 104 Range 38

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner John Biechner	1885 - 1905	Father of Frank
next owner Frank Bickner	1905 - 1938	Father of Berniece
next owner Leo and Berniece Freking	1938 - 1980	Parents of David
next owner David and Rose Freking	1980 - present	
next owner		

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

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

David Freking Rose Freking
(signature of present owner)
DATE June 16, 1986

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Louis F. Menage

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160 less RR right of way

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$6.25

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Austria

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? 1973

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

For 102 years the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 14 was divided by a 100 ft. strip of land upon which railroad track was laid. A Right of Way Deed was filed on August 8, 1879 to Minnesota and Black Hills Railroad Co. on a strip of land (7.34 acres) for \$175.00 to be used for railroad transportation. Yet the trains did not run a full 100 years. Since the track was in ill-repair in the 1970's and due to lack of use, the trains discontinued use of the track in the late 1970's. On May 26, 1981 the Chicago and North Western Transportation Company (formerly the Minnesota and Black Hills Railroad Company, later the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha Railway Company) deeded the 7.34 acre strip of land to David & Rose Freking, the current owners of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 14.

In 1904 a tornado struck this farm site and totaled all buildings except the house.

In 1979 another tornado passed through the building site destroying 2 grain bins, well house, and 2 machine sheds, one of which was only 5 years old. The remaining buildings (7 grain bins, double garage, barn, and the 6 year old house) all needed roof repair.

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PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Petra Gunderson
(this name will appear on certificate)
ADDRESS Rt. 1 Box 220 Windom Minnesota 56101
city state zip code
PHONE NUMBER (507) 847-4651
area code
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE same
SECTION 19 TOWNSHIP Kimball COUNTY Jackson
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 80 acres ✓
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1886 ✓
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) _____
SW 1/4 SE 1/4 & NW 1/4 SE 1/4 Township 104 Range 34 ✓

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner Gunder Gunderson	1886 - 1928	Father bf Peter
next owner Peter Gunderson	1928 - 1957	Father of Petra
next owner Petra Gunderson	1957 - Present	
next owner		
next owner		

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(X) Original Deed () Other _____

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

Petra Gunderson
(signature of present owner)

DATE April 8 - 1986

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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? 120 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? 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 and soybeans

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

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PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Richard Kulseth
(this name will appear on certificate)
ADDRESS RR1 Windom Minn 56101
city state zip code
PHONE NUMBER (507) 831-1306
area code
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same
SECTION 26 TOWNSHIP Christiania COUNTY Jackson
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 180 ^{120 OWNED BY THORVALD}
^{60 OWNED BY RICHARD}
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY We have an 1886 Plat Book that shows Thomas owner at that time.
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 and NW 1/4 of SW 1/4
of Section 26 in Township 104 (Christiania Twn.)

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Thomas J. Kulseth</u>	<u>After living on the farm for over 15 yrs. he filed the homestead in 1901</u> ^{His death in 1927}	<u>Father to John T.</u>
next owner <u>John T. Kulseth</u>	<u>1927</u> ^{His death in 1939}	<u>Father of 9 children</u>
next owner <u>Kulseth Brothers</u> <u>Thorvald, Palmer, Johan, Alvin & Manley;</u> <u>Josie Paulson, Berghild Hovvil, Sigfried Johnson</u> <u>and Beatrice Borgard</u>	<u>In Estate 1939 - 1940</u>	<u>Younger Siblings</u>
next owner <u>Thorvald Kulseth,</u> <u>John's eldest son</u>	<u>1940 - 1956</u>	
next owner <u>Richard Kulseth</u>	<u>1956 - 1973</u>	<u>Father of Richard</u>
next owner <u>Richard Kulseth</u>	<u>1973 - Present</u>	

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| <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.

Richard Kulseth

(signature of present owner)

DATE 6-1-86

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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? _____

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

John A. and Gladys Mellum
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

R.R. 3 Jackson,
city

Minnesota
state

56143
zip code

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 662-6524
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

33

TOWNSHIP

Belmont

COUNTY

Jackson

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

450

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

July 30, 1886

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

*NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 + N 1/2 of NW 1/4 - Sec. 33 - Township 103 -
Range 35*

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <i>ANDREW J. STENE</i>	<i>July 30, 1886 - FEB. 21, 1918</i>	<i>FATHER</i>
next owner <i>BERGER + GEA MELLUM</i> <i>* ALBERT STENE</i>	<i>FEB. 21, 1918 - MARCH 2, 1953</i>	<i>FATHER-MOTHER Uncle</i>
next owner <i>JOHN A. and GLADYS</i> <i>(wife)</i>	<i>MARCH 3, 1953 - still own + operate 1986 the farm</i>	<i>John is son of Berger + GEA Mellum and Grandson of Andrew Stene.</i>
next owner <i>MELLUM</i>		
next owner		

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() Land Patent
☒ Original Deed

- () Court file in Registration Proceedings
☒ County Land Record
() Other _____

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John A. Mellum
(signature of present owner)

DATE

July 1, 1986

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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? _____

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:

OK

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PRESENT CENTURY ~~FARM~~ OWNER Margaret and Lowell Porath
(this name will appear on certificate)
ADDRESS R.T.1, Box 220, Mt. Lake Minnesota 56159
city state zip code
PHONE NUMBER (507) 427-2868
area code
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE same
SECTION 16 TOWNSHIP Kimball COUNTY Jackson
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 of southwest quarter, township number 104, range 34

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Rudolph Stenbe</u>	<u>1885</u>	<u>1928</u>	<u>father of Rudolph Jr.</u>
next owner <u>Rudolph Stenbe Jr.</u>	<u>1928</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>father of Margaret</u>
next owner <u>Margaret + Lowell Porath</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>present</u>	
next owner			
next owner			

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land Patent | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County Land Record |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Original Deed | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>School Land Certificate</u> |

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

Margaret and Lowell Porath
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 17, 1986

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a sixth generation farm with four generations living on this farm at the present time.

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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? _____

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:

SAMPLE

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PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Joseph Smith
(this name will appear on certificate)
ADDRESS Rt. 1 Mora MN 55051
city state zip code
PHONE NUMBER (612) 333-4444
area code
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE same
SECTION 4 TOWNSHIP Mora COUNTY Kanabec
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 135
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1879
LEAGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) _____
N ½ of NW ¼ Township 113 Range 35

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner Jacob Smith	1879 - 1889	Father of Matthew
next owner Matthew Smith	1839 - 1910	Father of James
next owner James Smith	1910 - 1953	Uncle of Joseph
next owner Joseph Smith	1953 - present	
next owner		

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() County Land Record
() Other _____

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

Joseph Smith
(signature of present owner)
DATE January 6, 1983

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Erick J. Egge. {From Clay County
History 1913

A well known and substantial farmer, owner of a well kept place of 160 acres in Skree and Humboldt townships Clay County. Is a native of Norway, been a resident of United States since he was 23 years old and of Clay County for past 30 years. Born in Norway July 17, 1860, a son of Jorgen and Lari (Olson) Egge, both natives of Norway, she died in Norway and the father came some years after their son Erick had settled here. Living for a few years around Pelican Rapids, he later moved to Skree township, Clay County, where the father died while here. Erick was educated in the schools of Norway and helped his father in the work of the farm. In 1886 Erick and his wife Elena were married near Pelican Rapids. 14 children were born to them. Moved to present farmstead in 1886 and Erick died in 1934. The son Ole has lived on the farm since he was born Oct. 12, 1900. Died June 4th 1986.

Erick got married & moved to Humboldt twp. in 1886. - The following year they built a house on the 80 in Skree where the family lived - and Ole continued to live until his death - June 4, 1986.

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PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Carl Asen

ADDRESS

SUNBURG

(this name will appear on certificate)

minnesota

56284

city

state

zip code

PHONE NUMBER

612) 634-3121

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

30

TOWNSHIP

Colfax

COUNTY

KANDIYOH

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

HOMESTEAD - 1860

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

SECT. 30 TWP-122 RANG. 35

W 1/2 of NE 1/4 NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 NW 1/4 of SE 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <i>Olaf Bjornson Asen</i>	<i>1860 -</i>	<i>1878</i>	<i>father</i>
next owner <i>Bjorn Asen</i>	<i>1878 -</i>	<i>1949</i>	<i>son</i>
next owner <i>Carl Asen</i>	<i>1949 -</i>	<i>1984</i>	<i>Grand-son</i>
next owner <i>Marylou Asen Nelson</i>	<i>Present owner</i>		<i>Great-Grand Daughter</i>
next owner			

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() Other

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Mrs. Evelyn Nelson (Marylou Asen Nelson)
~~*Mrs. Evelyn Nelson*~~
(signature of present owner)

DATE

June 6-1986

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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? None

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? Part of house is log, still

standing, but present house was added onto.

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1860's

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Cattle & ram.

Please feel free to write if corrections needed.

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PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER MANLEY E. BERG
(this name will appear on certificate)
ADDRESS SPICER MINNESOTA 56288 58
city state zip code
PHONE NUMBER (612) 796-5577
area code
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE same
SECTION 1 TOWNSHIP Dovre COUNTY Kandiyohi
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY April 8, 1875
LEAGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) Government Lots 2,3,4 and 5 of Section 1, Township 120, Range 35.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner Gustaf Berg	1875	1905	Husband of Thilda
next owner Thilda Christine Berg	1905	1934	Mother of Ernest
next owner Ernest J.D. Berg	1934	1964	Father of Manley
next owner Manley E. Berg	1964	Present	
next owner			

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

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Manley E. Berg
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 12, 1986

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ST. PAUL, MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? ST PAUL & PACIFIC RAILROAD

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 49.22 ACRES

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? 5.90 AN ACRE

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Sweden

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1960

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER JAMES C. Dowdell
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS ATWATER Mn 56209
city state zip code

PHONE NUMBER (612) 974 - 8931
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____

SECTION 26 TOWNSHIP HARRISON COUNTY KANDIASHO Hi

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 162

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1879

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

NE 1/4 of NE 1/4; NW 1/4 of SE 1/4; Lots 1 & 2

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
	(from)	(to)	
<i>Purchased from Elizabeth Dowdell</i> first owner	1879	1879	<i>Sister of William</i>
William Dowdell	1879	1942	FATHER of James
next owner			
JAMES Dowdell	1942	1986+	SON of William
next owner			
next owner			
next owner			

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

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James Dowdell
(signature of present owner)

DATE May 13 - 1986

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Sister Elizabeth Homesteaded in 1873 ^{couldn't find original deed.}

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 143

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$5.00 per 143 acres.

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Ireland.

DID HE FARM THE LAND? William farmed for his sister until he could buy it.

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? Worked on Railroad building in Northome & Black Duck area in No. 7 Merit.

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes.

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? No. Home still in use by them. I - Slaughter of James and her family - built in 1901. ^{2nd barn} ~~original~~ barn 1885 - still used.

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1901

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Great Grandchild of James - got hold of this paper - sorry -

one parcel of farm - was homesteaded by William's mother - but it's 2 mi S No of home. She homesteaded 80 acres in Harrison Township in 1873. Land is still farmed by Dandell's. Farm is now farmed by Grand daughter of James and her husband - James is 89 yrs. of age - and is thrilled with being registered as a Century farm.

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER John Lindquist

(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Route #1-Box 132 Pennock MN. 56279

city state zip code

PHONE NUMBER (612) 599-4714

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 26 & 27 TOWNSHIP Arctander COUNTY Kandiyohi

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 120, more or less

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1881

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

W 1/2 of NW 1/4-Sec. 26; and SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 and the North 1 rod of the
SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Sec. 27, all in T121N, R36W.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner John L. Jelle	1881	1894	Father of Ole
next owner Ole J. Jelle aka Ole J. Hjelle	1894	1940	Son & daughter of Ole
next owner Melvin Hjelle & Edna Hjelle	1940	1951	Daughter of Ole
next owner Elmo Halvorson & Edna (Hjelle) Halvorson	1951	1966	Great Nephew
next owner Lloyd John Lindquist	1966	present	

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Lloyd John Lindquist
(signature of present owner)

DATE July 10, 1986

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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? 120, more or less

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? _____

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Sweden

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

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

unknown

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? No

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1976

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

JL

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER WESLEY JENNINGS MATSON
(this name will appear on certificate)
ADDRESS 6615 Lake Shore Drive #605 Minneapolis, MN. 55423
city state zip code
PHONE NUMBER (612) 861-4166
area code
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Rt. 3, Willmar, MN. 56201
SECTION 12 and 13 TOWNSHIP Whitefield COUNTY Kandiyohi
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 210 acres
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1869
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) _____
12 118 35 40 12 118 35 130 13 118 35 40
NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner Jon Mattison	1869	1897	Father of John
next owner John Matson	1897	1939	Father of James
next owner James Matson	1939	1953	Father of Wesley
next owner Wesley J. Matson	1953	present	
next owner			

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() Original Deed () Other _____

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Wesley J. Matson
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 21, 1986

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? _____

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? _____

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? 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? 1916

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNERS Oleen + Donald SONSTEGARD

(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS 110 Washburn Drive Paynesville, Minn 56362

PHONE NUMBER (612) 243-4934

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 7 TOWNSHIP 122 33 COUNTY Kandiyohi, IA

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 655.05

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Jan 18, 1874 - 3/6/1876

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

NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 3/6/1876 / SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 Sec 7 - Twp 121-R-33

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Amund O. Sonstegard</u>	<u>1/18/1874</u> <u>12/1/1916</u>	<u>Father of</u>
next owner <u>P.O. Sonstegard</u>	<u>12/1/1916</u> <u>1916-4-10/71</u>	<u>P.O. Sonstegard</u> <u>Father</u>
next owner <u>Burbank Turkey Farms Inc.</u>	<u>4/10/71 - Present.</u>	
next owner <u>Oleen + Donald Sonstegard</u>	<u>-</u> <u>-</u>	<u>our Father</u> <u>Sons</u>
next owner		

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() Original Deed () Other

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Oleen Sonstegard
(signature of present owner)

DATE 5/25/86

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Had Purchased land from 1874 adding to the original purchase for a total of over 400 A. We continued to buy land now it totals 655.05 acres.

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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? _____

DID HE FARM THE LAND? _____

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? _____

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? _____

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Melvin and Jessie Zuidema
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Blomkest, RR1 Box 114 Minnesota 56216
city state zip code

PHONE NUMBER (612) 978-8642
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 21 TOWNSHIP Rose Land COUNTY Kandiyohi

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 240

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1886

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

NW 1/4 of Section 21 Township 117
Range 35

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner Dutmer Zuidema	1886	1893	Father of John
next owner John Zuidema	1893	1937	Father of Douglas
next owner Douglas Zuidema	1937	1965	Father of Melvin
next owner Melvin Zuidema	1965	Present	
next owner			

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|---|---|
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Patent | <input checked="" 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.

Melvin D. Zuidema
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 18, 1986

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ST. PAUL, MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? ST. Paul + Duluth Railroad Co.

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

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

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Netherlands

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? portions of the house are the originals with pieces added on in later years. 1st granary that was built is still here.

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? The last addition was added on in 1975.

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn, alfalfa, Soybeans, wheat + oats - milk, cattle + Hogs.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

As far as we know there has always been dairy cows on this farm, as of now there is 60 head of dairy cows.

We figure the farm will be in the hands of Guidemas for years to come as we have 3 sons 2 of which are farming with us now. The 1st son will be a senior this year but is also interested in farming.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Glen L. Gunnarson

OK

Rt. 1, Box 119

(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

Kennedy

Minn.

56733

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (218) 674-4255

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

19

TOWNSHIP

Jupiter

COUNTY

Kittson

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1886

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

NW $\frac{1}{4}$

Township

160

Range

47

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner Peter Gunnarson	FROM 1886 TO 1933	FATHER OF ERNEST & ROBERT
next owner Robert & Ernest Gunnarson	1933 1935	Brother of Ernest
next owner Robert Gunnarson	1935 1972	Father of Glen
next owner Glen L. Gunnarson	1972 present	
next owner		

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Court file in Registration Proceedings ()

Land Patent ()

County Land Record ()

Original Deed ()

OTHER

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Glen L. Gunnarson

(signature of present owner)

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DATE

April 15, 1986

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

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$2.63

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Sweden

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Rockford, Ill.

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? _____

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? _____

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? wheat, barley & sugar beets

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Gerald J. Adelman
(this name will appear on certificate)
ADDRESS Rt 1 Box 86 Bellingham Mn. 56212
city state zip code
PHONE NUMBER (612) 568-2427
area code
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same
SECTION 22 TOWNSHIP Yellowbank COUNTY Lac Qui Parle
Yellowbank
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 200
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY April 12, 1886
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
SE 1/4 and E 1/2 of E 1/2 of SW 1/4 of Section 22
Township 120, Range 46

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Frank J. Adelman</u>	<u>1886 - 1926</u>	<u>Father of Andrew</u>
next owner <u>Andrew A. Adelman</u>	<u>1926 - 1973</u>	<u>Father of Gerald</u>
next owner <u>Gerald J. Adelman</u>	<u>1973 - Present</u>	
next owner		
next owner		

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Gerald J. Adelman
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 10, 1986

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? 1101 Axel Larson

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

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

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

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? There is one shed - but it's barely standing!

