



## Century Farm Applications

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Minnesota State Fair  
CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

DEADLINE: July 1

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Kenneth W. Wasserzieher

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Kenneth W. Wasserzieher

ADDRESS RR 8 Box 1255 Aitkin MN 56431  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (218) 678-2506

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

SECTION 6 TOWNSHIP Hazleton #45 COUNTY Aitkin

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 67.5

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1884 (Homestead)

HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? no IF SO, WHEN? \_\_\_\_\_

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.) The N. one half of the  
SW quarter (N 1/2 of SW 1/4 -- Section six (6) Township forty five (45)  
Range twenty seven (27)

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner Otto Wasserzieher	1884 -- 1908	father of Edward
Next Owner Edward Wasserzieher	1908 -- 1939	husband of Hazel
Next Owner Hazel Wasserzieher	1939 -- 1958	mother of Kenneth M.
Next Owner Kenneth M. Wasserzieher	1958 -- 1991	father of Kenneth W.
Next Owner Kenneth W. Wasserzieher	1991 to present	

The above evidence of continuous family ownership is taken from one or more of the following records.

Check those that apply:

- (x) Abstract of Title ( ) 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.

Kenneth W. Wasserzieher  
(signature of present owner)

5-30-1996  
(date)

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? John S. Pillsbury & Charles D. Lougee

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 147 acres

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

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Magdeburg, Prussia

DID HE/SHE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_  
IF SO, PLEASE LIST \_\_\_\_\_

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1940; added on to 1962

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Apples, Raspberries & Grapes

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Maple Syrup has been made on the farm for many years.  
In the past year honey production was started by Kenneth W. Wasserzieher

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Minnesota State Fair  
CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

DEADLINE: July 1

REC'D 5/22/96 OLC

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Joyce Trimble w. John A. Johnson  
Delores Ekholm

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE John H. Johnson Farm

ADDRESS R#1 Box 104 Tenstrike Mn 56683  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code R(18) 243-2436

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 10 TOWNSHIP Hagali COUNTY Beltrami

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 167

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1896

HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? No IF SO, WHEN?

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.) SE 1/4 of NW 1/4 - SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 Township 149  
Lots 2-3-4 Section 10  
Range 32

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>John H Johnson</u>	<u>1896 - 1926</u>	<u>Father of Elvin</u>
Next Owner <u>Elvin T. Johnson</u>	<u>1926 - 1976</u>	<u>Father of Joyce</u>
Next Owner <u>Joyce Trimble</u>	<u>1976 - present</u>	
Next Owner <u>farmed by son Kevin Trimble</u>		
Next Owner		

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(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.

Joyce Trimble  
(signature of present owner)

5-10-96  
(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Homestead Application No 18224 - 3/18/96

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 166.25

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? Homestead 160 - 6.25 <sup>acres</sup> cost \$4.00

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Norway

DID HE/SHE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? No - did  
IF SO, PLEASE LIST some logging on the farm

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1924

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Oats, Corn Alfalfa - Dairy (milk & cream)  
Potatoes at one time

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: The present round roofed barn  
was built in 1930. The family had originally  
built a 2 story log home with a lean to on  
one side - then a long low log house  
was constructed and used until the present  
house was built about 1924. The present house  
was used by three generations, but  
only used seasonally now.

Minnesota State Fair  
CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

DEADLINE: July 1

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM RAY KVALE  
NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE RAY KVALE - KVALE FARM  
ADDRESS Box 255 HERMAN MN 56248  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)  
PHONE NUMBER area code (612) 677-2722

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE 4947 Pumpkinseed Rd, BEMIDJI, MN 56601

SECTION 32 TOWNSHIP FRohn COUNTY BELTRAMI  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 120

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Homestead in 1895

HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? NO IF SO, WHEN? \_\_\_\_\_

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.)  
W 1/2 of NE 1/4 Township 146 Section 32  
W 1/2 of SE 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>PAUL KVALE</u>	<u>1895 - 1950</u>	<u>FATHER OF George</u>
Next Owner <u>George J. KVALE</u>	<u>1950 - 1969</u>	<u>FATHER OF RAY</u>
Next Owner <u>RAY G. KVALE</u>	<u>1969 - 1996</u>	<u>SON OF George</u>
Next Owner		
Next Owner		

The above evidence of continuous family ownership is taken from one or more of the following records.