The best original part of the house was the Kitchen - which was tore off in 1955. +
WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? Added on many different times. A new one added.

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Axel Larson purchased the land from the U.S. Government in 1881.

We now have a farrow to finish Hog Operation. We have an 80 sow herd and finish out 1300-1400 head a year.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

WEIDEL ANDERSON
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS 721-6th St MADISON MINNESOTA 56256
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (612) 598-3413
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____

SECTION 28 TOWNSHIP ARENA COUNTY LAC QUI PARLE

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 147

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 22nd day of April, 1958

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE¹/₄)

OF SECTION TWENTY EIGHT (28) TOWNSHIP ONE HUNDRED
EIGHTEEN (18) NORTH, RANGE, FORTY FIVE (45) WEST OF THE FIFTH
PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA first owner	FROM SEPT. 8, 1886	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA next owner	TO	NONE
ANDERS JOHAN ERICKSON next owner	OCT. 11, 1886	FATHER
ANDERS OSCAR ANDERSON next owner	AUG. 19, 1907	FATHER
ERVIN, JUL, ANDERSON WEIDEL, FRANKLIN, ANDERSON next owner	MARCH 3, 1952	ONE HALF INTEREST TO BROTHER
WEIDEL, FRANKLIN, ANDERSON	JANUARY 3, 1953	

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

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Weidel Franklin Anderson
(signature of present owner)

DATE 7-8-1986

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

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? SWEDEN

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Don't know

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Don't know

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? 1888

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

My Grandfather lived in sod house before the main house was finished.

Heidel F Anderson
721 - 6th St.
Madison Minnesota
56256

ABSTRACT OF TITLE No 147655 Loc Guipable County, Madison, MS

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Elizabeth A. & Lyle F. Benson
(this name will appear on certificate)
ADDRESS 1936 Stryker Avenue, W. St. Paul, MN. 55118
city state zip code
PHONE NUMBER (612) 455-3315
area code
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Dawson, Minnesota
SECTION 36 TOWNSHIP Providence COUNTY LacQuiP arle
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 245.48
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY October 27, 1986
LEAGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ & NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Township 166 Range 44

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner Noach Swenson	1886	1935	Father of George
next owner George & Ruth Swenson	1935	1965	Father & Mother to Elizabeth A., Marguerite & Gordon
next owner George O. Swenson Farms, Inc. 1965		1985	George & Ruth Swenson & their 3 children
next owner Elizabeth A. & Lyle F. Benson 1985		Present	Elizabeth A. is daughter to Ruth &
next owner			George (deceased) Swenson

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(x) Original Deed () Other _____

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Elizabeth A. & Lyle F. Benson
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 27, 1986

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ST. PAUL, MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? School Land State of Minn.

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

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

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Groeland, Sweden Noach was born June 17, 1850

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? 1936

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Noach came to U.S. as a young man at age 19. He chose this land because it was flat & didn't have too many stones on it.

George was born Oct 18, 1899. He loved farming and worked very hard at it, the 30's were especially difficult years. He also took pride in raising feeding cattle. Deceased Feb. 1982.

Ruth was born Jan. 7, 1900. She also loved farm life and worked hard. She lives in Dawson, Minn. and is active in church, Sr. Citizens & enjoys visiting family & friends.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Jon A. Kleven
(this name will appear on certificate)
ADDRESS Route 3 Box 42 Appleton, M.N. 56208
city state zip code
PHONE NUMBER (612) 752-4433
area code
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE same
SECTION 1 TOWNSHIP Cerro Gordo COUNTY Lac Qui Parle
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 298
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1886

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) _____
(1886) year

NE 1/4 township 118 Range 43

S 1/2 SE 1/4 and N 1/2 NE 1/4 Section 36 township 119 Range 43
(1886) year (1882) year

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Thomas Kleven</u>	<u>1886 - 1895</u>	<u>father of Albert</u>
next owner <u>Albert Kleven</u>	<u>1895 - 1950</u>	<u>father of Andy</u>
next owner <u>Andy Kleven</u>	<u>1950 - 1978</u>	<u>father of Jon</u>
next owner <u>Jon Kleven</u>	<u>1978 - 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.

Jon A. Kleven
(signature of present owner)

DATE May 2, 1986

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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? _____

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

Janet Ebert Hansen

Roger W. Ebert

(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

RT. 1 Box 162B
Box 163

CITY

Kilkenny

Minn.

STATE

56052

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

507-595-3458
area code 3452

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

Same

SECTION

30-110-23

TOWNSHIP

Kilkenny

COUNTY

Le Sueur

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

116.73

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1884

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

Lot 6 & W 40a of Lot 7 & SW 1/4 of SW 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner John Peach	FROM 1884 TO 1880	Brother of Isaac
next owner Isaac Peach	1880 1943	Father of Grace
next owner Grace Peach Ebert	1943 1976	Mother of Janet & Roger
next owner Janet Ebert Hansen Roger W Ebert	1976	
next owner Nathan J Ebert	Nathan is Roger's son and is 7am now so we hope to keep it for another gen.	

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OTHER Tax Statement

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Roger W. Ebert
(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE

Janet Jan Ebert Hansen

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Mereils Kendall
HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 116
WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? 600.00
WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Wis.
WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Cleveland
DID HE FARM THE LAND? He Cleared it First & then Farmed it
DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? Logged & Threshed, Horse Dr.
WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes
IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? No
WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1962
WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn, Soybean, Wheat
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

It was said that Isaac's folks lived in Cleveland. He didn't like it there. So when he was about 16 year old, which would be about 1875 ~~and work~~ ^{He come back} on this farm. Then when the place came up for sale his brother John Peach bought it for him. Then when Isaac got his money together he bought it from John Peach.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Chester L. & Anna L. Harty
(this name will appear on certificate)
ADDRESS RR 1, box 434, Madison Lake, Minnesota 56063
city state zip code
PHONE NUMBER (507) 931-1396
area code
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same
SECTION 9-109-25 TOWNSHIP Washington COUNTY LeSueur
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 120
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1856
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 --- SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 and Lot 1

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner John & Catherine Quirk	1856	1859	Grandparents of John
next owner John Quirk	1859	1907	Husband of Laura
next owner Laura Quirk	1907	1958	Mother of Jerome
next owner Jerome Quirk	1958	1969	Brother of Anna
next owner Chester & Anna Harty	1969	Present	

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Chester L. & Anna L. Harty
(signature of present owner)

DATE 7-4-86

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Homestead from Government

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 159

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? _____

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Ireland

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- House and Barn

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1889

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Lyle William Laabs
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS R.R. 2 Box 28 Henderson Minn. 56044
city state zip code

PHONE NUMBER (612) 665-2869
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 11 TOWNSHIP Tyrone COUNTY Le Sueur

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Feb. 22, 1886

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

S. 60 acres of NE 1/4 & W. 100 acres of SE 1/4 of
Section 11, Township 112, North of Range 25 West

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Albert Laabs</u>	<u>1886</u>	<u>1892</u>	<u>Father of William</u>
next owner <u>William Laabs</u>	<u>1892</u>	<u>1939</u>	<u>Father of Willie</u>
next owner <u>Willie Laabs</u>	<u>1939</u>	<u>May 1986</u>	<u>Father of Lyle</u>
next owner <u>Lyle Laabs</u>	<u>May 9 1986 to 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.

Lyle Laabs

(Signature of present owner)

DATE June 25, 1986

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Tom Fleming

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 100

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$4200 per 100 then \$2700 per 60 acre in 1893

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? 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? 1909

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Cann. Beans, Hogs

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER LAWRENCE G. RYNDA
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Rt. 1 - Box 90 Montgomery, MN. 56069
city state zip code

PHONE NUMBER (612) 364-7754
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 1 TOWNSHIP Lexington COUNTY Le Sueur

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 79 1/2

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY March 10, 1885

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

Lots 3 + 4 except south 10 acres of said Lot 4 All in
Section 1, Township 111, Range 24 West containing 79 1/2 acres.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Lawrence A. Rynda</u>	<u>1885</u> - <u>1923</u>	<u>Father of George</u>
next owner <u>George L. Rynda</u>	<u>1923</u> - <u>1960</u>	<u>Father of Lawrence G.</u>
next owner <u>Lawrence G. Rynda</u>	<u>1960</u> - <u>present</u>	
next owner		
next owner		

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Lawrence G. Rynda
(signature of present owner)

DATE April 6, 1986

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Frank Kolars

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 79 1/2

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? _____

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Lanesburgh Twp - Le Sueur Co., MN

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

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

Threshing Rig and Sawmill

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? 1976

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

OK

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER EARL V. and ARDELLA M. TIEGS
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS R.R. 2 BOX 52 HENDERSON MN 56044
city state zip code

PHONE NUMBER (612) 665-3721
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____

SECTION 3 TOWNSHIP TYRONE COUNTY LE SUEUR

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 205

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1859

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

E 1/4 of NW 1/4 of NE 1/4, E 1/2 + NE 1/4 + NE 1/4 of SE 1/4
SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 + NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 (Sec 3 - 112 - 25)

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>JOHN LipKE</u>	<u>1859 - 1871</u>	<u>Father-in-law</u>
next owner <u>William TIEGS</u>	<u>1871 - 1913</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
next owner <u>HERMAN W. TIEGS</u>	<u>1913 - 1933</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
next owner <u>LORENZ H. TIEGS</u>	<u>1933 - 1959</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
next owner <u>EARL V. TIEGS</u>	<u>1959 - present</u>	<u>FATHER</u>

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Earl V. Tiegs
(signature of present owner)

DATE July 8, 1984

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? General Land Office U.S. Government

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? —

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? —

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? 1915

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Acorns, Beans & Wheat

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER William L. Tolz MAN
(this name will appear on certificate)
ADDRESS Waterville Minn. 56096
city state zip code
PHONE NUMBER (507) 362-8371
area code
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____
SECTION 3-109-24 TOWNSHIP ELYSIAN COUNTY Le Sueur
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 154
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1884
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) _____
NW 1/4 OF NE 1/4 of Sec 3-109-24 Range 24

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Frederick Tolzman</u>	<u>1884</u>	<u>1896</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
next owner <u>Ernst Tolzman</u>	<u>1896</u>	<u>1915</u>	<u>Wife</u>
next owner <u>Edwin Tolzman</u>	<u>1938</u>	<u>1970</u>	<u>SON</u>
next owner <u>Wm. Tolzman</u>	<u>1970 - Present</u>		<u>SON</u>
next owner			

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☐ Original Deed ☐ Other _____

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William L. Tolzman
(signature of present owner)

DATE July 8, 1986

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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? _____

DID HE FARM THE LAND? _____

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? _____

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? _____

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

OK

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Clarence Carl Tolzmann
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS R.R.2- Box 202 Waterville, Minn. 56096

PHONE NUMBER (507) 362-4307 CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____

SECTION 34 TOWNSHIP 110 COUNTY Le Sueur

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 123 1/2

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Dec. 21, 1880
Deed recorded 3-3-1881

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) N.E. 1/4 of N.W. 1/4 &
N. 1/2 of N.E. 1/4 & 3 1/2 acres in N.E. corner of S.E. 1/4 of N.E. 1/4 all in
Section 34 Township 110 Range 24 West.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>first owner</u> Frederick Tolzmann Sr.	FROM March 3, 1881 TO June 28, 1883	Father
<u>next owner</u> August Tolzmann	June 28, 1883 Oct. 15, 1934	Father
<u>next owner</u> Clarence Carl Tolzmann	Oct. 15, 1934 Present	
<u>next owner</u>		
<u>next owner</u>		

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

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Clarence C. Tolzmann
(signature of present owner)

DATE Aug. 2, 1985

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Joseph Mc Cutchen

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$ 6.875

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Naugard, Pommerau, Germany Feb. 27, 1824
Came to U.S.A. in 1871

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? Sec. 3 twsp 109N Range 24W
Elysian Township

DID HE FARM THE LAND? No. It was purchased to provide farms for 2 of his sons who
were unmarried at the time.

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? No.

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL
STANDING OR IN USE? Yes. House, Barn and Grainery.

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? About 1890

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

In 1890 august Tolzmann married Emma Amalie Hartwick and they built the original portion of the house. To this was later added a north wing doubling its size. The stones used for the house and barn foundations were hauled by team and wagon from the shore of German Lake about 4 miles away.

August came to the USA in 1871 with his parents and family. He was 8 years old at the time. He recieved his citizenship papers on Dec. 31, 1896. His Uncle Karl Tolzmann first came to this area near German Lake in 1854 along with the families of Gottfried Dehn, William Callies, Christian Sperber and Gottfried Hagenstein.

These were the original settlers in this part of Le Sueur County. Karl Tolzmann encouraged his relatives in Germany to come to the USA and to settle in this area. They were the Haase, Kruger and Tolzmann families, and decendants of each are still living in the southern part of Le Sueur county.

A Tolzmann genealogy is being compiled and it will then be put on micro-film at the Le Sueur county museum in Elysian, Minnesota.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Arthur C. Anderson
(this name will appear on certificate)
ADDRESS Rt. 1 Hendricks Mn 56136
city state zip code
PHONE NUMBER (507) 275-3463
area code
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE same
SECTION 20 TOWNSHIP 113 COUNTY Lincoln
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 640 acres
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Jan 15 - 1885

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
East half of the southwest quarter & the lots # 1 & 2 of
section 20 in Township 113 North, of Range 46 West of
the 5th principal meridian in Minn - containing 147 9/100 acres
PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Anton Anderson</u>	<u>1885 - 1930</u>	<u>Father of John</u>
next owner <u>John Anderson</u>	<u>1930 - 1975</u>	<u>Father of Arthur</u>
next owner <u>Arthur Anderson</u>	<u>1975 - present</u>	
next owner		
next owner		

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Original Deed | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Homestead Certificate #2973</u> |

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

Arthur Anderson
(signature of present owner)

DATE 4-3-86

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Homesteaded

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 147 ⁹⁹

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? _____

Owner of a bank - State representative for 2 terms

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? yes - first home was a sod

house - Then a 2 room - 2 story house was built

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1887

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

across the road on section 29 - It was added on - 3 rooms across the front & upstairs - We are still living in this house - It has been remodeled -

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER ELMER FRANCIS BLANCHETTE
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS MARSHALL MINN 56258
city state zip code

PHONE NUMBER (507) 428-3527
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____

SECTION 31 TOWNSHIP VALLERS COUNTY LYON

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 241 1/2 acres

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Feb. 7, 1958

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

VALLERS TOWNSHIP - SW 1/4 SECTION RANGE 41

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>ELY BLANCHET</u>	<u>9-28-1882 - 9-18-1893</u>	<u>GRANDFATHER</u>
next owner <u>A.L. BLANCHETTE</u>	<u>9-18-1893 - 2-3-1958</u>	<u>GRANDSON</u>
next owner <u>ELMER BLANCHETTE</u>	<u>2-7-1958 - PRESENT</u>	<u>GRANDSON</u>
next owner		
next owner		

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Abstract of Title | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Court file in Registration Proceedings |
| <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.

ELMER F BLANCHETTE
(signature of present owner)

DATE 5-27-1986

Please Return To:

CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? RAIL ROAD

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 640 ACRES

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

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? KANKAKEE

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 HOUSE

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1893

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: A FAMILY OF 18 CHILDREN
BORN ON THIS PLACE, 13 CHILDREN SURVIVED
MRS BLANCHETTE PASSED AWAY AT THE
AGE OF 87 YEARS. 1952.
A. BLANCHETTE PASSED AWAY AT AGE OF
90 YEARS. 1957.
GEORGE THE OLDEST WEIGHED 2 LBS AT BIRTH
HE LIVED TO BE 90 YEARS OLD
THERE WERE 26 GRANDCHILDREN
FIVE GRAND SONS TO CARRY ON THE BLANCHETTE
THEY ARE
GORDON - TRACY, MINN. (NORBERT, E. ARCO MINN) NAME IS
TERANCE PORTER, MINN. (JOSEPH J. AMIRET
(ROBERT D MARSHALL, MINN
(SONS OF ELMER F. BLANCHETTE

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER ORVILLE J. WIGNESS
(this name will appear on certificate)
ADDRESS MINNEOTA MN 56264
city state zip code
PHONE NUMBER (507) 872 6258
area code
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____
SECTION 27 TOWNSHIP Edsvold COUNTY LYON
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1/2 1883 - 1/2 1886
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) _____
SW 1/4 Sec #27 Twp 113 Range 43

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>OLE J. OLSON</u>	<u>1883</u>	<u>1886</u>	<u>FATHER OF JOHN WIGNESS</u>
next owner <u>OLE J. OLSON WIGNESS</u>	<u>1886</u>	<u>1931</u>	<u>SAME PERSON AS OLE J. OLSON</u>
next owner <u>John Wigness</u>	<u>1931</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>SON OF OLE J. OLSON WIGNESS</u>
next owner <u>ORVILLE J. WIGNESS</u>	<u>1957</u>		<u>SON OF John Wigness</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.

Orville J. Wigness
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 16, 1986

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CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? CHICAGO & N.W. RAIL ROAD

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

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? NO

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? YES

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? _____

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

AB 4/24

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER ENGVALD DAHL
Box 239 (this name will appear on certificate)
ADDRESS Rt. 1. NEWFOLDEN MINN. 56738
city state zip code
PHONE NUMBER (218) 681-2788
area code
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE SAME
SECTION 22 & 23 TOWNSHIP NEW SOLUM COUNTY MARSHALL
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 480
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1889
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
SECTION 22 - S 1/2 NW 1/4 NE 1/4 SW 1/4 NW 1/4 SE 1/4 - 160 ACRES, NW 1/4 SW 1/4 - 40 ACRES
SECTION 23 - SW 1/4 NW 1/4 NW 1/4 SW 1/4 - 80 ACRES SECTION 14 - S 1/4 NE 1/4 NE 1/4 - 120 ACRES

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner JOHN TRONNINGS DAL (DAHL)	1881 - 1884	FATHER OF OLE J. DAHL
next owner OLE J. DAHL	1884 - 1925	HUSBAND OF ELLA DAHL
next owner ELLA DAHL	1925 - 1936	MOTHER OF ENGVALD DAHL
next owner ENGVALD DAHL	1936	
next owner		

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- | | |
|-----------------------|--|
| () Abstract of Title | () Court file in Registration Proceedings |
| (X) Land Patent | () County Land Record |
| () Original Deed | () Other <u>HOMESTEAD PATENT</u> |

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

Engvald Dahl
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 30, 1986

Please Return To:

CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

Newfolden, Minn.
June 30, 1986

Century Farms
Minnesota State Fair
St. Paul, Minn 55108
Dear Sir:-

The records of the homestead were poorly kept, but will write what I know, in 1886 my Dad Ole J. Dahl donated $\frac{1}{2}$ Acre to the Rindal Cemetery and Judge Andrew Grindland donated the other half to Rindal Cemetery. The house that my Dad ^{built} still stands.

Rindal Church just celebrated their 100th Anniversary the 22nd of June 1986

Homestead Patent
Filed for Record April 29 AD 1902
at 2:30 o'clock P. M.

On Oct. 28, 1889 my Dad
bought 160 Acres for \$800⁰⁰
cash from John C. Loffall
and his wife Randi Loffall.

John ~~and~~ Randi Loffall
could be my grandparents.
We have checked into the
Farm Records and even
in Trondheim Norway and I
have come to the conclusion
that they are my grandparents.
We are still checking

Sincerely Yours
Engvald Dake
Rt. 1 Box 239
Newfolden, Wm. 56738

OK

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner _____

Name(s) to appear on certificate Vincent & Jeanne Olander

Address R#3 Box 97 Fairmont, Minnesota 56031

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 15 Township Silver Lake County Martin

Number of acres in the farm at present 120

Date of original purchase by member of your family April 21, 1884

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

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Eric Sundberg</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1884 to 1903	Husband & Father
<u>Catherine, Charles & John</u> next owner	from 1903 to 1936	Mother - Brothers
<u>Charles & John Sundberg</u> next owner	from 1936 to 1938	(Brothers divided land) Charles - Father
<u>Carl Sundberg</u> next owner	from 1938 to 1967	Father-in-law & Father
<u>Vincent & Jeanne Olander</u> next owner	from 1967 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 (✓)	

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

Martin J. Hiltz
Larry A. Olander (Witness sign here)

(Signature of present owner)

Date _____

See reverse side for additional information.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION,

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? M.T. Hanson
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$ 7.50
4. Where was the first owner born? Sweden
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Chicago, Illinois
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? Granary - The Rest of the buildings were destroyed in a Tornado in 1936.
10. When was the present home built? 1936
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn & Beans
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Sentinel (Fairmont)

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

The original farm was 160 acres and then later the brothers, Charles & John, purchased another adjacent 80 acres. This was subsequently divided into farms of 120 acres each - We reside on the original portion of land -

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

ADDRESS

Box 104 Trimont

(this name will appear on certificate)

PHONE NUMBER

city
(507) 639-3331
area code

state

zip code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

17

TOWNSHIP

Waverly

COUNTY

Martin

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

120

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

Sept. 27, 1886

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

The North Half of the Northwest Quarter and the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, in Section 17, Township 104, North Range 31, West of the Fifth Principal Meridian.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner Joseph Hilgendorf	1886 — 1898	Father of Erna Husband of Annie
next owner Annie Hilgendorf Drayfalle	1898 — 1936	Wife
next owner R.A. Flores & Erna Flores	1936 — 1950	Son-in-Law & Daughter of Joseph
next owner Kenneth & Eunice Flores	1950 — 1986 present	Son & Daughter-in-Law of R.A. & Erna Flores
next owner		

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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.

Kenneth Flores
Eunice Flores

(signature of present owner)

DATE

7-7-86

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CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Louise & Sophia Selmhart

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? approx \$13.00

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? 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? Original house is part of the present residence.

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? Remodeled - 1904 and 1965

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Joseph Hilgendorf died of a sunstroke in 1898, leaving a widow & five children, the youngest, Ken's mother was 3 yrs. old. She remarried in 1899, to Fred Brayfahl & he also had a family. They had one child together. Anna (Hilgendorf) Brayfahl lived to be over 90, expiring in 1953 following a broken hip. Before that she would sit at her sewing machine, sewing pot holders each day. She moved to Fairmont with her husband in 1914. Later, her daughter, Erna & husband, moved in with her, about 1948.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Evald and Evelyn Hagen
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Ceylon Minnesota 56121
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 632-4608
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____

SECTION 1 TOWNSHIP LAKE Belt-101 COUNTY MARTIN

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 240 ACRES

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY MARCH 11, 1884

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) S.E 1/4 East 1/2 of S.W 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1884	
<u>Wilhelm Jurs</u>	TO 1944	<u>husband</u>
next owner		
<u>KenA Jurs</u> ^{SURVIVING} <u>Spouse et al</u>	<u>1944</u> <u>1963</u>	<u>Wife and children</u>
next owner		
<u>Evald and Evelyn Hagen</u>	<u>1963</u> <u>present Time</u>	<u>Grand daughter and husband</u>
next owner		
next owner		

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

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

Evald & Evelyn Hagen
(signature of present owner)

DATE 7/2/86

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CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? N. C. Frederiksen

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 240 ACRES

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$1600 - About $\frac{1}{2}$ AN ACRE.

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? _____

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? The barn, supply and stock tank.

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1967

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

The original house was only 3 rooms - but as the children (6) were born more rooms were added. The 3 older children kept house when Wilhelm and Lena moved to a farm nearer town. They milked cows and helped with the farm work.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Mark I. Kotewa & Wife
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS RR 3 Fairmont, Minn. 56031
city state zip code

PHONE NUMBER (507) 235-6810
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE same

SECTION 16 TOWNSHIP Silver Lake COUNTY Martin

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 120

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 7/8 /1886

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

W 1/2 of NE 1/4 Sec.16. Twp.161 Range 30

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner Walentz Kotewa & Wife	1886 - 1917	Father of Michael S.
next owner Michael S. Kotewa	1917 - 1948	Father of Ignatius M.
next owner Ignatius Kotewa	1948 - 1978	Father of Mark I.
next owner Mark I. Kotewa & Wife	1978 - 1986	
next owner		

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- (x) Abstract of Title W.D. () Court file in Registration Proceedings
(x) Land Patent () County Land Record
() Original Deed (x) Other/ Contract for Deed
(x) Probate Deed

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

Mark I. Kotewa
(signature of present owner)

DATE 6-23-86

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? State of Minn. (Land Patent)

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80 Acres

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

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Pozin Germany (Formerly Poland)

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. Building site was removed.

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? _____

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn and Bean,s

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Mind you Walentz Kotewa could not read or writh
it was against the law to have a education in that day.
Yet he learned from Friends that there was a new
free country on the oter side of the ocen, where you could own your
own property and be independent.

AK

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Holger L. Ostgaard
 (this name will appear on certificate)
 ADDRESS Sherburn MIN 56171
 city state zip code
 PHONE NUMBER (507) 764-5362
 area code
 ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE -
 SECTION 24 TOWNSHIP Jay COUNTY Martin
 NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 87
 DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1886
 LEAGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) E 1/2 SW 1/4 and part of SE 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Andrew and Mary Ostgaard</u>	<u>1886</u> - <u>1908</u>	<u>Father and Mother</u>
next owner <u>Mary Ostgaard</u>	<u>1908</u> - <u>1948</u>	<u>Mother</u>
next owner <u>Holger Ostgaard</u>	<u>1948</u> - <u>present</u>	<u>son of Andrew + Mary</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 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.

Holger Ostgaard by Delores Ziemer, attorney in fact
 (signature of present owner)

DATE July 9, 1986

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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? _____

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

Robert Filberg Posivio
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

Sherburn
city

Minnesota
state

56171
zip code

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 764-3967
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

29

TOWNSHIP

Fox Lake

COUNTY

Martin

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

240

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1885

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

*The South Half of the Northwest Quarter (S 1/2 NW 1/4) and South West Quarter (SW 1/4)
all in Section Twenty Nine (29) Township One Hundred Three (103) North of Range Thirty Two (32)
west of the Fifth Principal Meridian*
PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <i>August Filberg</i>	<i>1885</i>	<i>1934</i>	<i>Father of Rosalia</i>
next owner <i>Rosalia Eugenia Posivio</i>	<i>1934</i>	<i>1967</i>	<i>Mother of Phyllis, Robert, Ralph, Elizabeth</i>
next owner <i>Phyllis R. Spielman, Robert F. Posivio, Ralph D. Posivio, Elizabeth Rose Mitchell</i>	<i>1967</i>	<i>1969</i>	<i>Brother + Sisters of Robert F.</i>
next owner <i>Robert Filberg Posivio</i>	<i>1969</i>	<i>Present</i>	
next owner			

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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.

Robert Filberg Posivio
(signature of present owner)

DATE

July 7, 1986

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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? _____

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 Victor H. and Marilyn J. Stewart
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Sherburn, Minnesota 56171

CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 764-4901
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE R.R. 1

SECTION 17 TOWNSHIP Jay COUNTY Martin

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 198.33

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1886

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

Sect-17 Twp- 102 Range 33 SW $\frac{1}{4}$ & all S of R.R. of S $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1886	
George N. Stewart	TO 1910	Husband of Josephine
next owner	1910	
Josephine L. Stewart	1922	Mother of Elmer
next owner	1922	
Elmer E. Stewart	1976	Father of Victor
next owner	1976	
Victor H. & Marilyn J. Stewart	present	
next owner		

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Abstract of Title (X) Court file in Registration Proceedings (X)
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.

Victor H. Stewart
(signature of present owner)

DATE 6-30-86

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Railroad

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

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

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? 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? 1892

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER John W. Droege & Otto A. Droege
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS R.R. 1, Plato MN 55370
city state zip code

PHONE NUMBER (612) 238-2475
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE (same)

SECTION 35 TOWNSHIP 115 COUNTY McLeod

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 120 acres

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Jan 26, 1880

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) North Half of Southwest Quarter and Southeast Quarter of Southwest Quarter; Sec. 35, T115, R27.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Dorothea Droege</u>	<u>1880</u>	<u>1883</u>	<u>Mother of Wilhelm</u>
next owner <u>Wilhelm Droege</u>	<u>1883</u>	<u>1920</u>	<u>Father of Ernest</u>
next owner <u>Ernest Droege</u>	<u>1920</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>Father of John + Otto</u>
next owner <u>John W. + Otto A. Droege</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>present</u>	<u>—</u>
next owner			

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☐ Land Patent
☐ Original Deed

☐ Court file in Registration Proceedings
☒ County Land Record
☐ Other _____

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X John W. Droege X Otto A. Droege
(signature of present owner)

DATE 7-3-86

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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? _____

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

Martin E. Duesterhoeft
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

RR2 Stewart Minn

55385

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(612) 587-6380

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

Same

SECTION

36

TOWNSHIP

116

COUNTY

31 McLeod

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

7-20-1883

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

NW 1/4 Sec 36 - Twp 116 Rge 31

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner		
<u>Daniel B. Truax</u>	<u>7-20</u> FROM 1883 TO 1905	<u>Mrs Daniel Truax was</u> <u>Mrs Erwin Coffin's aunt</u>
next owner		
<u>Erwin T. Coffin</u>	<u>7-1</u> FROM 1905 TO 1940	<u>Erwin T Coffin was</u> <u>Ralph Coffin's father</u>
next owner		
<u>Ralph B. Coffin</u>	<u>12-26</u> FROM 1940 TO 1954	<u>Ralph Coffin is Mrs</u> <u>Martin Duesterhoeft's father</u>
next owner		
<u>Martin E. Duesterhoeft</u>	<u>3-19</u> FROM 1954 TO	
next owner		
	FROM TO	

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Abstract of Title ☒

Court file in Registration Proceedings ()

Land Patent ☒

County Land Record ☒

Original Deed ☒

OTHER

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Martin Duesterhoeft
(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE 7-5-86

CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55105

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? State of Minnesota

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80 Acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? _____

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? 1940

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY



PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Joseph Fasching
(this name will appear on certificate)
ADDRESS Rt. 1 Winsted MN 55395
city state zip code
PHONE NUMBER (612) 485-2355
area code
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE same
SECTION 16 TOWNSHIP Winsted COUNTY McLeod
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 153
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY August 17, 1883
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) NW 1/2 of SE 1/4 of Section 16 Township 117 Range 27

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner Frank Fasching	1883	1917	Father of Joseph
next owner Joseph Fasching Sr.	1917	1966	Father of Joseph (Jr)
next owner Joseph Fasching Jr.	1966	present	
next owner			
next owner			

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

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Joseph Fasching
(signature of present owner)

DATE 6/14/86

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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? 80 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? _____

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Austria- Hungary

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? 1897

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT 50 YEAR FARM OWNER

Gate - 46
OK
Edward B Lester

(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

Lester Prairie

Missouri

55354

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(612) 395-2092

area code

SECTION

3

TOWNSHIP

116

COUNTY

McLeod

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

63

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1869

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

East 1/2 of Southwest 1/4 of Sec 3 - Township 116
Range 27 -

PROOF OF 50 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>first owner</u> <u>John Packer</u>	FROM <u>June 23 - 1869</u> TO <u>April 8 - 1884</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>next owner</u> <u>Rebecca Lester</u>	<u>April - 1884</u> <u>May - 1937</u>	<u>Mother</u>
<u>next owner</u> <u>Florence Lester</u> <u>Robert Lester</u>	<u>May - 1937</u> <u>May - 1963</u>	<u>aunt & Father</u>
<u>next owner</u> <u>Edward Lester</u>	<u>May 1963</u>	
<u>next owner</u>		

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Abstract of Title

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Court file in Registration Proceedings ()

Land Patent

()

County Land Record ()

Original Deed

☒

OTHER _____

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Edward B Lester

(signature of present owner)

DATE

8/1/85

Please Return to:

McLeod County Historical Society

P.O. Box 399

Hutchinson, Minnesota 55350

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? President U.S. Grant

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? _____

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Pennsylvania

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

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

Sawmill

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? 1972

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

After this form is accepted you will be requested to compile a family scrapbook of your farm on 8½ x 11 inch paper which will be placed in the museum. We will provide uniform covers for all scrapbooks and you will be asked to update this every 5 years in the future.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Arnold Edwin Proehl
(this name will appear on certificate)
ADDRESS Winthrop Minnesota 55396
city state zip code
PHONE NUMBER (612) 562-2407
area code
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____
SECTION 33 TOWNSHIP 114 COUNTY McLeod
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 274
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1879
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) _____
E half of S.E. quarter and Lots 1 and 2, all in Section 33 Township 114 N. of
Range 30 West

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner Christoph & Sophie Proehl	1879	1889	Parents of Henry
next owner Henry & Anna Proehl	1889	1912	Parents of John
next owner John & Caroline Proehl	1912	1950	Parents of Arnold
next owner Arnold & Iona Proehl	1950	Present	
next owner			

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

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

Arnold E Proehl
(signature of present owner)

DATE July 6, 1986

Please Return To:

CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Conveyed from State of MN Land Office

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 200

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? ?