Check those that apply:

- ( ) Abstract of Title ( ) Court File in Registration Proceedings  
( ) Land Patent ( ) County land Record  
(X) Original Deed (X) Other: BIRTH CERTIFICATE OF eldest child

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

Ray Kvale  
(signature of present owner)

6-3-96  
(date)

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? It was a Homestead.

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160 ACRES

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? Homestead

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? NORWAY

DID HE/SHE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? RANCH AND ALSO  
IF SO, PLEASE LIST WAS A Woodsman, worked in the woods A lot.

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes House built in 1902  
House burned down in 1969

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDING STILL STANDING OR IN USE? BARN still standing and in use - Well House still standing in use

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? House burned in 1969 - WAS built in 1902

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? OATS, wheat, ALFALFA, mixed HAY

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: the KVALE FARM located southeast of Bemidji, NEAR GRACE LAKE in FROHN Township is 100 years old. It was homesteaded in 1895 by PAAL KVALE, who was born in NORWAY, and who WALKED FROM Fisher, MN to the present day FARM. At that time, the FARM WAS ALL timber, with no open land to FARM. Using horses and cutting all the timber by hand, he cleared fields to plant crops. MANY hours were spent picking rocks, and pulling stumps. The original FARM consisted of 160 ACRES, there ARE NOW 120 ACRES in the FARM, along with an additional 80 ACRES of leased land used for PASTURE. The FARM is owned and operated by RAY KVALE. Principal crops grown are OATS, ALFALFA & mixed HAY, used primarily to feed livestock. There is also a herd of Registered Shorthorn cattle numbering 38 head.

June 3, 1996

To who it may Concern

The KVALE Farm in Beltrami County is 100 years old. I have the homestead application signed in 1900. the County Records told me you had to live on a homestead and make improvements for a period of 5 years, so that would of put my Grand Father on this farm in the year of 1895. His first born child Mabel Kvale was born on the farm on May 25, 1896. So her place of birth is listed as the land description on the birth Certificate, 146-32 Township of

Frohn, Beltrami County. I'm sending a photo copy of the birth Certificate, so just throw it if you want, since I have the original copy

Thank you

Ray Kvale

Box 255  
HERMAN, MN 56248



C E R T I F I C A T E   O F   B I R T H

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF BELTRAMI

CERTIFICATE NO: 0525189601

BIRTH INFORMATION.....

NAME: MABEL KVALE

DATE OF BIRTH: MAY 25, 1896

DATE FILED: FEBRUARY 23, 1897

GENDER: FEMALE

PLACE OF BIRTH: 146-32 TOWNSHIP  
BELTRAMI COUNTY MINNESOTA

MOTHER.....

NAME: PERL KVALE

MAIDEN SURNAME: NOT GIVEN

AGE/DATE OF BIRTH: 23

BIRTHPLACE: NORWAY

FATHER.....

NAME: PAUL J KVALE

AGE/DATE OF BIRTH: 34

BIRTHPLACE: NORWAY

I, KAY L. MACK, COUNTY TREASURER/DIRECTOR OF VITAL  
STATISTICS IN AND FOR THE COUNTY AND STATE AFORESAID, DO  
HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE ABOVE IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF  
THE LEGAL BIRTH RECORD ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN MY OFFICE.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto  
set my hand and affixed the seal of said  
office at BEMIDJI, MINNESOTA,  
this TWENTIETH DAY OF MAY, 1996  
KAY L. MACK

By Susan M Adams, Deputy COUNTY TREASURER



Minnesota State Fair  
**CENTURY FARM APPLICATION**

DEADLINE: July 1

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY**

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Roger + Patti Anderson

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Roger + Patti Anderson

ADDRESS 3125 185<sup>th</sup> Ave NE Foley Mn. 56329  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (~~612~~) 968-7875

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

SECTION 14 TOWNSHIP Glendora COUNTY Benton

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 240

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY August 6<sup>th</sup>, 1895

HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? NO IF SO, WHEN? \_\_\_\_\_

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.) The Northeast Quarter and the South Half of the Norwest Quarter, all being in Section 14, Township 36, Range 28, Containing 240 acres

**PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP**

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Andrew Anderson</u>	<u>1895 - 1955</u>	<u>Father to Alfred Rueben + Lawrence</u>
Next Owner <u>Anderson Bros - Alfred Rueben Lawrence</u>	<u>1955 - 1981</u>	<u>Lawrence is Father to Patti</u>
Next Owner <u>Roger + Patti Anderson</u>	<u>1981 - Present</u>	
Next Owner		
Next Owner		

The above evidence of continuous family ownership is taken from one or more of the following records.