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Kingdom of Hanover, in 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? Original wood frame house was standing until 1980 or 81. It had been used for grain storage and tool shed for many years.

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1896

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

See attachment

PROEHL FARM

It is hard to put an exact date on the passing of the family farm from one generation to the next. It is a gradual process. One generation eases out of farming, never really leaving it, as the next generation eases in. With that in mind, note that the dates of ownership shown below were the dates that the actual title transfer took place, although I think the evolution of ownership is apparent and is certainly familiar to anyone who has grown up on a family farm.

• 1st and 2nd generation ownership of the Proehl Farm

Christof and Sophie (Beneke) Proehl settled in McLeod County and took title to land in Section 33 in 1879.

The following historical account of 1st and 2nd generation life on the **Proehl Farm** was taken from: History of McLeod County - Minnesota, Franklyn Curtiss-Wedge (editor-in-chief), Chicago and Winona H.C. Cooper Jr. & Co., 1917.

'Henry Proehl, for many years an active and prosperous farmer of Round Grove township, who is now living retired in Stewart, McLeod county, was born in Sibley county, Minn., August 10, 1859, son of Christof and Sophia (Beneke) Proehl. The father was a native of Hanover, Germany, who came to America in 1856, with his wife and two children, the voyage, made by sailing vessel lasting 33 days. His parents had died in Germany before they left. He was born on his parent's farm January 11, 1820. His wife was nealy 11 years younger than himself, the date of her nativity having been December 18, 1830. On reaching the United States, they located first in Illinois, where they spent one summer. Then Christof Proehl, leaving his family there, came to Minnesota and located a claim in Washington Lake township, Sibley county. The land was covered with timber, but he found or made a small clearing and built a log house, also planting a piece of ground with potatoes. In the fall he returned for his family, bringing them to the nearest point by steamboat and then driving to his claim. He brought with him some pine boards for a floor, as well as some provisions, and their cabin was also furnished with a small stove. In company with N. Beneke he owned a yoke of steers, but the first winter had no cow. His first crop he put in with a hoe. There was a small water-mill at Faxon and after getting his grain ground he

carried the flour 18 miles on his back. Corn they ground in their own handmill. When the Indian troubles began they took refuge in Carver, in which place Mr. Prehl left his son Henry and sister and went back home, they remaining there until the scare was over. After making that place their home until 1879, they moved to Section 33, Round Grove township, Mcleod county, leaving, however, their oldest boy, Fred, on the farm in Sibley county, which had been partly cleared. On the farm he bought in Round Grove township there was a small frame house, which they made their residence. He was now provided with a horse team and other conveniences and work on the new place progressed rapidly. It remained his home until the end of his life, or about seven years in all, his death occurring in 1886. Starting in with 160 acres, he had increased his holdings to 500 acres. Among his other activities he helped to build the Lutheran church at Hamburg, Carver county, and was also prominent in the erection of the church of that denomination in Round Grove township, of which he was one of the first members. In the former church he was a trustee. Henry Proehl attended school in Carver county, which was a boy's school, located close to the county line. He also attended a church school at Hamburg. Growing to manhood on the farm, he acquired a knowledge of agriculture and assisted in operating the home place. In company with his brother William he carried on the farm in Round Grove township for three years. The brother then sold out his interest to Mr. Kloempken, who thus became a partner in the enterprise, the farm at this time containing 350 acrs. Here Mr. Proehl bred pedigreed shorthorn cattle and later sheep. With the latter industry he was somewhat familiar, as his father had kept a few sheep, our subject's mother in early days spinning wool from which to make caps and mittens for the family. Aside from his personal interests he was active in town affairs, holding the offices of assessor and supervisor for six or seven years and serving on the school board for 26 years as treasurer. He was a partner in the creamery and a member of its board of directors and helped to organize the Farmers' Elevator at Stewart. A member of the Round Grove Lutheran Church, he served on its board 27 years and was active in all its work. About a year ago he retired from the farm and took up his residence in Stewart, where he now lives. Henry Proehl was married, March 27, 1884, to Anna Henschen who was born in Carver county, Minn., March 27, 1866, daughter of Ernst and Henrietta (Fomberg) Henschen. Her parents were natives of Hanover, Germany, and came separately to the United States, the father coming first and located in Cleveland, Ohio, whence he came

to Carver county, Minn., in 1859, founding a homestead in Benton township. Mr. and Mrs. Proehl have had ten children: Henry E., Sophia, John, Maria, Anna, Hilda, Selma, Freda, Martha and Ida, the two last mentioned being now deceased.'

Christof Proehl died September 30, 1888 at the age of 65 (his actual birth year having been 1823 according to church records in Germany, and the actual year of his death being 1888 according to church records at the Lutheran Church in Fernando). Sophie (Beneke) Proehl died at the farm on November 25, 1911 at the age of 80. She had broken a hip in a fall when the family dog knocked her over. Nothing could be done for a broken hip in those days. She was unable to walk and her health declined. Sophie's body, in the casket, was kept in the family living room until burial. Ice was put underneath the casket.

Henry and Anna (Henschen) Proehl built a new brick house in 1896. It was built back about 100 feet from the original house which had been built closer to the lake (Ward's Lake). The original wood-frame house was left standing and was used for grain storage. An interesting feature of the brick house is the nearly foot thick wall between the dining room and kitchen. Reportedly, as the large, square, 2 story house was at or nearing completion, such a quantity of bricks remained that another large room was added to the plan and building continued. A brick smoke house was also built a short distance from the new house; it was used until about 1954 to smoke ham and sausage. Henry and Anna (Henschen) Proehl's 4th child, Anna (now Anna Doerr), born May 20, 1897, was the first child born in the new home.

Henry and Anna (Henschen) Proehl spoke German at home, so the first language the children learned was German. English was taught in the public schools. Anna (Doerr) Proehl remembers learning English from her older brothers and sisters as they started attending public school and brought their newly learned language home with them. The children learned English as a 2nd language and began speaking English at home. The parents learned to understand English but would reply in German.

● 3rd generation ownership of the Proehl Farm

In 1912, the farm passed from Henry and Anna (Henschen) Proehl to son John Henry Proehl. The following "retirement plan" was recorded in the Abstract of Title when Henry conveyed the property to John:

'subject, however, to the following proviso, to-wit:

The party of the second part shall furnish and deliver to said parties of the first part, or survivor of them, during the remainder of their lives, free of charge, the use of the parlor, bathroom, bedroom and closet on the 1st floor, the use of the parlor, bedroom and closet on the 2nd floor of the dwelling house now on said premises, also the use of the east cellar, of the furnace in said dwelling house, the right to put up stove pipes leading from said rooms to the chimney in said house, the use of the garden north of said house, the use of the apple orchard and the use of 1/2 acre of ground for raising potatoes, free access to all parts of the improvements on said premises, the use in common of the well and cistern, free wood sufficient for the kitchen stove, one half of the fuel necessary for the furnace, the use of 2 cows and two horses and feed, pasture, shelter and bedding for the same, and yearly one half of eggs produced on said premises and yearly 500 lbs. of good wheat flour, and yearly 2 hogs weighing alive each 225 lbs., and yearly 100 lbs. of good beef. The parties of the second part shall also furnish to the parties of the first part, or the survivor of them sufficient shed room for buggy, cutter and automobile, should the buildings on said premises be destroyed, then the party of the second part shall furnish to said parties of the first part, or the survivor of them, during the remainder of their lives equally good accommodations on said premises. In case of failure on the part of the parties of the second part to furnish said articles, or any part thereof, when the same become due, then and in that case the parties of the first part or the survivor of them, may at any time, declare the presents to be null and void, at their option.'

John Proehl married Caroline Likpe in June 1913. Caroline was the daughter of Charles and Wilhelmina (Blum) Lipke. Henry and Anna (Henschen) Proehl moved to a home in Stewart, with their younger children, in the Fall of 1913.

Another generation of Proehls was born in the brick house built in 1896: Dorthea (born 1915, died 1916), Arnold Edwin (November 11, 1916), Delores (November 30, 1922), and Lorraine (October 21, 1926). The children of John and Caroline were the last children to be born in the home (subsequent generations would enter the world via hospital).

John and Caroline's children attended the country school in Round Grove Twonship, 1/2 mile west of Fernando. 1921 found young Arnold hesitant about starting school. Grandma Anna (Anna (Henschen) Proehl) lived in Stewart, right across from the Stewart school. The family thought that

Arnold might be enticed if he saw the children playing in the school yard. So he was taken to Stewart to stay with Grandma Anna and start school there. Arnold was not enticed. The first day he was to be sent across the street to school Arnold was found hiding under Grandma Anna's table. Arnold went back home and a new plan was made. Lester Lipke (who went to the school in Stewart and was 2 years older than Arnold) went with Arnold to the country school in Round Grove Township for a few days. The escort arrangement did the trick and Arnold continued at the Round Grove School (about 2 miles from the family farm). Arnold said he remembers thinking the school was "spooky." Well, Arnold was in luck because the one-room ("spooky") country schoolhouse was replaced by a new two-room schoolhouse by the Fall of 1922.

This generation of Proehl children learned German as a 2nd language. English was spoken at home but a portion of each school year was spent attending church school; instruction was done in German. After confirmation, the children attended the public school full time. Public school was the country school, 1/2 mile west of Fernando, in Round Grove Township. Public school instruction was done in English.

In 1940, the only wedding performed in the family home took place when Arnold Proehl married Iona Emma Wacker. Iona was born August 20, 1917 to Emma (Longhenry) Wacker and Ernest Wacker. Arnold and Iona were married on March 27th. This date was the 55th wedding anniversary of Arnolds grandparents, Henry and Anna (Henschen) Proehl; also the 74th birthday of Anna (Henschen) Proehl.

John and Caroline (Lipke) Proehl, third generation owners, retired to a home in Stewart in 1940. Caroline died at the age of 51 (1892-1943). John died at the age of 70 (1890-1960).

Henry Proehl died at the age of 86 (August 10, 1859-March 16, 1946). Anna (Henschen) Proehl died at the age of 92 (March 27, 1866-April 11, 1958).

● 4th generation ownership of the Proehl Farm

In 1950, the farm passed to the 4th generation, Arnold Proehl and Iona (Wacker) Proehl.

Six children were born to Arnold and Iona: Sandra Mae (April 23, 1941), Douglas Arnold (July 29, 1944), Marcia Lynn (March 7, 1946), Barbara June

(June 2, 1950), Lois Ann (June 24, 1952), and Steven John (January 21, 1954). The two-room country school (built in 1922), in Round Grove Township, located 1/2 mile west of Fernando, was open until December 1951. Sandra and Douglas attended this two-room schoolhouse until it closed; Sandra was in 5th grade, Douglas in 2nd when it was closed in the middle of the school year. (The schoolhouse was converted into a home and was occupied by Otto and Lydia Kehlm until 1980. Since 1980 Bernard and Gertrude Stockman have lived in the schoolhouse-turned-house.) After that, school years K-12 were spent at the public school in Stewart. For the 5th generation Proehl's, German was not a 1st language, nor even a 2nd, although German was generally available in the public school as an optional course. All six children attended college.

1953 was a rough year. In mid-afternoon of a day in March, a tornado hit the farm. Arnold was in the barn, getting parts for the corn planter when he heard the wind. He left the barn and ran for the house, about 150 feet away, to join the rest of the family. He turned around, on the steps of the house, in time to see the barn being lifted away by the twister! All that remained of the barn was the stone foundation. Two machine sheds, a corn crib roof and brooder house were also destroyed. Neighbors, friends, and relatives came to look and to help the family in recovering from the devastation. Anna (Henschen) Proehl, grandmother of Arnold, was still alive at the time but refused offers of a trip to see the farm in its post-tornado state. August of 1953 found Arnold recovering from hepatitis. Relatives, friends and neighbors rallied again, this time to help bring in the harvest. You didn't need to ask, they were just there.

Grain, dairy, hogs, and chickens were all parts of the farm operation in Arnold's early years of ownership. Arnold said 1941 or 42 was the last year he used horses for any part of the farm work. The wood burning furnace was converted to oil in about 1945 or '46. The wood burning cookstove (wook and corncobs were burned), in the kitchen, was used for cooking until an electric stove was installed in about 1942. However, the cookstove remained and was used for some cooking and baking until about 1950. The family did their own butchering and soap-making until about 1958.

The family attended St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Fernando, as had the Proehl generations before them. Both German and English services were held regularly at the church into the 1970's. The last church service conducted in German was held in the Fernando Lutheran Church, on September 14, 1985, during the church's centennial celebration.

Iona (Wacker) Proehl died at the age of 49 (August 20, 1917-May 17, 1967).

The strength and stamina shown by Christof Proehl (as he carried his flour 18 miles on his back) were demonstrated, with a different twist, 4 generations later by great-great grandson Douglas Proehl. In the Fall of 1981, upon driving onto the yard, he discovered his father, Arnold Proehl, laying with his foot caught in an auger. After extricating Arnold from the auger, Douglas threw Arnold over his shoulder, like a sack of grain, and ran with him to the car to race him to the emergency room. The accident had happened about an hour before Douglas found him. The sole of Arnold's shoe had been cut through and his foot had been thoroughly bruised by the crush of the auger, but the outcome was good, no loss of life or limb resulted.

Farming equipment and methods and amenities of life on the farm have changed but there have been many constants on the Proehl farm over the years. The big brick house, built in 1896 housed 5 generations of Proehls, sometimes three generations at once. The 18 acre grove surrounding the farmstead brings pleasure from the moment it is sighted on the way back home. Many "adventures" have been played out in that grove, and it is a wonderful place for picnics and walks. Apple trees and walnut trees are located at the edge along the road. Arnold Proehl remembers picking up walnuts and hitting them with a hammer to get to the nut (this is not the same type of walnut we buy in stores today). Proehl's Lake (officially Ward's Lake), over the years, was used for fishing, pontooning, trapping muskrat in the winter, digging up old bones from the (at times) receding shoreline (they were surely dinosaur bones if you believed the tales of the children who dug them up!), and one year, when the lake was dried up in the late 1950's, a crop was planted. And of course, the land, which remains the most constant of all.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER ARTHUR N. PICHA
(this name will appear on certificate)
ADDRESS RR 2 ^{Box 214} HUTCHINSON MN 55350
city state zip code
PHONE NUMBER (612) 587-9028
area code
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE (same)
SECTION 1 TOWNSHIP HASSAN VALLEY COUNTY MCLEND
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 126
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY March 1, 1886
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) NW 1/4 of Township 116 Range 29

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>JOSEPH PICHA</u>	<u>1886</u> — <u>1914</u>	<u>Father of William</u>
next owner <u>WILLIAM PICHA</u>	<u>1914</u> — <u>1957</u>	<u>Father of ARTHUR</u>
next owner <u>ARTHUR PICHA</u>	<u>1957</u> — <u>Present</u>	
next owner		
next owner		

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

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

Arthur N. Picha
(signature of present owner)

DATE 6/26/1986

Please Return To:

CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? _____

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? _____

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? _____

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? _____

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 Ervin E Seller
(this name will appear on certificate)
ADDRESS Hutchinson MINN. Box 157 55350
city state zip code
PHONE NUMBER (612) 587-8705
area code
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____
SECTION 12 TOWNSHIP HASSAN VALLEY COUNTY McLeod
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 120
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1875
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) _____
SECT-12 TWP-116 RANGE-29
N 1/2 SE 1/4 + NE 1/4 SW 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Henry Seller</u>	<u>1875</u> - <u>1888</u>	<u>Father of Henry Jr.</u>
next owner <u>Henry Jr.</u>	<u>1888</u> - <u>1933</u>	<u>Father of Edward</u>
next owner <u>Edward Seller</u>	<u>1933</u> - <u>1950</u>	<u>Father of Ervin</u>
next owner <u>Ervin Seller</u>	<u>1950</u> - <u>present</u>	
next owner		

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|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abstract of Title | <input type="checkbox"/> Court file in Registration Proceedings |
| <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.

Ervin Seller

(signature of present owner)

DATE 4-30-86

Please Return To:

CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? _____

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? _____

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? _____

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? _____

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 LEONARD TEWES OK

RT. 4 Hutchinson (this name will appear on certificate)
ADDRESS MAN 55350

PHONE NUMBER (612) 587-9181
city area code state zip code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE SAME

SECTION 7 TOWNSHIP LYNN COUNTY McLeod

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY MARCH 30 1886

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

Northeast quarter of SECTION 7, TOWNSHIP 116-RANGE 30.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>FREDERICK TEWES</u>	<u>3/30/1886 TO 1893</u>	<u>FATHER OF HENRY</u>
next owner <u>MARIA TEWES</u>	<u>1893-TO-1910</u>	<u>Widow of ^{FREDERICK} Deceased</u>
next owner <u>HENRY F. TEWES</u>	<u>1910 TO 1968</u>	<u>SON OF FREDERICK & MARIA</u>
next owner <u>LEONARD TEWES</u>	<u>1968 TO 1986</u>	<u>SON OF HENRY</u>
next owner		

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|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abstract of Title | <input type="checkbox"/> Court file in Registration Proceedings |
| <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.

Leonard Tewes
(signature of present owner)

DATE 4-1-86

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CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Rudolf Hoefs

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$15.?

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? 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? 5-30-85

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

CORN - SWEET
CORN

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CENTURY FARMS
ST. PAUL, MN 55109

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Mrs Clara Wahlman

Name(s) to appear on certificate Clara Wahlman

Address Dassel Minn R. 1

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 14 Township Callinwood County Meeber

Number of acres in the farm at present 80 acres

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1872 Homeesteaded

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

South 1/2 of N.W. 1/4 of Sec. 14

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
	from	to	
(owner in 1876 or B4)			
<u>Olaf Wahlman</u>	from <u>1872</u>	to <u>1886</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner			
<u>Olaf W. Wahlman</u>	from <u>1886</u>	to <u>1978</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner			
<u>Theo. Wahlman</u>	from <u>1978</u>	to <u>1983</u>	<u>16 year bond</u>
next owner			
<u>Mrs. C.</u>	from	to	
next owner			
<u>Mrs. Clara Wahlman</u>	from <u>1983</u>	to	<u>present owner</u>
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 (X) Court file in Registration Proceedings ()
Land Patent ()
Original Deed ()
County Land Record ()
Other (please explain _____)

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

Alice Dahlman
(Witness sign here)

Mrs Clara Wahlman
(Signature of present owner)

Date March 18 - 1986

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Homestead
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 80 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? _____
4. Where was the first owner born? Sweden
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Sweden
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
10. When was the present home built? _____
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn Beans Ham
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Dassel Dassel Dassel Minn
55325

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

RETURN TO: MN. STATE FAIR
CENTURY FARMS
ST. PAUL, MN 55109

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Leslie Pearson and Mabel Pearson
Name(s) to appear on certificate Leslie Pearson and Mabel Pearson, husband & wife
Address Route 2, Box 59 - Litchfield, Minnesota 55355

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 23 Township Danielson Township
118 North Range 32 West County Meeker

Number of acres in the farm at present 163 acres

Date of original purchase by member of your family December, 1885

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

Govt. Lot 5; NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 23, Township 118 N, Range 32 West.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Peter Strom & Nils Pearson	from 1885 to 1891	
(owner in 1876 or B4)		
Nils Pearson	from 1891 to 1919	father
next owner		
Carl L. Pearson	from 1919 to 1973	husband
next owner		
Esther J. Pearson	from 1973 to 1982	Mother
next owner		
Leslie & Mabel Pearson	from 1982 to present	
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		
	from to	
next owner		

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

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

Audrey Nordquist
(Witness sign here)

Date April 28, 1986

Leslie & Mabel Pearson
(Signature of present owner)

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? from the railroad
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? _____
3. What was the cost of land per acre? _____
4. Where was the first owner born? _____
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? _____
6. Was this a homestead? _____
7. Did the first owner farm the land? _____
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? _____
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? _____
10. When was the present home built? _____
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? _____
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation: _____

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

" A CENTURY FARM STORY"

Nels Pearson was born on April, 25, 1851, in Elestad, Sweden, which is in the southern-most portion of Sweden around the counties of Skane and Halland. Nels was born to the first wife of Per Nilsson who was a farmer and a part-time employee of the State. Likewise, Nels was interested in farming and had a desire to own his own land. But in Sweden life was terribly hard for the common people. It seemed that the land only belonged to the Gentry, and as Nels was third in line of a family of 10 he had little hope of any inheritance as the oldest son of the family was considered for that. Nels was a very religious man and he was dissatisfied with the state-controlled churches of Sweden that were supported by taxes. Individuals had little to say about running of the church and often the minister came intoxicated to the church services.

Nels fell in love with Pernilla Anderson who was a hard-working Swedish girl who worked on a dairy farm and also waved lantern for the railroad at night. Nels and Pernilla were married in 1879 and a daughter, Carrie, was born to them.

Stories of rich land, jobs, and religious freedom in America drifted back from America by sisters of both Nels and Pernilla who had immigrated to America with their husbands. So in 1882 they, too, made the decision to pack their meager belongings and with their 2 year old daughter, set sail for America. Arrangements had been made by Nels' brother-in-law, Peter Strom, for them to come to Hitchfield, where he would meet them. They traveled in horse and buggy 15 miles south to the large Oakwood Farm, then owned by Mr. King. Nels found a job awaiting for him on this 2,000 acre farm that also raised much livestock.

Nels worked hard and in just a year he was able to purchase the 40 on which they were living for \$500 with his brother-in-law as co-owner. It was not long before Pernilla acquired a couple of cows which she milked and from which they began raising their own herd. Heartaches were prevalent in those days, too. Their second child, Alfred, lost his life as a baby in a fire that destroyed their home. But they bounced back and the next son that was born to them was also named Alfred. In 1885 they purchased 80 acres of farmland from the railroad. The two families continued to work together until 1892 when Peter Strom sold out to Nels and moved to North Dakota.

Nels and Pernilla continued to farm and acquired more land in this fertile vicinity in Danielson Township of Meeker county between the 2 small lakes of King and Belle. Nels became well-known as a reliable worker and a well-respected Christian man. This became a rich legacy to leave to their eight children...namely Carrie (Mrs. Anton Anderson, Amanda (Mrs. Nels Mikkelsen), Alfred N., Emma (Mrs. Levi Ogren), Ernest, Carl L., Saidee (Mrs. Hjalmer Nelson) and Ruth.

Nels and Pernilla retired from farming in the year of 1919 and moved to Atwater, Minnesota where they purchased a comfortable house and lived happily together until 1934 when Nels passed away. The third son, Carl Ludvig, continued to reside on the home-farm 120 acreage. The following tells his story:

Carl Ludvig Pearson was born on September 10, 1891, to Nels and Pernilla Pearson at their farm home in Danielson Township of Meeker County. He attained his education at the Rural School of District #70 and ^{was} confirmed in the Christian Faith at the Rosendale Methodist Church. He spent his boyhood at the farm assisting his parents. Carl fell in love with Esther Erickson of Lake Elizabeth Township of Kandiyohi County, and at his age of 28 years they were married at the Erickson farm home on her 24th Birthday on October 8, 1919. They made their home on the Nels Pearson home-farm. Five children were born to them in their farm home; namely Carlton Harold now with the Payco Seed Company of Dassel, Minnesota, Harriett LaVone (Mrs. Glenn J. Nelsen of Rosendale, Rural Atwater, Minnesota), Donald Lowell of Rural Grove City, Minnesota, Leslie Oliver of Rural Litchfield, Minnesota residing on the Pearson farm-home, and Vernon Jerome of Rural Grove City.

Carl L. was a well respected citizen and he participated in many community efforts. He filled many positions in his church at Rosendale, was Secretary-Treasurer of the Danielson Creamery Board, served on the Township Board of Danielson as well as on the rural school District #70 board, and on the Acton-Genessee Insurance Board as well as taking an active part in other ways to better our community.

As a life-long farmer on the home-place until he and his wife purchased a house and retired to 521 South Swift Avenue, in Litchfield, Minnesota, in 1958. Carl saw many changes in the Agriculture industry. The Depression years of the thirties were extremely difficult to add to this hardship the drought of 1934 caused a shortage of feed for the animals. To be a part of so much equipment change from horse and buggy to modern automobile and tractor was indeed a moving experience. Carl passed away suddenly in his home-town of Litchfield, Minnesota, on February 7, 1969 having attained the age of 77 years.

The third son ~~of~~ the third generation in the Pearson family now resides on the Pearson Home-Farm as was started in 1885 by Nels and Pernilla Pearson.

Leslie Oliver Pearson was born to Carl L. and Esther Pearson on April 16, 1929, at their home in Danielson Township of Meeker County, Minnesota. Leslie attended school at the Rural School District # 70 and the Litchfield High School at Litchfield Minnesota. He enlisted in the Navy in 1949 and received his training at Great Lakes and then spent time at Pensacola, Florida and on the east coast in Connecticut. He returned back home to the farm in 1952 and assisted his Dad in his farming operation in Danielson Township.

Leslie fell in love with Mabel Marquardt formerly of Litchfield, Minnesota. They were married on September 6, 1958, and established their home on the farm that his Dad, Carl L. Pearson retired from. Four children were born to Leslie and Mabel during the years that followed: Rona (Mrs. David Blunt) of rural Litchfield, Minnesota, Dale Leslie farming the neighboring farm beside his Dad, Cleone (Mrs. Mark Larson) of rural Atwater, Minnesota, and Douglas a student at the Willmar Voc-Tech School in Willmar, Minnesota.

1982
Leslie and his wife purchased the home-Pearson farm in 1969 at the time of Carl L.'s death. Leslie and his family have continued to up-date the farm-place in many ways. He has also seen many changes in the agriculture industry, especially in the fertilizer and weed spray technology. It is with Great Pleasure that we feel qualified to apply for the Century-Farm Recognition of the Heritage as begun by Nels Pearson in 1885.

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RETURN TO: MN. STATE FAIR
CENTURY FARMS
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner MYRWIN LARSON
Name(s) to appear on certificate MYRWIN & JANE LARSON
Address RT 1, BOX 357, GROVE CITY, MN.
Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 12 & 11 Township SWEDE GROVE County MEEKER
Number of acres in the farm at present 265.9 ✓
Date of original purchase by member of your family 1884 ✓
Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
Lot 1-2-3-4 of SEC 12 LOT 1 SEC 11
T. 141 N. OF RANGE NO. 32

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>OLA L. LARSON</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1884</u> to <u>1949</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
<u>GED A LARSON</u> next owner	from <u>1949</u> to <u>1970</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
<u>ESTHER LARSON</u> next owner	from <u>1970</u> to <u>1971</u>	<u>MOTHER</u>
<u>BURTON & MYRWIN LARSON</u> next owner	from <u>1971</u> to <u>1975</u>	<u>BROTHER & MYRWIN</u>
<u>MYRWIN LARSON</u> next owner	from <u>1975</u> to <u>PRESENT</u>	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	

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Abstract of Title <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Court file in Registration
Land Patent <input type="checkbox"/>	Proceedings <input type="checkbox"/>
Original Deed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (please explain _____)
County Land Record <input type="checkbox"/>	

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

Lynn Steigland
(Witness sign here)

Myrwin Larson
(Signature of present owner)

date DEC. 12, 1985

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? Michael Connley & Elizabeth Connley
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 185.9
3. What was the cost of land per acre? \$6.49
4. Where was the first owner born? _____
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? _____
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? _____
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? _____
10. When was the present home built? 1905
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? SOYBEANS CORN
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
THE LITCHFIELD INDEPENDENT REVIEW
LITCHFIELD MN

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

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RETURN TO: MN. STATE FAIR
CENTURY FARMS
ST. PAUL, MN 55109

Name of Centennial Farm owner Ronald MeierhoferName(s) to appear on certificate Ronald MeierhoferAddress Route 1
Watkins, Minn. 55389

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 17 Township Forest Prairie County MeekerNumber of acres in the farm at present 134 acresDate of original purchase by member of your family 1885

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

NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 17, Township 121 N, Range 30 W; SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 17,Township 121 N, Range 30 W.; SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 17, Twp. 121 N, Range 30 W.,

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Joseph Meierhofer</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	from <u>1885</u> to <u>1906</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>John Meierhofer</u> next owner	from <u>1906</u> to <u>1940</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Arthur Meierhofer</u> next owner	from <u>1940</u> to <u>1973</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Ronald Meierhofer</u> next owner	from <u>1973</u> to <u>Present</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	
next owner	from _____ to _____	

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

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

Art M. Meierhofer
(Witness sign here)

Ronald C. Meierhofer
(Signature of present owner)

Date June 12, 1985

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? The Saint Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba Railway Company
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 190 acres
3. What was the cost of land per acre? about \$5.00 an acre
4. Where was the first owner born? Germany
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? Altoona Pennsylvania
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 very first house was a log house, and that is still sitting on the farm
10. When was the present home built? about 1900
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Corn, Oats & Hay
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:
Watkins Patriot

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

The original log house is here on the farm. The house would be about 100 yrs old. They made the mortar from mud or clay & sticks. The first barn is also here. The barn is also approximately 100 yrs old.

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CENTURY FARMS
ST. PAUL, MN 55109

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner LeRoy O. Schlueter

Name(s) to appear on certificate LeRoy O. Schlueter

Address Rt. 4, Hutchinson, Minn. 55350

Address of farm, if different from above same

Section 27 Township Cedar Mills Township County Meeker

117 North, Range 31 West

Number of acres in the farm at present 200. acres

Date of original purchase by member of your family May, 1883

Legal description of the land (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$, Section 27, Township 117 North, Range 31 West,

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Nathan Corinth (owner in 1876 or B4)	from 1865 to 1883	
Wm. Schlueter	from 1883 to 1921	husband
next owner Emilie Schlueter	from 1921 to 1921	mother
next owner Otto Schlueter	from 1921 to 1971	husband
next owner Ida Schlueter	from 1971 to 1972	Mother
next owner LeRoy O. Schlueter	from 1972 to present	
next owner	from to	
next owner		

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

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

Rickard N. Bergant
(Witness sign here)

LeRoy O. Schlueter
(Signature of present owner)

Date April 29, 1986

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? _____
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? _____
3. What was the cost of land per acre? _____
4. Where was the first owner born? _____
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? _____
6. Was this a homestead? _____
7. Did the first owner farm the land? _____
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? _____
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? _____
10. When was the present home built? _____
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? _____
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation: _____

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

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Lloyd S. Thompson
(this name will appear on certificate)
ADDRESS Rt 2 Paynesville Minn. 56362
city state zip code
PHONE NUMBER (612) 276-8673
area code
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same
SECTION 20 TOWNSHIP Union Grove COUNTY Meeker
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 80

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Feb 20 - 1886

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) N 1/2 of NE 1/4, Section 20, Township 121 North, Range 32 West, Containing 80 acres of land

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Holger E. Thompson</u>	<u>1886 - 1942</u>	<u>Father of H. Seymour</u>
next owner <u>Henry Seymour Thompson</u>	<u>1942 - 1975</u>	<u>Father of Lloyd</u>
next owner <u>Lloyd Seymour Thompson</u>	<u>1975 - Present</u>	
next owner		
next owner		

The above evidence of continuous family ownership is taken from one or more of the following records. Indicate by check marks those that apply.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abstract of Title | <input type="checkbox"/> Court file in Registration Proceedings |
| <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.

Lloyd S. Thompson
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 4, 1986

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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? _____

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:

40 OK
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CENTURY FARMS
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner Roger K. Werner

Name(s) to appear on certificate Roger K. Werner

Address Route 1 Box 79, Darwin, Minn. 55324

Address of farm, if different from above _____

Section 12 Township Ellsworth County Meeker

Number of acres in the farm at present 80

Date of original purchase by member of your family 1883

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

W $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 12, Township 118 North, Range 30 West.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Ernst Werner</u> (owner in 1876 or B4)	<u>from 1883 to 1903</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Emil M. Werner</u> next owner	<u>from 1903 to 1937</u>	<u>"</u>
<u>Richard E. Werner</u> next owner	<u>from 1937 to 1968</u>	<u>"</u>
<u>Roger K. Werner</u> next owner	<u>from 1968 to Present</u>	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	
next owner	from to	

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

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

Audrey N. Wagner
(Witness sign here)

Roger K. Werner
(Signature of present owner)

Date July 26, 1985

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1. From whom was the farm purchased? _____
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? _____
3. What was the cost of land per acre? _____
4. Where was the first owner born? _____
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? _____
6. Was this a homestead? _____
7. Did the first owner farm the land? _____
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming? _____
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? _____
10. When was the present home built? _____
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? _____
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation: _____

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

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Darrel & Shirley Wills
(this name will appear on certificate)
ADDRESS Kimball MN 55353
city state zip code
PHONE NUMBER (612) 398-8411
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____

SECTION N 26 TOWNSHIP Kingston COUNTY Meeker

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160
Note of Instrument

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY April 22, 1886
May 13, 1886

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

SW 1/4 of Section 26, Township 121, of
Range 29 Containing 80 acres

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>April 22, 1886 - 1925</u>	<u>A.O. Nordstrom & Stina</u>	<u>Father of Adolph</u>
next owner <u>9/28/25 - 3/1/47</u>	<u>Adolph & Minnie Nordstrom</u>	<u>Father of Stella</u>
next owner <u>3/1/47 - 7/10/78</u>	<u>Glen & Stella Wills</u>	<u>Father of Darrel</u>
next owner <u>7/10/78 -</u>	<u>Darrel & Shirley Wills</u>	
next owner		

\$12,000.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abstract of Title | <input type="checkbox"/> Court file in Registration Proceedings |
| <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.