Check those that apply:

- ( ) Abstract of Title                      ( ) Court File in Registration Proceedings  
( ) Land Patent                            (X) County land Record  
(X) Original Deed                          ( ) Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Patti Anderson  
(signature of present owner)

6-11-96  
(date)

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Osmen Fossun

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

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

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Norway

DID HE/SHE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? No  
IF SO, PLEASE LIST

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1900

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Potatoes, Dairy, Small Grains

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: was

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Minnesota State Fair  
CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

DEADLINE: July 1

Reviewed  
7/1/96  
O.K.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Dennis J. and Marlys A. Sopkowiak  
NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Dennis J. and Marlys A. Sopkowiak  
ADDRESS 9790 125<sup>th</sup> Ave NE Foley MN 56329  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)  
PHONE NUMBER area code 320 387-2802

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

SECTION 12 TOWNSHIP Gilmanton COUNTY Benton  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 280 acres  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY April 6, 1896  
HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? NO IF SO, WHEN? \_\_\_\_\_  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.) SW quarter of  
Section 12, Gilmanton Twp., Benton Co.  
T-37N R-29W

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Andrew J. Chmielewski</u>	<u>4/6/1896 - 4/20/1918</u>	<u>Father to</u> <u>Helene</u>
Next Owner <u>Helen (Chmielewski) Sopkowiak</u>	<u>1918 - 12/31/38</u>	<u>mother to</u> <u>John</u>
Next Owner <u>John A. Sopkowiak</u>	<u>1938 - 11-22-74</u>	<u>Father to</u> <u>Dennis</u>
Next Owner <u>Dennis J. Sopkowiak</u>	<u>1974 - present</u>	
Next Owner		

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Check those that apply:

- ( ) 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.

Dennis Sopkowiak  
(signature of present owner)

June 27, 1996  
(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? American Freehold Land Mtg. Co. / London

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? Poland, 1845, came to U.S. in 1877

DID HE/SHE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_  
IF SO, PLEASE LIST no

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? No

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1976

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: One of the 40 acre parcels was purchased by John Sopkowiak (NW 1/4 of NW 1/4, Sec. 13) and added to the original 160 acre farm. A logging trail constructed by the Foley Brothers is still recognizable in the remaining woods.



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Reviewed  
C.O.K. 7/1/96

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Russell & Sandy StudenskiNAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Same AS ABOVE

ADDRESS 1383 55<sup>th</sup> ST NE Sauk Rapids MN 56379  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (320) 387-2297

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 36 / 1 TOWNSHIP Mayhew Lake / M COUNTY BentonNUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 80 120DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY May 1 1888HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? NO IF SO, WHEN?

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

SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 Sec 36 T 37 R 30  
+ NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 Sec 1 T 36 R 30

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Gottlieb Studenski</u>	<u>1888</u> - <u>1920</u>	<u>Father</u>
Next Owner <u>Gottfried Studenski</u>	<u>1920</u> - <u>1955</u>	<u>Father</u>
Next Owner <u>Arthur Studenski</u>	<u>1955</u> - <u>1980</u>	<u>Father</u>
Next Owner <u>Russell Studenski</u>	<u>1980</u> - <u>present</u>	
Next Owner		

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( ) Land Patent (✓) County land Record  
( ) Original Deed (✓) Other: Family Genealogist

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

Russell Studenski  
(signature of present owner)

July 1 1996  
(date)

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**Minnesota State Fair  
CENTURY FARM APPLICATION**

**DEADLINE: July 1**

*Reviewed 6/14  
O.K.*

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY**

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Karl & Colleen Backstrand

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Karl & Colleen Backstrand

ADDRESS R 1, Box 103, Ortonville Mn 56278  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code ( 320 ) 839-3286

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

SECTION 29 TOWNSHIP 122 - R-46 COUNTY Big Stone

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 200

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1878 & 1885 - (2 partials then)

HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? no IF SO, WHEN? \_\_\_\_\_

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.)  
See attached sheets - (2 partials)

**PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP**

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner From United States of America to <u>John Peterson Estate</u>	<u>9-25-1878</u> <u>12-19-1896</u>	<u>Father</u>
Next Owner <u>Peter Alfred Johnson, J. Emil Johnson, Charles F. Johnson &amp; Mrs. Annie Swenson</u>	<u>12-19-1896</u> <u>6-1-1903</u>	<u>sister &amp; brother</u>
Next Owner <u>Charles F. Johnson, et ux &amp; Annie Swenson &amp; her husband to Emil Johnson &amp; Peter A Johnson</u>	<u>June 1, 1903</u> <u>May 1, 1919</u>	<u>brother</u>
Next Owner <u>Peter A Johnson</u>	<u>July 3, 1903</u>	<u>brother.</u>
Next Owner <u>Anna M. Hilda Johnson - Martin Johnson, Agnes &amp; Backstrand Hylle &amp; Hylle, Hilda E. Brugg</u>	<u>May 1, 1944</u>	<u>Father</u>

3 more See attached sheet

The above evidence of continuous family ownership is taken from one or more of the following records.

Check those that apply:

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

Karl Backstrand  
(signature of present owner)

MAY 27 - 1996  
(date)

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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/SHE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_  
IF SO, PLEASE LIST \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Mail Application To: *Century Farms, Minnesota State Fair, 1265 Snelling Ave N., St. Paul MN 55108-3099***

Chain of Title----- E. part of Gov. Lot 2, Sec. 29, Township 122, Range 46.

PATENT - United States of America  
-to-  
John Peterson

Sept. 25, 1878

*Father*

FINAL

DECREE - John Peterson, Estate  
-to-  
P. Alfred Johnson, Mrs. Annie  
Swenson, J. Emil Johnson, and  
Charles F. Johnson

Dec. 19, 1896

*Father to  
his children*

QUIT CLAIM  
DEED

- Charles F. Johnson, et ux  
& Annie Swenson, & her husband  
-to-  
Emil Johnson & Peter A. Johnson

June 1, 1903

*Sister & brother  
to 2 brothers*

QUIT CLAIM

DEED - Emil Johnson, et ux  
-to-  
Peter A. Johnson

July 3, 1903

*brother to  
brother*

DECREE OF

DISTRIBUTION - Peter A. Johnson, Estate  
-to-

May 1, 1944

Anna Mathilda Johnson (life estate)  
Martin V. Johnson, Agnes A. Backstrand,  
Myrtle A. Holtquist & Huldah E. Gruys  
(each 1/4 int.)

*Father to  
wife & children*

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OF SURVIV- - Anna Mathilda Johnson, Estate  
ORSHIP & -to-  
DEATH CERT. Martin V. Johnson, Agnes A.  
Rieppel, Myrtle A. Holtquist,  
and Huldah E. Gruys

June 14, 1956

*wife of Peter  
Johnson to  
children*

QUIT CLAIM  
DEED

- Ruby E. Johnson,  
-to-  
Agnes A. Rieppel, Myrtle A.  
Holtquist and Hulda E. Gruys

Dec. 7, 1966

*wife of Martin  
V. Johnson to  
sisters*

WARRANTY  
DEED

- Agnes A. Rieppel, & John;  
Myrtle A. Holtquist & Hulda E.  
Gruys  
-to-  
KARL BACKSTRAND & COLLEEN BACKSTRAND

Jan. 5, 1976

*sisters of Martin  
V. Johnson to  
Karl Backstrand  
son of Agnes Rieppel  
Johnson Backstrand  
Rieppel*

Chain of Title - NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , (Ex. O.L. 1), Section 29, Township 122, Range 46

PATENT - United States of America  
-to-  
Peter A. Johnson

July 13, 1885

*from:*

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FINAL  
DECREE - Peter A. Johnson, Estate  
-to-

Anna Mathilda Johnson - 1/3 int.

Martin V. Johnson

Agnes A. Backstrand

Myrtle A. Holtquist

Hulda E. Gruys

May 1, 1944

} each 1/6 int.

husband &  
father

FINAL  
DECREE - Anna Mathilda Johnson, Estate  
-to-

Martin V. Johnson, Agnes A.

Rieppel, (formerly Agnes A.

Backstrand), Myrtle A. Holtquist

& Huldah E. Gruys

July 9, 1956

mother

QUIT CLAIM

DEED - Ruby E. Johnson (wife of Martin V. Johnson)  
-to-

Agnes A. Rieppel, Myrtle A.  
Holtquist & Hulda E. Gruys

Dec. 7, 1966

sister-in-law

WARRANTY

DEED - Agnes A. Rieppel, Myrtle A.  
Holtquist & Huldah E. Gruys

Feb. 13, 1978

mother &  
aunts

-to-

KARL BACKSTRAND & COLLEEN BACKSTRAND

*Son of Agnes Backstrand Rieppel*

For any information concerning  
application for Homestead Patent, Admission  
to Citizenship, etc., of an individual or  
certain piece of property, you may write to:

WASHINGTON NATIONAL RECORD CENTER  
Minnesota Division  
4205 Suitland Road  
Suitland, Maryland 20023

Ask for Case file record. With your request,  
you must furnish the following information:

- (1) Homestead Certificate No.
- (2) Application No.
- (3) Legal description of property

Ask for photo-stat copies rather than  
Certified copies.

*Pre-emption Patent*

*Certificate No. 5275*

*Dated July 13, 1885*

*Peter A. Johnson*

*NE 1/4, Sec. 29, Township 122,  
Range 46.*

*Patent -*

*John Peterson*

*Dated 9-25-1898*

*Homestead Certificate No. 3526*

*- Application 5416*

*NW 1/4 NE 1/4 & Lot No. 1, Sec. 32*

*& Lot Numbered 2 of Sec. 29 -*

*Township 122, Range 46*



Reviewed  
7/1/96  
O.K.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER RONALD L. AND Judith H. CONRAD  
NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE SAME

ADDRESS Rt 1 Box 211 Amboy MN 56010  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 674-3744

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

SECTION 26 TOWNSHIP STERLING COUNTY BLUE EARTH

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 79.5

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY SEPT 10, 1870 <sup>(U.S. PATENT)</sup>

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

SE 1/4 OF NE 1/4 AND LOT 1 SECTION 26  
TOWNSHIP 105 NORTH RANGE 27 WEST

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS OWNERSHIP:

Name	Years of Ownership from - to	Blood Relationship to next Owner
first owner REV. JACOB E. CONRAD	1870 - 1889	FATHER
next owner GEORGE A. CONRAD LIFE ESTATE TO HIS WIDOW WHO DIED IN 1943	1889 - 1939	FATHER
next owner GEORGE C. CONRAD ARTHUR G. CONRAD	1939 - 1959	FATHER
next owner LIFE ESTATE TO HIS WIDOW WHO DIED IN 1980 DELBERT L. CONRAD		
next owner RONALD L. CONRAD	1959 -	
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.

(☒) 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.

Ronald L Conrad  
(signature of present owner)

JUNE 26 1996  
(date)

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? PATENT From U.S. Govt.  
HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 149.67 INCLUDED Lots 546  
of Section 25  
WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? PATENT  
WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? North Carolina  
DID HE FARM THE LAND? YES  
DID HE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? Yes  
MINISTER  
WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? NO PATENT (SAME?)  
IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL  
BUILDING STILL STANDING OR IN USE? No  
WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1977  
WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? CORN-Soybeans- PORK  
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

JACOB E. CONRAD was a Presbyterian Minister  
who founded churches in Winnebago & Amboy & assisted  
in the founding of several other <sup>area</sup> churches. He preached  
at the Sterling church, the Blue Earth Presbyterian  
Church and at the Amboy Presbyterian Church  
from 1869 to 1891. His brother-in-law Neemiah A. Hunt  
(married to Clarissa Abernathy Conrad) was also a pioneer  
Minister serving the Sterling Church for many years  
and a church ~~near~~ at Vernon Center.

Two of Jacob E. Conrad's sons became Ministers  
Rev Arcturus Z Conrad & Rev William O Conrad.  
One of Jacob E. Conrad's daughters married a Rev  
Arthur Sedgewick

*This is a 1994 Form*

Century Farms

Minnesota State Fair

St. Paul, MN 55108-3099

PLEASE RETURN BY JULY 15

ABSTRACT OF TITLE,

-TO-

Lchs 5 & 6 of Section 25  
and

Lot 1 & SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 26

All of Townships One hundred and five N. of  
Range Twenty seven W.