Darrel & Shirley A. Wills
(signature of present owner)

DATE 4/6/86

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CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED?

*From the USA to Charles
Hutchins*

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL?

80 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE?

consideration of \$600.

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN?

Sweden

DID HE FARM THE LAND?

yes

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD?

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

no

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT?

1928

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS?

corn, beans & hay

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER DOUGLAS C. + RUTH E. SANFORD
(this name will appear on certificate)
ADDRESS Route 4 PRINCETON MINN 55371
city state zip code
PHONE NUMBER (612) 389-2938
area code
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same
SECTION 20 TOWNSHIP PRINCETON COUNTY MILLE LACS
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 266
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1880
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
W 1/2 of NW 1/4 of Section 20 Township 36 Range 26

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner SAUL S SANFORD	1880 - 1899	HUSBAND OF RACHAEL (FATHER OF GORDON)
next owner RACHAEL SANFORD	1899 - 1938	MOTHER OF GORDON
next owner GORDON + ELSTE SANFORD	1938 - 1964	FATHER + MOTHER OF DOUGLAS
next owner DOUGLAS + RUTH SANFORD	1964 - PRESENT	
next owner		

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- (X) 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.

Douglas C. Sanford
Ruth E. Sanford
(signature of present owner)

DATE 15 June 1986

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CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? MARTHA Mc MINN Estate

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 100

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

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? ITALY VALLEY, New York

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

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

Except for participating in a gold Rush

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Not For Saul S., Gordon Built on it in 1927

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? The Home of Saul S Sanford is still being lived in Accross The road by Bernard.

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1927

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

→ SANFORD First cousin of Douglas

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

PAUL S. SANDERS MD
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

430 SUNSET Lane
city

CAMBRIDGE MINN 55008
state zip code

PHONE NUMBER

(612) 689-3197
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

Upsala, Minn.

SECTION

21

TOWNSHIP 127

COUNTY MORRISON

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

120 acres

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

MARCH 10, 1886

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

NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 and N 1/2 of SW 1/4 of Sec 21

TWP 127 Rge 31

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>FREDERICK ANDERSON</u>	<u>1886</u> <u>1934</u>	<u>FATHER of SIDNEY</u>
next owner <u>SIDNEY L. ANDERSON</u>	<u>1934 -</u> <u>1974</u>	<u>FATHER of Raymond + HAZEL</u>
next owner <u>RAYMOND S. ANDERSON</u> <u>HAZEL L. SANDERS</u>	<u>1974 -</u> <u>1977</u>	<u>Mother + Uncle of PAUL SANDERS</u>
next owner <u>PAUL S SANDERS</u>	<u>1977- PRESENT</u>	
next owner		

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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.

Paul S Sanders
(signature of present owner)

DATE

7/1/86

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CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? ST. PAUL + Northern Pacific Railway Comp.

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 120

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$540 Total

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? SWEDEN

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

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

COBBLER - HARNESS MAKER

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? Original Brick Home & Additions are standing as is Original Log Barn

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1886

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Leonard H. Meyer
(this name will appear on certificate)
ADDRESS AUSTIN RS Box 211 MN. 55912
city state zip code
PHONE NUMBER (507) 567-2276
area code
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Box 211
SECTION 29 TOWNSHIP Waltham COUNTY Mower
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 155
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1881
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
W 1/2 W 1/2, EXC W 495 FT N 352 FT * EXC S
291 FT W 162 FT N 643 FT.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Wilhelm Meyer</u>	<u>1881 - 1889</u>	
next owner <u>Herman Meyer</u>	<u>1889 - 1935</u>	
next owner <u>Leonard H. Meyer</u>	<u>1935</u>	
next owner		
next owner		

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| <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.

Leonard H. Meyer Estate
(signature of present owner)
Dorothy C. Meyer Sec. Rep.
DATE July 7, 1986

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CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Margaret Weier (Weir)

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? _____

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

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? Possibly the chicken house

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1892

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Myron A. Smith
(this name will appear on certificate)
ADDRESS Austin Mn 55912
city state zip code
PHONE NUMBER (507) 437-2715
area code
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____
SECTION 33 TOWNSHIP 104 COUNTY Mower
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 155
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1857
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) _____
SECT-33 TWP 104 RANG-18 E1/2

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP
	(from)	(to)	TO NEXT OWNER
U.S. Government first owner			
Samuel H. Smith next owner	1857	1872	great grand father
John F. Smith next owner	1873	1899	Uncle to James H.
James H. Smith next owner	1899	1976	Grand father
Sanford J. Smith next owner	1976	1980	Father
Myron A. Smith	1980 -	Present	Son

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abstract of Title | <input type="checkbox"/> Court file in Registration Proceedings |
| <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.

Myron A. Smith
(signature of present owner)

DATE 6/19/86

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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? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? _____

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Windsor Vermont

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

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

Taught school

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? 1899 added on in 1924

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

This Farm was homesteaded 1857 - died after Civil war. 1867 left ~~young~~ The family was young and couldn't pay the Taxes sold at Sheriff's sale 1872 Samuel. brother bought it 1873 owned it till James H. Smith bought it 1899 died in 1930 Estate till 1975 when Sanford G. ^{Smith} bought it sold it to my son in 1980 - Myron A. Smith present owner

I Sanford G. Smith born on this Farm in 1914 lived on it all ^{my} life Farmed it after Father's death 1930 to 1980 when my son took over.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Joseph and Louise Biegler
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS RR 1 Box 49 Lake Wilson Minnesota 56151
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (507) 879-3281
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____

SECTION 17 TOWNSHIP Lowville COUNTY Murray

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 240

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1886

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) Sect - 17

Twp - 107 Rang-42 SW 1/4 & S 1/2 NW 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>first owner</u> August Erickson	FROM 1886- TO 1957	Father of Edith
<u>next owner</u> George and Edith Miller	1957 1972-	Mother of Louise
<u>next owner</u> Joseph and Louise Biegler	1972 - present	
<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 (X)
Original Deed () OTHER Contract for Deed

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

Mrs. Louise Biegler
(signature of present owner)

DATE 6/25/86

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CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Carl L. and Augusta Brunskog

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? Princeton, Ill.

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? _____

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1894

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

OK

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER CURTIS D JOHNSON
(this name will appear on certificate)
ADDRESS 230 2nd St W BALATON MINNESOTA 56115
city state zip code
PHONE NUMBER (507) 734-2261
area code
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE SKANDIA STOCK FARM
BALATON MINNESOTA 56115
SECTION 3 TOWNSHIP SKANDIA COUNTY MURRAY
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 316
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 10/21/1886
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) W 1/2 Lot 1 of NW 1/4 3-108-42

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner John B. Johnson	10/21/86	12/8/10	
next owner Nels M. Johnson	12/8/10	5/22/58	
next owner Curtis Johnson, et ux	5/22/58	PRESENT	
next owner			
next owner			

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

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

Curtis D. Johnson
(signature of present owner)

DATE July 4, 1986

Please Return To:

CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? _____

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? _____

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? _____

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? _____

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

John + Sharon Meyer

(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

RR 2 ^{Box} 139 Tracy

Mn

56175

city

state

zip code

PHONE NUMBER

(507)

629-4095

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

Same

SECTION

12

TOWNSHIP

Shetek

COUNTY

Murray

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

80

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

January 9 1886

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

W 1/2 NW 1/4 Section 12-108 - Range 40

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner John H. Ferguson	1886	1912	Great-Grandfather of John Meyer
next owner David C. Ferguson	1912	1935	Great-Uncle of John Meyer
next owner Lydia Ferguson	1935	1957	Great-aunt of John Meyer
next owner Lorraine Meyer and Wayne Meyer	1957	1976	Mother & Father of John Meyer
next owner John Meyer and Sharon Meyer	1976	— Present	

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☐ County Land Record
☐ Other

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John D. Meyer

(signature of present owner)

DATE

6-30-86

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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? _____

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

Ed. Wildfener

(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

Lulda

Mn

56131

city

state

zip code

PHONE NUMBER

(507) 425-2764

Box 143

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

14

TOWNSHIP

Belfast

COUNTY

Murray

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

5-21-1886

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

5 1/2 of SW 1/4 80 acres ~~1/2 of SW 1/4~~ sec. 14 ~~80 acres~~

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>MICHAEL WILDFENER</u>	<u>6/21/1886</u> <u>1907</u>	<u>Father of Fred.</u>
next owner <u>Fredrick Wildfener</u>	<u>1907</u> - <u>1937</u>	<u>Father of Ed.</u>
next owner <u>Edward Wildfener</u>	<u>1937</u> - <u>present</u>	
next owner		
next owner		

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

- () Court file in Registration Proceedings
(X) County Land Record
() Other _____

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Ed. Wildfener
(signature of present owner)

DATE

May 27, 1986

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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? _____

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 Leon A. & Shirley D. Berdan
(this name will appear on certificate)
ADDRESS Rt. 1 Box 60, Lafayette, MN. 56054
city state zip code
PHONE NUMBER (507) 228-8637
area code
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE same
SECTION 7 TOWNSHIP Lafayette COUNTY Nicollet
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 195.5
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 9-17-1886
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
N 3/4 of SW 1/4, SE 1/4 of NW 1/4, NW 1/4 of SE 1/4
115.50 acres 40 acres 40 acres

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Simon & Maria Berdan</u>	<u>9-17-1886</u>	<u>8-13-1912</u>	<u>parents</u>
next owner <u>Joseph & Sarah Berdan</u>	<u>8-13-1912</u>	<u>1-30-1950</u>	<u>parents</u>
next owner <u>Victor Berdan</u>	<u>1-30-1950</u>	<u>5-31-1974</u>	<u>parents</u>
next owner <u>Leon & Shirley Berdan</u>	<u>5-31-1974</u>		
next owner			

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|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Abstract of Title | <input type="checkbox"/> Court file in Registration Proceedings |
| <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.

Leon A. Berdan
(signature of present owner)

DATE 7-7-86

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ST. PAUL, MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? The Winona & St. Peter Land Company

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? _____

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? _____

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Simon - Wittenburg, Germany

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? _____

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

oats, alfalfa,
& dairy

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER William A. Brinkman
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Rt 3, Box 128, New Ulm, Mn. 56073
city state zip code

PHONE NUMBER (507) 354-6335
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____

SECTION 15 TOWNSHIP Lafayette COUNTY Nicollet

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160.21

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1868

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

NE 1/4 of SE 1/4, NW 1/4 of SE 1/4, N 1/2 of SW 1/4
lying E

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner Adolph Schilling, Sr.	1868 - 1886	Father of Adolph
next owner Adolph Schilling, Jr.	1886 - 1943	Father of Adolph
next owner A. W. Schilling	1943 - 1970	Father of Dale
next owner Dale Schilling	1970 - 1975	1 st cousin of Dale
next owner William Brinkman and Karen Brinkman	1975 - present	

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☐ Original Deed

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☐ County Land Record
☐ Other _____

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William Brinkman
(signature of present owner)

DATE 6/20/86

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ST. PAUL, MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? homesteaded while Lincoln
was president.
HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160.
WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$990 for 160 acres
WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Brumtrop - Principality of
Lippe Germany
DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes
DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? _____

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes
IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? yes. the 1 room log
house is at present my living room.
WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? over 100 yrs old
WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Dairy farm at
present
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Adolph Schilling was granted a claim through the Chicago Land Company for a homestead. In 1862 they went through the Indian massacre. they fled the redskins to St. Peter where they became refugees. He joined his neighbor Wm. Wellner, Sr. & they drove with an ox team to Fort Snelling to bring soldiers to New Ulm in its battle for survival.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER ARMIN DALLMANN
(this name will appear on certificate)
ADDRESS RT. 2. Box 47 MANKATO MINN 56001
city state zip code
PHONE NUMBER (507) 225-3529
area code
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE SAME
SECTION 13 TOWNSHIP 109 COUNTY NICOLLET
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 118
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1877
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)

N¹/₂ OF NW¹/₄ - SE¹/₄ OF SW¹/₄ (Section 13 Township 109 Range 28)

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>August DALLMANN</u>	<u>1877 - 1912</u>	<u>FATHER OF FERDINAND</u>
next owner <u>FERDINAND DALLMANN</u>	<u>1912 - 1954</u>	<u>FATHER OF ARMIN</u>
next owner <u>ARMIN DALLMANN</u>	<u>1954 - PRESENT</u>	
next owner		
next owner		

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(☐) Land Patent (☐) County Land Record
(☒) Original Deed (☐) Other _____

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Armin Dallmann
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 11, 1986

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

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ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Herbert W. and Alice B. Hodson
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS RR2 MANKATO MINN 56001
city state zip code

PHONE NUMBER (507) 947-3716
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE SAME

SECTION 34 & 35 & 27 TOWNSHIP Nicollet COUNTY Nicollet

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 192.65 ACRES

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY July 12, 1879 ✓

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

Sect-34 Twp-109 Rang-28 "E 1/2 AC" of E 1/2 of NE 1/4 = 79.5 ACRES

Sect-35 Twp-109 Rang-28 1/2 AC of SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 & NW 1/2 AC of NW 1/4 = 112.5 ACRES

Sect-27 Twp-109 Rang-28 Pt of SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 ACRES = .65

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>THOMAS Hodson</u>	<u>1879</u>	<u>1911</u>	<u>Husband</u>
next owner <u>ANNA Hodson</u>	<u>1911</u>	<u>1917</u>	<u>Mother</u>
next owner <u>HERBERT G. Hodson</u>	<u>1917</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>Husband</u>
next owner <u>MARGARET B. Hodson</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>Mother</u>
next owner <u>HERBERT W + Alice Hodson</u>	<u>1985</u>	<u>—</u>	

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(✓) Original Deed

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() Other _____

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H. W. Hodson & Alice B. Hodson
(signature of present owner)

DATE May 13 - 1986

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED?

July 12, 1879
At Mr. Bean Adm. of Hetherile
state - sold to Thomas Hedson

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL?

193 (app)

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE?

No record

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN?

England

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

House - Chicken house - machine shed - Granary -

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT?

Before 1879

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS?

Corn - Small Grain - Beans
livestock

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

2,918 State Deed Tax mentioned

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Paul H. Struss
ReJean E. Struss Timothy H. Struss
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS R.1 Courtland minn. 56021
city state zip code

PHONE NUMBER (507) 359-2675
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 15 TOWNSHIP Courtland COUNTY Nicollet

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 20.7

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1864

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

Government Lots 1 and 2 N 1/2 SE 1/4, SE 1/4 NE 1/4
Township 109 North Range 29 West

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Friedrich Struss</u>	<u>1864</u> - <u>1905</u>	<u>Father of</u> <u>Henry Struss Sr.</u>
next owner <u>Henry Struss Sr.</u>	<u>1905</u> - <u>1925</u>	<u>Father of</u> <u>Henry Struss Jr.</u>
next owner <u>Henry Struss Jr.</u>	<u>1925</u> - <u>1963</u>	<u>Father of</u> <u>Harold Struss</u>
next owner <u>Harold Struss</u>	<u>1963</u> - <u>1975</u>	<u>Husband of ReJean Struss</u> <u>Father of Paul and Timothy Struss</u>
next owner <u>ReJean Struss</u> <u>Paul Struss</u> <u>Timothy Struss</u>	<u>1975</u> - <u>Present</u>	

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☐ Original Deed ☐ Other _____

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Paul H. Struss
ReJean E. Struss Timothy H. Struss
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 24, 1986

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CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Friedrich Steiner Purchased it from Government

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 207

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? 22?