Containing 149<sup>62</sup>/<sub>100</sub> acres of land

ORIGINAL  
PARCEL

The United States  
TO  
Jacob E. Conrad

### Description

Let's 5 & 6 of Soc 25 }  
X → Let 1 & SE of Soc 26 } all of 1105 at of R27 W.

Patent

~~Deeds-Commit-3~~

Date of Inst. September 10 1870

“ “ *Handwritten* ”

### Seals to Signatures.

" " Record, May 12 — 1874 at 8 o'clock A M

Book 2 Dec 4/85 ----- Page 163

*Copy*

Mankato, Minnesota, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1894.

I do hereby certify, that I have continued the annexed Abstract of Title, in so far as it applies to Lot Number One (1), and the South East Quarter of the North East Quarter (S.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  N.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$ ), of Section Twenty six (26), in Township One hundred and five (105) North of Range Twenty seven (27) West of the Fifth Principal Mer-  
also W.  $\frac{1}{2}$  Sec 12 of Lot 5, Sec 25, T105N, R27W  
idian, from January 8<sup>th</sup>, 1884, to the date hereof, and have found the following instruments only of record, to wit: \_\_\_\_\_

Jacob E. Conrad

to \_\_\_\_\_

George A. Conrad

→ Warranty Deed. Dated March 21<sup>st</sup>, 1889.  
Duly executed. Consideration \$840.  
Recorded December 29<sup>th</sup>, 1893 at 3 P.M.  
in Book 53 of Deeds on page 364.  
Conveys Lot 1, and S.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  N.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$ , 26, -  
105, -27, also convey other lands.  
Also 12 acres in Lot 5 Sec 25 - T105N, R27W

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Instrument Decree of Descent  
Dated 4th May 1945  
Filed 8th May 1945 at 9 A.M.  
Recorded  
Consideration 30 Pro.page 315

George A. Conrad, also known as  
G.A. Conrad, Deceased  
to  
Elizabeth M. Conrad, et al

Witnesses

Acknowledged State of Minnesota, County of Blue Earth In Probate Court  
In the Matter of the Estate of George A. Conrad, also known as G.A. Conrad,  
Deceased. Decedent died at Mankato, Minnesota on 29th Sept. 1939 leaving  
a last Will and Testament, which has been duly allowed and admitted to  
probate on 6th May 1945, and that more than five years have elapsed since  
the death of said decedent, and that no will has been probated nor  
administration had upon his estate in the State of Minnesota.

That decedent at time of his death was the owner of the West 12 acres of  
Lot No. 5 in Sec. 25 and Lot No. 1, in the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  NE  $\frac{1}{4}$ , both in Section 26-  
105-27, containing approximately 91 acres. Said residue is hereby assigned  
to and vested in To Elizabeth M. Conrad, surviving wife of said decedent,  
all the real estate above described, to have and to hold the same for

and during the term of her natural life. To Arthur G. Conrad and

Instrument George C. Conrad, children of decedent, each an undivided 1/2  
Dated of the real estate above described, in fee simple, subject, however,  
Filed to the life estate of said Elizabeth M. Conrad therein, and  
Recorded also subject to the payment of \$25. per year to be made by them  
Consideration to Marion Conrad, child of decedent, for the period of 20 years  
Witnesses from and after the death of decedent, said obligation to  
Acknowledged pay said sum to terminate with her death.

It appears to the satisfaction to the Court that the bequest  
of \$100. to Carleton College at Northfield, Minnesota, has been paid  
and the receipt therefor filed.

Certificate as to true copy attached made 4th May 1945 by  
J.R. Klaseus, Judge of Probate Court Blue Earth County, Minnesota.

ARTHUR G. CONRAD (My father) was a Farmer.  
GEORGE C. CONRAD (His Brother) was a Minister

Should Read AND instead of IN



Individual (s) to Individual (s)

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Office of County Recorder  
COUNTY of BLUE EARTH, MINN.I hereby certify that the within instrument  
was filed in this office for record on the  
1 day of JULY19 81, at 10:25 o'clock A. M. and  
was duly recorded in Book 262 of  
Blue Earth County Records, page 916

RALPH A. SWENSON

County Recorder

By E. William James Deputy

232 FARRISH et al  
(reserved for recording data)No delinquent taxes and transfer entered; Certificate  
of Real Estate Value ( ) filed (X) not required  
Certificate of Real Estate Value No.