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? No

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? Part of home was a log house built 1864

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

→ The home was a two room log house built in 1864. The home was added on to and remodeled during the years. The original log house is in the center of the home ~~now~~ now. The first barn built in 1912 is still on the place, but also has been remodeled. A red building used as a summer kitchen years ago, is still standing, but is now used as a wood shed.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Glen A. Gunderman
(this name will appear on certificate)

*OK

ADDRESS R#1 Box 7 Fulda MN 56131
CITY STATE ZIP CODE
PHONE NUMBER (507) 425 - 2674
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 10 TOWNSHIP Seward COUNTY Nobles

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Aug 14, 1886

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

The North East quarter (N.E. 1/4) of Section 10 township - One
hundred & four (104) North Range Forty (40) west of the 5th p.m.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Leonhard Gunderman</u>	FROM <u>Aug 14, 1886</u> TO <u>March 8, 1937</u>	<u>Father of Adolph</u>
next owner <u>Adolph Gunderman</u>	<u>March 8, 1937</u> <u>Sept. 18, 1972</u>	<u>Father of Glen</u>
next owner <u>Glen Gunderman</u>	<u>Sept. 18, 1972</u> <u>Present</u>	
next owner		
next owner		

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

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

Glen Gunderman
(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE 6-26-85

CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? S. H. Graves

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$11.50

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Kolmschneidbach, Bavaria, Germany

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

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? 1888

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: We will be celebrating our 100 year Reunion here on June 28, 1986 and would appreciate it if we would be able to have the recognition plack at that time. -Thank you

If you only recognize one farm per family we prefer this farm to be the one Recognized because of the direct family line and because we still live here

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER LEO + MARY SCHWEITZER
(this name will appear on certificate)
ADDRESS ADRIAN minn 56110
city state zip code
PHONE NUMBER (507) 483-2347
area code
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____
SECTION 3 TOWNSHIP GRAND-PRAIRIE COUNTY NOBLES
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 240
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1884
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) _____
SE 1/4 OF SECTION 3 - E 1/2 OF NE 1/4 - 3 - W 1/2 of the SE 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>PETER KLINKHAMER</u>	<u>1884 - 1936</u>	<u>DAUGHTER OF PETER</u>
next owner <u>MARGARET SCHWEITZER</u>	<u>1936 - 1957</u>	<u>SON OF MARGARET</u>
next owner <u>LEO C. SCHWEITZER + Mary</u>	<u>1957 - PRESENT</u>	
next owner		
next owner		

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

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Leo + Mary Schweitzer
(signature of present owner)
DATE 7-5-1986

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? St Paul + Sioux City Rail Road

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 400

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? _____

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? New Prague Minn

DID HE FARM THE LAND? His boys did

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 it

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1890

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Peter Klinkhomer's boys homesteaded here.
we were married approx 25th 1933 and
lived here since. Had a big family
13 children.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER VERNON C. + ROXANNA NELSON
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS RT. 1 Box 189 FERTILE MN 56540
CITY STATE ZIP CODE
PHONE NUMBER (218) 945-6334
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____

SECTION 13 TOWNSHIP Sundel COUNTY Norman

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 200

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 12-9-1885

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

Sec. 13 - Twp. 146 - R 44 - 120 ac. N $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ + NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$
Sec. 13 - Twp. 146 - R 44 - 80 ac. S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>ANTON NELSON</u>	FROM <u>1885</u>	
next owner <u>BETSEY NELSON</u>	TO <u>1933</u>	<u>HUSBAND OF BETSEY</u>
next owner <u>GILBERT NELSON</u>	<u>1933 - 1950</u>	<u>MOTHER OF GILBERT</u>
next owner <u>VERNON C. NELSON</u>	<u>1950 - 1967</u>	<u>UNCLE OF VERNON</u>
next owner	<u>1967 - PRESENT</u>	

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

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Vernon C. Nelson
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 4, 1986

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? N. KJELDSON + J.C. NORBY

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 40

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$4.18

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? NORWAY - CAME TO AMERICA IN 1883

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

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? 1913

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? WHEAT, BARLEY, OATS, SUNFLOWERS

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

ok

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

OTIS RAMSTAD

(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

3703 FEDERAL AVE. EVERETT, WA. 98201

city

state

zip code

PHONE NUMBER

(206)-252-7664

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

RR2 TWIN VALLE MN

SECTION

28

TOWNSHIP

144

COUNTY

NORMAN

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

158.83

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

N/A HOMESTEAD 1881

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

28-144-44 NW 1/4 IN COUNTY of NORMAN MN.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
PETERSON		
first owner		
JACOB & MARTHA PETERSON	1881 - 1889	HUSBAND & WIFE
next owner		
MARTHA PETERSON	1889 - 1924	WIFE
next owner		
OLE STANGELAND	1924 - 1925	FATHER
next owner		
BENJAMINE STANGELAND	1925 - 1977	UNCLE
next owner		
OTIS RAMSTAD	1977 - -	NEPHEW

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() Land Patent
() Original Deed

- () Court file in Registration Proceedings
☒ County Land Record
() Other

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(signature of present owner)

DATE

7/7/86

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? HOMESTEAD - STATE of MN. & U.S

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? N/K

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?

YES

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? N/K

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

JACOB PETERSON DIED 1889 WIFE.
MARTHA THEN MARRIED OLE
STANGELAND.

OTIS RAMSTAD. GRAND SON OF JACOB
& MARTHA PETERSON AND NEPHEW
OF BENJAMIN STANGELAND.

BENJAMIN WAS ISSUE OF OLE &
MARTHA STANGELAND

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Steven D. Skaurud
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Twin Valley Minn. 56584
city state zip code

PHONE NUMBER (218) 584-8236
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____

SECTION 25 TOWNSHIP Lake Ida COUNTY Douglas

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160 acres

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1882

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

SW 1/4 of Sec 25 Town 144 Range 45
West of fifth principal Meridian

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>John Olson Skaurud</u>	<u>1882 - 1899</u>	<u>Father of Fred</u>
next owner <u>Fred Skaurud</u>	<u>1899 - 1937</u>	<u>Father of Francis</u>
next owner <u>Francis E. Skaurud</u>	<u>1942 - 1959</u>	<u>Father of Donald</u>
next owner <u>Donald M. Skaurud</u>	<u>1959 - 1982</u>	<u>Father of Steven</u>
next owner <u>Steven D. Skaurud</u>	<u>1982 - present</u>	

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Patent | <input type="checkbox"/> County Land Record |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Original Deed | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>County tax records</u> |

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

Steven D. Skaurud
(signature of present owner)

DATE 7-9-86

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Railroad

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? approx \$5⁰⁰ 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? 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? 1909

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? dairy Cattle, small

grains, corn
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

The John Olsen Skarud was born in Norway, came to Iowa as a young boy coming to Lake Ida Township in 1882 buying his farm from the railroad. There was a very small house on the farm, & when Fred Skarud married there were 9 children born in this small house before the large house was built and they had one more daughter. This house is still being used. A new barn was built in 1914 destroyed by tornado in 1958 and then the present barn was built. This is a dairy farm. Still milking about 50 cows.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Peter B. Tollerud
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

Gary
city

Minnesota
state

56545
zip code

PHONE NUMBER

(218) 945-6377
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

#14

TOWNSHIP

146 Range 45

COUNTY

Norman

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

200

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1886

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

Section - 14 Township 146 Range - 45

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNERS
first owner <i>Arne H. Tollerud</i>	<i>1886 time of his death</i>	<i>Peter B. Tollerud et al Sons & Daughters</i>
next owner <i>Peter B. Tollerud et al</i>		
next owner		
next owner		
next owner		

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☐ Land Patent
☐ Original Deed

- ☐ Court file in Registration Proceedings
☐ County Land Record *none before 1914*
☐ Other

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Peter B. Tollerud et al
(signature of present owner)

DATE *6-15-86*

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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? 0

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Oslo 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? one room of present house was claim

Shanty
WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? Remodeled in 1924

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? wheat oats rye Barley

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER GLENN O AABY
(this name will appear on certificate)
ADDRESS R. 2 Hayfield MINN. 55940
city state zip code
PHONE NUMBER (507) 365-8429
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____

SECTION 18 TOWNSHIP ROCK-DELL COUNTY OLMSTED

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 80

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1866

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

E 1/2 S 1/4 Township 105 Range 15

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner JOHANNES AABY	1866 - 1906	Father of Andrew
next owner ANDREW AABY	1906 - 1915	Father of Martin
next owner MARTIN AABY	1915 - 1972	Father of Glenn
next owner GLENN AABY	1972 - Present	
next owner		

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

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Glenn O Aaby
(signature of present owner)

DATE 5-26-1986

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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? _____

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:

OK

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

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

ADDRESS RR #3 Box 21 Chatfield 55923
city state zip code

PHONE NUMBER () 507-867-4148
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE -

SECTION 16-17 TOWNSHIP Elmira COUNTY Olmsted

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 219

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY September 191885

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

40A. in SW 1/4 NW 1/4 SEC 16 105 11, 40A. SE 1/4 NE 1/4 SEC 17 105 11, 139A.
IN SE 1/4 LESS 21A. SEC 17 105 11

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>John Healy</u>	<u>9-19-1885- 9-26-1892</u>	<u>Husband</u>
next owner <u>Margaret Healy</u>	<u>9-26-1892 6-6-1896</u>	<u>Mother</u>
next owner <u>Thomas Healy</u>	<u>6-6-1896 6-17-1925</u>	<u>husband</u>
next owner <u>Elizabeth Healy</u>	<u>6-17-1925 9-27-1930</u>	<u>son in</u> <u>mother of Margaret</u>
next owner <u>Charles & Margaret Clemens</u>	<u>9-27-1930- 3-12-66</u>	<u>mother & father</u>

Gerald Clemens 3-12-66 PRESENT OWNER
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Deed | <input type="checkbox"/> Other <u>-</u> |

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Gerald M. Clemens
(signature of present owner)

DATE July 8, 1986

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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? _____

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

Gordon D. Reese and Anita M. Reese
(this name will appear on certificate) his wife

ADDRESS R.R. 1 Box 627, Stewartville

MN

55976

city

state

zip code

PHONE NUMBER (507) 533-4100

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 31

TOWNSHIP High Forest COUNTY OLMSTED

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 78

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Oct 1, 1875

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

N24A NE 1/4 SW 1/4 AND E4A N24A NW 1/4 SW 1/4 AND N40A SE 1/4

And th Pt W34

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Samuel H. Reese</u>	<u>1875</u> - <u>1888</u>	<u>Husband of Sarah</u>
next owner <u>Sarah A. Reese</u>	<u>1888</u> - <u>1916</u>	<u>Mother of Franklin</u>
next owner <u>Franklin Reese</u>	<u>1916</u> - <u>1944</u>	<u>Husband of Hazel</u>
next owner <u>Hazel M. Reese</u>	<u>1944</u> - <u>1947</u>	<u>Mother of Gordon</u>
next owner <u>Gordon D. Reese</u>	<u>1947</u> - <u>Present</u>	

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☐ County Land Record
☐ Other

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X Gordon D. Reese
(signature of present owner)

DATE 6/2/86

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Mr. Russell

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 159 ⁶⁰/₁₀₀ acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$15.00 per acre

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Pennsylvania

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes.

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

He was a Wheelwright

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes

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

in 1981 with a new home, altho part of original house is used for a shop.

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1981

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn - also Hay.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

jk

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Curtis M. Anderson
(this name will appear on certificate)
ADDRESS R. 3 Fergus Falls Minn. 56537
city state zip code
PHONE NUMBER (218) 739-4438
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____

SECTION 11-12 TOWNSHIP Aurdal COUNTY Otter Tail

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 187

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1886

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) Lot 5
W 1/2 of NW 1/4 and 25 acres of SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 except
Fish Lake and except other Tracts in Sec. 12. and NW 1/4 SE 1/4
and Sublots A and B of S 1/2 of SE 1/4 of Sec. 11 Twn 133
Range 42.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner Christian & Karen Anderson	1886 1896	Father of John.
next owner John and Hannah Anderson	1895 1946	Father of Joseph
next owner Joseph & Myrtle Anderson	1946 1985	husband of Myrtle Father of Curtis
next owner Myrtle A. Anderson	June 1985- Mar. 1986	surviving wife of Joseph Mother of Curtis
next owner Curtis and Hyacinth Anderson	March 1986	

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☐ Land Patent ☐ County Land Record
☐ Original Deed ☐ Other _____

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x Curtis Anderson
(signature of present owner)

DATE May 1, 1986

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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? _____

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 HENRY A. BEHNKE
(this name will appear on certificate)
ADDRESS RR #2 Box 166 PARKERS PRAIRIE Minnesota 56361
city state zip code
PHONE NUMBER (218) 338-9181
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE SAME

SECTION 14 & 23 TOWNSHIP Effington COUNTY OTtertail

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 240

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Oct 28 1884

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

SW 1/4 of Section 14 in Township 131, Range 38
NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 and the NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section 23 in Township 131 - Range 38

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Julius Behnke</u>	<u>1884 - 1906</u>	<u>father of August</u>
next owner <u>August Behnke</u>	<u>1906 - 1923</u>	<u>wife of August</u>
next owner <u>ALVINA Behnke</u>	<u>1923 - 1963</u>	<u>son of ALVINA</u>
next owner <u>HENRY A. Behnke</u>	<u>1963 - present</u>	
next owner		

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

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Henry A Behnke
(signature of present owner)

DATE July 10 1986

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CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? RAIL ROAD COMPANY

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? _____

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? GERMANY

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? ONE OLD CORN CRIB

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1911

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER DuWayne L & Delores E. Friedrich
Box 23 (this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Route 2 Fergus Falls MN 56537
city state zip code

PHONE NUMBER (218) 736-6595
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE same

SECTION 29 TOWNSHIP Fergus Falls COUNTY Otter Tail

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)

Southwest 1/4 of Section 29 Range 43 west
Township 133 North

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME <u>Emil Friedrich</u>	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) <u>1878</u> (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Emil Friedrich</u>	<u>1878 - 1944</u>	<u>Father to Arnold</u>
next owner <u>Arnold Friedrich</u>	<u>1944 - 1968</u>	<u>Father to DuWayne</u>
next owner <u>DuWayne Friedrich</u>	<u>1968 - present</u>	
next owner		
next owner		

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DuWayne Friedrich
(signature of present owner)

DATE 4-23-86

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Helen Lambert

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

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

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Wheeling, W. Va.

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 + granary

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1950

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? corn, wheat, dairy & hogs

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Emil Friedrich came to Fergus Falls, Otter Tail County, from Faribault, Minnesota in 1878. He was one of four sons and five daughters of William and Augusta Friedrich who had immigrated from Pommarn, Germany, and who farmed at Wheeling, Minnesota.

Emil purchased 160 acres in the Southwest 1/4 of Section 29 from Helen Lambert for \$5.00 an acre. Ms. Lambert's father, a Civil War Solider, was given the land by President Grant. Emil lived with his uncle in Fergus Falls Township that first summer while he cleared some of the land. This work was done with a brush scythe and grub axe. He also used his uncle's brush breaking plow which was pulled by one ox and one horse.

That winter Emil went back to his home in Faribault. The next spring he returned and set up house keeping in a two story house with two rooms upstairs and two rooms on the main floor. His sister came with him and kept house for him. That spring he planted some grain using his uncle's machinery and horses.

As he had no cattle he again went back to Faribault in the winter. On January 12, 1882, he married Dortha Heitch at Owatonna, Minnesota. They were the parents of six daughters and three sons. Their eldest son passed away during infancy.

In the Spring of 1882 Emil and three other men drove a wagon team from Faribault with eight head of cattle walking behind the wagon. It took almost two weeks for the trip.

Emil lived on the farm until 1928 at which time he and his wife moved to Fergus Falls and made their home with their daughter, Ella Denbrook.

Their youngest son, Arnold, had been farming with his father and kept on farming after his marriage in 1925 to Hilda Schmidt. They were the parents of four children, Arlo, DuWayne, and Elwyn who all live near Fergus Falls. Their only daughter, Ellen, married Gilbert Gunderson and lives in Louisiana.

Arnold bought the farm in 1944. In 1950 he built a new house.

Emil Friedrich died in 1935 and Dorteia Friedrich died in 1946.

In 1968 Arnold sold the farm to DuWayne and moved into Fergus Falls. Arnold passed away after only one year in town. He had spent all but the last year of his life on the farm where he was born in 1901.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

Rt. 1
Box 78

Vergas

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER

(218) 342-2849

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

Same

SECTION

12

TOWNSHIP

Leda

COUNTY

W Ottertail

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

82

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

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

1883

W 1/2 of NE 1/4

Dora Twp

Ottertail County

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner		
Harrison Baker	FROM 1883 TO 1886	Cousin
next owner		
Wm Foreman	1886 - 1894	Cousin
next owner		
Ludwig Kratzke	1894 - 1922	Father
next owner		
Rudolph Kratzke	1922 - 1954	Uncle
next owner		
Fred & Elsie Kratzke	1954 - 1986	Nephew

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Abstract of Title

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Court file in Registration Proceedings ()

Land Patent

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County Land Record ()

Original Deed

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OTHER

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Fred and Elsie Kratzke
(signature of present owner)

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DATE

July 10 1986

CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? We purchased from Rudolph H. Kratzke

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? _____

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes - Cut wood -

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? Part of grainery is log formerly house

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1906

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Ronald and Corinne Minge
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

Route #1 Fergus Falls Mn 56537

PHONE NUMBER

(218) 736-4690
area code

CITY

STATE

ZIP CODE

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

7

TOWNSHIP

Dane Prairie

COUNTY

Otter Tail

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

80

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1873

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

E 1/2 SE 1/4 Township 132 Range 42

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Thursten Bjorgum</u> first owner	FROM <u>1873</u>	
<u>Thursten Bjorgum</u> next owner	TO <u>1914</u>	<u>Father-in law</u>
<u>Albert Anderson</u> next owner	<u>1914 to 1942</u>	<u>Father to Lena</u>
<u>Edwin and Lena Minge</u> next owner	<u>1942 to 1976</u>	<u>Parent of Ronald</u>
<u>Ronald and Corinne Minge</u> next owner	<u>1976 to present</u>	

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Abstract of Title (✓)

Court file in Registration Proceedings ()

Land Patent ()

County Land Record ()

Original Deed ()

OTHER

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Ronald Minge
(signature of present owner)

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DATE

May 22, 1986

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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? _____

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Stjerdalen, 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? don't think

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? 1978

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

No. 5

J. O. BARKE, Abstractor and Attorney at Law, Fergus Falls, Minn.

Nature of Instrument:

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DATE

DAY

MONTH

YEAR

A. M.

P. M.

DAY

MONTH

YEAR

7 Oct 1909 — 145 25 Oct 1873

Grantor

State of Minnesota by Orsen P. Whitcomb, Commissioner
Seal of Commissioner, State Land Office Minn. attached

Grantee

Thursten T. Bergen

Consideration

\$600.00

on which \$90.00 is paid cash on sale
and \$21.50 interest to June 1, 1874 is paid.