J. J. [Signature], 1981

County Auditor

by [Signature] Deputy

STATE DEED TAX DUE HEREON: \$ 2.20

Date: June 29, 1981

FOR VALUABLE CONSIDERATION, Delbert L. Conrad and Ella A. Conrad, his wife,  
(marital status), Grantor (s),hereby convey (X) and quitclaim (X) to Ronald L. Conrad  
Grantee (X),  
real property in Blue Earth County, Minnesota, described as follows:The Southeast Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of the Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) and Government  
Lot One (1), all in Section Twenty-six (26), Township One Hundred Five  
(105) North, Range Twenty-seven (27) West.

Instrument

Dated

Filed

Recorded

Consideration

Witnesses

Acknowledged

Warranty Deed

7th Nov. 1945

17th Jan. 1946 at 1.30 P.M.

154 Deeds page 521

\$4500

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On 19th Dec. 1945 by Frank P. Voelkl, Notary Public, Monroe Co.

N.Y. Com. exp. March 31, 1947 (Notarial Seal).

The undivided 1/2 of the following tracts, viz:

The West 12 acres of Lot No. 5, in Sec. 25; and Lot No. 1 and the SE 1/4 NE 1/4 both in Section 26, all in Township 105-27.

Subject to the Payment of \$25. per year to be made to Marion Conrad, for the period of 20 years from and after Sept. 29th, 1939, the obligation to pay said sum to terminate with her death.

ARTHUR G. CONRAD Bought his BROTHER'S 1/2 IN 1945

George C. Conrad and Gladys M. Conrad, his wife

to

Arthur G. Conrad

*Instrument* Final Decree of Distribution  
*Dated* 5 December 1960  
*Filed* 6 December 1960 at 2:00 P.M.  
*Recorded* 43 Probate, page 44  
*Consideration*  
*Witnesses*  
*Acknowledged*

Probate Court, Blue Earth Co.,  
Minn., In the Matter of the  
Estate of Arthur G. Conrad,  
Decedent

to

Clara M. Conrad, Delbert L.  
Conrad, Ronald L. Conrad

X Government Lot five, in Section Twenty five (25), Township  
One hundred five (105) North, Range twenty seven (27) West; and the  
Southeast quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of the Northeast quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) and Government  
Lots one (1) and two (2) in Section twenty six (26), Township One hundred  
five (105) North, Range twenty seven (27) West.

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*Instrument**Dated**Filed**Recorded**Consideration**Witnesses**Acknowledged*

Assigned to and vested in: Clara M. Conrad, a life estate; and to Delbert L. Conrad and Ronald L. Conrad, each an undivided one half of the remainder estate, subject to the said life estate of Clara M. Conrad.

Certified - Probate Court, Blue Earth Co., Minn. - 5 December 1960.

Delbert L CONRAD } Operated the farm as CONRAD Bros  
 RONALD L CONRAD } AFTER the death of our Father  
 IN MAY of 1959.

FOR Estate PLANNING REASONS my wife Judith M was  
 ADDED IN 1995

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UE EARTH COUNTY  
ND RECORDS OFFICE  
D. BOX 3567  
MANKATO, MN 56002-3567

NOTICE OF YOUR PROPERTY'S  
ESTIMATED MARKET VALUE  
AND PROPERTY CLASS  
FOR PROPERTY TAXES YOU WILL PAY IN 1997

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PRESORTED  
FIRST CLASS MAIL  
US POSTAGE PAID  
MANKATO MN  
PERMIT NO 415  
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State law requires all property owners to be notified of any changes in their market value or property class.

You have a question regarding this notice, you may contact the county land records office at 507-389-8456. Many times questions or concerns can be satisfactorily addressed in advance of local board meetings. Please note: This preliminary review is provided as a service to property owners. It is not a formal part of the review process provided by law, and it does not take the place of the board of review or any other appeals proceedings.

PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION: R51 23 26 200 002 00224812

PROPERTY CLASSES: AG HSTD.

DC: 51 RT 1 BOX 211 AMBO  
SE4 OF NE4 & LOT 1  
026 105 27 079.500A

Lot 1 is barely touched by LURA Lake  
REDUCING A 40 TO 39.5 ACRES.

The value in Box 6 is the amount that will be used to determine your property tax.