DESCRIPTION

SEC.

TWP.

RNG.

NO. OF ACRES

SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 (and other lands)

7 132 42

Subject to incumbrance, if any

ABSTRACT CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT

No. of
WitnessesGrantor's
Seal

DATE

WHO ACKNOWLEDGED

NAME AND TITLE OF OFFICER

SEAL

Remarks:

Commissioner

J. O. BARKE, Abstractor and Attorney at Law, Fergus Falls, Minn.

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Nature of Instrument:

Patent

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DATE

DAY	MONTH	YEAR	A. M.	P. M.	DAY	MONTH	YEAR
30	Dec	1914	10 ³⁰	—	21	Dec	1914

Grantor

The State of Minnesota By Adolph C. Eberhart, Governor.
(Grant Seal of Minnesota)

Attest: Julius H. Schuchardt, Secretary of State (Seal)
Attest: Samuel G. Iverson, State Auditor By C. S. Brown, Deputy

Grantee

Albert A. Anderson

Consideration

Full payment according to contract covering six
lands described.

DESCRIPTION

N^E 1/4 of S^E 1/4

SEC.	TWP.	RNG.	NO. OF ACRES
7	13	24	2

Subject to Incumbrance, if any

ABSTRACT CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT

No. of Witnesses

Grantor's Seal

DATE

WHO ACKNOWLEDGED

NAME AND TITLE OF OFFICER

SEAL

Commission Exp.

Remarks:

Reenter: Taxes paid and transfer entered Dec 30, 1914. William Lincoln
By M. A. Storham, Dec 30, 1914

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER W. N. Schatschneider
(this name will appear on certificate)
ADDRESS Route 1 Perham Minnesota 56573
city state zip code
PHONE NUMBER (218) 346-4160
area code
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same
SECTION 6 TOWNSHIP Carlisle COUNTY Otter Tail
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 427
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1886
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) SE 1/2 of SE 1/4 & SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 Township 137 Range 6

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Herman Schatschneider</u>	<u>1886</u>	<u>1935</u> <u>1935</u>	<u>Father</u>
next owner <u>W. N. Schatschneider</u>	<u>1935</u>	<u>Present.</u>	<u>Son</u>
next owner			
next owner			
next owner			

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

W. N. Schatschneider
(signature of present owner)

DATE July 9, 1986

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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? 120 Acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? _____

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? 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? 1967

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Gordon & Arlene Schmidt
(this name will appear on certificate)
ADDRESS Route 2 Box 190 Parkers Prairie MN 56361
city state zip code
PHONE NUMBER (218) 267-2491
area code
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE same
SECTION 5 TOWNSHIP North Effington COUNTY Ottertail
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 240 acres
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY February 25, 1972 ¹⁸⁸⁵
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
The SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$; the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$; E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$; SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$; and NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 5, Twp. 131
Rng. 38 Ottertail County, Minnesota

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP
George & Mary Smith/Schmidt	(from) 1885 (to) 1919	TO NEXT OWNER
first owner		
George & Mary Smith/Schmidt	1885 1919	Father of Ferdinand
next owner		
Ferdinand Schmidt 160 Acres	1919 1972	Father of Gordon
Henry Schmidt 80 Acres	1919 1930	Son of George & Mary
next owner		
Ferdinand Schmidt 80 Acres	1930 1972	Father of Gordon
next owner		
Gordon & Arlene Schmidt	1972 Present 1986	Gordon Max. Schmidt
next owner		

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Gordon M. Schmidt
(signature of present owner)

DATE July 5, 1986

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? George & Mary purchased it from the St. Paul & Pacific Railroad Co.

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 240 Acres I believe.

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$1,000.00 for that parcel.

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? New Munich, Germany Province of Beireon*

DID HE FARM THE LAND? He farmed it with his sons & Wife. They had 3 daughters too. Check the Spelling

DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? Farming was his living. He raised much wheat and had many farm horses.

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? He Homesteaded some to prove up the claim and paid \$1 an acre in land later acquired.

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? At the turn of the century. 1901-2

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Grandpa George Schmidt was a big strong man. He walked to Alexandria, in Douglas County and bought a breaking plow, which he carried home on his shoulders. And not to be outdone by any standards, Grandma Schmidt would walk to Millerville Mill owned by old Mr. Dobbmeier and carry home a sack of flour for baking her bread, if men were busy in the fields.

The first winter when they arrived on this tract of land, they spent living in the wagon they came in. They parked it over the ravine in our yard and kept a fire burning at both ends of the wagon to keep the wolves away and keep from freezing. They burned wood from the wilderness around them and shot game from the woods for their meat. I'm told that friendly encampments of Indians also helped them to get food.

At one time, Grandpa George had many acres, a big empire. He sold some parcels of land to each of his sons. They farmed for a number of years, then sold it and retired.

Farming has changed a lot over the years. While Grandpa cut down trees to get as much farmland as possible, we have planted thousands of them to keep soil from eroding. The hills are too steep in some places to farm with tractors where they used horses.

Where Ferdinand Schmidt shot 17 ducks with one shot in the pothole, using a "Long Tom" We are trying to save wetlands and building back gamelands by keeping trees growing and mudlakes safe for Geese, Ducks, and other wild game. I doubt we'll ever get a shot like that, but that means there will always be some around.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Willis Schoening
(this name will appear on certificate)
ADDRESS Box 369 Fergus Falls Minnesota 56537
city state zip code
PHONE NUMBER (218) 736-6263
area code
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same
SECTION 1 TOWNSHIP Fergus Falls COUNTY Ottertail
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 159.89
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1885
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
N 2 1/4 Sec. 1 township 133 Range 43

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Chris Schoening</u>	<u>1885</u>	<u>1908</u>	<u>Father of Carl</u>
next owner <u>Carl Schoening</u>	<u>1908</u>	<u>1933</u>	<u>Father of Walter</u>
next owner <u>Walter Schoening</u>	<u>1933</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>Father of Willis</u>
next owner <u>Willis Schoening</u>	<u>1982 - Present</u>		
next owner			

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Willis Schoening
(signature of present owner)

DATE April 8, 1986

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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? _____

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 Stanley S. Silbernagel
(this name will appear on certificate)
ADDRESS Rt 3 Box 58 Perham Minnesota 56573
city state zip code
PHONE NUMBER (218) 7582421
area code
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same
SECTION 35 TOWNSHIP Edna COUNTY Ottertail
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 80

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Aug 20, 1885

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) north half of southwest quarter of section 35 in township one hundred and thirty-six north of range forty west of the fifth principal meridian in Minnesota containing eighty acres.
PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP
	(from)	(to)	TO NEXT OWNER
<u>Adam Silbernagel</u> first owner			<u>Father</u>
<u>Paul Silbernagel</u> next owner	<u>1885</u>	<u>1914</u>	<u>son</u>
<u>Stanley Silbernagel</u> next owner	<u>1914</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>son</u>
	<u>1960</u>	<u>present</u>	
next owner			
next owner			

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Patent | <input type="checkbox"/> County Land Record |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Original Deed | <input type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Homestead Certificate No. 4843</u> |

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

Stanley S. Silbernagel
(signature of present owner)

DATE May 19, 1986

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CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? paul Silbernagel

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? 100.⁰⁰

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany & America

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1965

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Everett + Pearl Swanson (this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

New York Mills Minnesota 56567

PHONE NUMBER

612 (385) 3250 Rt Box 277

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

13 TOWNSHIP Homestead COUNTY Ottertail

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

120

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 4/25/1883

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

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner		
① <u>Alvin August Ehnert</u>	<u>Jan 21-1886</u> <u>1940</u>	
next owner		
③ <u>Ruth or Pearl Ehnert</u>	<u>1943 - 1944</u>	
next owner		
④ <u>Pearl + Everett L Swanson</u>	<u>1944</u> <u>present</u>	
next owner		
next owner		

② See attached document
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() Original Deed

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☒ County Land Record
() Other _____

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

Everett + Pearl Swanson
(signature of present owner)

DATE

July 8-86

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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? _____

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:

WILLS AND PROBATE

FIFTH—

in date Jan 22 1890

of the persons entitled to the residue of said estate of said decedent, and are all

Ida Ehnert, the surviving spouse of said decedent, and Emma Koulton, Amelia Sawolke, Carl Ehnert, Edna Ehnert, Edna Zuck, Fred Ehnert, Herman Ehnert, Selma Johnson, Myrtle De Boer, Ethel Halgren, Lena Rompila, Ruth Ehnert and Pearl Ehnert, children of said decedent.

NOW, THEREFORE, On motion of *Martha O. Kousmine, Attorney for Ruth Ehnert, etc.*

representative of said estate, and by virtue of the power and authority vested in this court by law, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED, and the said court does hereby *ORDER* AND DECREE, that all and singular the above described PERSONAL PROPERTY be, and the same hereby is and is to be, divided in the above named persons in the following proportions and estates, to-wit:

And that the title to the above described real estate

has passed to and is hereby assigned to and vested in the

above named persons in the following proportions and estates, to-wit:

To the said Ida Ehnert, the homestead of decedent hereinbefore described, to have and to hold the same for and during the term of her natural life. Also to the said Ida Ehnert, an undivided one-third (1/3) interest, in fee simple, in and to all the other real estate of decedent hereinbefore described.

To the said Emma Koulton, Amelia Sawolke, Carl Ehnert, Edna Ehnert, Edna Zuck, Fred Ehnert, Herman Ehnert, Selma Johnson, Myrtle De Boer, Ethel Halgren and Rompila, Ruth Ehnert and Pearl Ehnert, each, an undivided one-thirtieth (1/30) interest, in fee simple, in and to the homestead of decedent hereinbefore described, subject to the life estate therein of Ida Ehnert. Also to each of them, an undivided two-thirtieths (2/30) interest, in fee simple, in and to all the other real estate of decedent hereinbefore described.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD THE SAME, together with all the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining, to the said above named persons, *Ida Ehnert* heirs and assigns, without prejudice, however, to any lawful conveyance of said property or any part thereof by said persons, or any of them, hereafter made.

Dated at Fergus Falls, Minnesota, this *22d* day of *August*, 19*90*.

Filed this *22d* day of *Aug*, 19*90*, by *J. N. Haagenson* Probate Judge.

and recorded in Book of Decrees, Page *226* *A. L. Anderson* Clerk of Probate Court.

State of Minnesota,

COUNTY OF OTTER TAIL

PROBATE COURT

I, *J. N. Haagenson* Judge of the Probate Court, within and for said County, and Custodian of the Seal and Records of said Court, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of Final Decree of Distribution with the original record thereof, preserved in this office and have found the same to be a correct transcript of the whole thereof.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the Seal of said Court, at

Fergus Falls, Minn. this *5th* day of *September*, 19*90*.



J. N. Haagenson Judge of the Probate Court.

WILLS AND DECREES No. 10

Minnesota Uniform Conveyancing Blank No. 88

Instrument N 295

Filed for record this

5th

Sept

1940

at

4¹⁵

o'clock

P

M.

State of Minnesota,
COUNTY OF OTTER TAIL.

IN PROBATE COURT

File No. 11361

In the Matter of the Estate of

Alvin A. Ernst

Decedent.

Final Decree of Distribution.

The above entitled matter came on to be heard on the 14th day of August, 1940, upon the petition of the representative of said estate for the distribution of the residue of said estate to the persons thereunto entitled. The representative of said estate appeared in person and by attorney, Martin C. Brandon, and no one appeared in opposition thereto.

And the court having considered the evidence produced at said hearing, the arguments of counsel, and the files and records in said matter, finds the following facts:

FIRST: That notice of said hearing has been duly given and served as required by law and the order of this court for said hearing.

SECOND: That the said estate has been in all respects fully administered, and the expenses of the administration thereof and of the last sickness and burial of said decedent, has not been allowed against said estate have been fully paid, and that said representative has paid her share of said expenses and all other debts and claims against said estate, and that all indebtedness to said estate has been paid by the Court to be due the State of Minnesota.

THIRD: That said decedent died on the 14th day of April, 1930, and at the time of his death decedent resided in the County of Otter Tail and State of Minnesota.

FOURTH: That the residue of the estate of said decedent for distribution consists of the following property, to-wit:

(1) Personal property of the value of \$1000.00, comprising the following items: None.

The West half of the Northwest quarter (NW 1/2 of NW 1/4), of Section Thirteen (13), in Township One hundred thirty six (136) North, of Range Thirty seven (37) West.

The Northwest quarter of the Southwest quarter (NW 1/4 of SW 1/4), of Section Thirteen (13), in Township One hundred thirty six (136) North, of Range Thirty seven (37) West.

The Southeast quarter of the Northwest quarter (SE 1/4 of NW 1/4) and the East half of the Southeast quarter of the Northwest quarter (E 1/2 of SE 1/4 of NW 1/4), of Section Thirteen (13), in Township One hundred thirty six (136) North, of Range Thirty seven (37) West.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Horace O. & Borghild Thoreson
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS R.#1 Box 32 Battle Lake, Minnesota 56515
city state zip code

PHONE NUMBER (218) 864-5321
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____

SECTION 13 TOWNSHIP Tordenskjold COUNTY Otter Tail

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 200

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY March 30, 1886

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

SE 1/4 and NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 section 13
Township 132 Range 41

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner <u>Herman Thoreson</u>	<u>march 30, 1886 - 1916</u>	<u>Father of Arthur</u>
next owner <u>Thoreson</u> <u>Arthur M. & Jensine</u>	<u>May 31, 1916 - 1954</u>	<u>Parents of Horace</u>
next owner <u>Thoreson</u> <u>Horace O. & Borghild</u>	<u>Oct. 14, 1954 - present</u>	
next owner		
next owner		

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Horace O. Thoreson
Borghild Thoreson
(signature of present owner)

DATE April 30, 1986

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL, MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Homestead and Railroad

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

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? _____

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Nannestad, Norway

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes. And worked for the railroad

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

working on railroad.

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1884

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Chiefly dairy farm ^{Oats corn} ^{Apple & pears}

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Their first home was a dug out in the hill side. the roof was trees cut on the farm place. There was a door and 2 small windows on the only exposed side facing south. Their second home was a log cabin.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

LeRoy Wiebe

(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS

Box 580
61 OTTERTAIL
city

MN

state

56571

zip code

PHONE NUMBER

(218) 367-2156

area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

6-7

TOWNSHIP

Leaf Lake

COUNTY

Otter Tail

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

360

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

April 27, 1885 ✓

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

S 1/2 SW 1/4 + NW 1/4 SW 1/4, SW 1/4 NW 1/4, Sublot A of NW 1/4 Township
134, RANGE 38 (ORIGINAL FARM) Addition acreage is SE 1/4 T. 134
R-38

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
	(from)	(to)	
first owner <u>MARIA + HEINRICH WIEBE</u>	<u>27-Apr-1885</u>	<u>4 June 1898</u>	<u>MOTHER AND FATHER</u>
next owner <u>HENRY WIEBE</u>	<u>4 June 1898</u>	<u>1 Nov 1945</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
next owner <u>ARTHUR</u>	<u>1 Nov 1945</u>	<u>29 Dec 1971</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
next owner <u>LeRoy</u>	<u>29 Dec 1971</u>	<u>- present</u>	
next owner			

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LeRoy Wiebe

(signature of present owner)

DATE

June 30, 1986

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ST. PAUL, MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? FROM a land dealer.

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? _____

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? _____

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Seedorf, Germany

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes, they raised wheat the first year 60 bu/acre.

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? No, but they broke the land with 3 horses and a walking plow -

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDINGS STILL STANDING OR IN USE? The grainery - was used as a house, barn and grainery. It is now used as a grainery.

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1896

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn, ALFALFA, CATS -

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: DAIRYING: Jersey milk is the main source of income.

The Original home's foundation was made of hand cut rock, and hauled 6 1/2 miles with wagon and horses. It's beauty is still admired and appreciated today. An addition was added to the original home in 1912.