1. ESTIMATED MARKET VALUE	2. GREEN ACRE VALUE	3. PLAT DEFERMENT	4. LIMITED MARKET VALUE	5. EXEMPTION FOR CERTAIN IMPROVEMENTS	6. TAXABLE VALUE
225,800	0	0	220,700	0	220,700

CITY OR TOWN BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING:

MAY 7, 1996 AT 1:30 P.M.  
AT TOWN HALL

COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING:

CALL 389-8456 TO APPEAR BEFORE COUNTY BOARD  
JUNE 17, 1996 AT 9:00 A.M.

You must appeal to the City or Town Board  
before you can appeal to County Board

CONRAD RONALD L & JUDITH H  
RR 1 BOX 211  
AMBOY MN 56010-9781

Minnesota State Fair  
CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

DEADLINE: July 1

Reviewed  
6/21/96  
O.K.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Harold J + Luanne Drummer  
NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Harold J and Luanne J Drummer  
ADDRESS Route #4 Box 171 Mankato Mn 56001  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)  
PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 625-5403

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

SECTION 25 TOWNSHIP Mankato COUNTY Blue Earth  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 125  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1895  
HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? No IF SO, WHEN? \_\_\_\_\_  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Conrad Drummer</u>	<u>1895 - 1922</u>	<u>Father of Joseph</u>
Next Owner <u>Joseph Drummer</u>	<u>1922 - 1979</u>	<u>Father of Harold</u>
Next Owner <u>Harold Drummer</u>	<u>1979 - present</u>	
Next Owner		
Next Owner		

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Check those that apply:

- ☒ 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.

Harold J. Drummer  
(signature of present owner)

June 19, 1996  
(date)

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## 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/SHE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_  
IF SO, PLEASE LIST \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

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All that portion of Sec. 25-108-26, described as follows, Beginning at the Southeast corner of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 25-108-26, thence running north to the center of the Le Sueur River, thence following the center of said river northerly, westerly, and southerly to a point due west of point of beginning, thence east to the point of beginning, containing 45 acres of land, more or less; also the west 35 acres of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 36 and the east 5 acres of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 36, all in Township 108, Range 26, also the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sec. 31-108-25; all of the above described property containing 125 acres, be the same more or less.

Mail Application To: **Century Farms, Minnesota State Fair, 1265 Snelling Ave N., St. Paul MN 55108-3099**

**Minnesota State Fair  
CENTURY FARM APPLICATION**

**DEADLINE: July 1**

*OK  
LATER SENT  
11/14/95*

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY**

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Evelyn Beyer Erdman

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Evelyn Beyer Erdman

ADDRESS Lewisville Boys MINN 56060  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 435-2159

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE South East of Section 25 Range 105

SECTION 25 TOWNSHIP Danville COUNTY Blue Earth

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 100 acres

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1876

HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? no IF SO, WHEN? \_\_\_\_\_

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

South West of Section 25 Range 105 to 25 West

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Danville Township

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
<u>Fredrick Beyer</u> First Owner	<u>1876 - 1936</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Carl Beyer or Charles</u> Next Owner	<u>1936 - 1946</u>	<u>Father</u>
<u>Herman Beyer</u> Next Owner	<u>1946 - 1980</u>	<u>Uncle</u>
<u>Evelyn Beyer Erdman</u> Next Owner	<u>1980 to present</u>	

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Check those that apply:

- ☒ 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.

Evelyn Beyer Erdman  
(signature of present owner)

July 28 - 19  
(date)

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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/SHE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_

IF SO, PLEASE LIST \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Mail Application To: Century Farms, Minnesota State Fair, 1265 Snelling Ave N., St. Paul MN 55108-3099**

3d day of November A.D. 1875 personally came before me Nimble P. Sullivan and Martha J. Sullivan his wife to me known to be the same persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and they acknowledged that they executed the same freely and voluntarily.

Heretofore Seal  
N. J. Thomas & wife

To  
Frederick Bayer

Recorded Oct. 14, 1876 @ 10 a.m.

Shad. J. Ellis

Notary Public, Minn.

This Indenture, Made this seventh day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy six, Between Nicholas J. Thomas & Elizabeth his wife of Blue Earth county, State of Minnesota, party of the first part, and Frederick Bayer & his wife of Blue Earth county State of Minnesota party of the second part, Witnesseth, That the said party of the first part in consideration of the sum of \$2,000.00 Two thousand two hundred Dollars to them lawfully paid, have sold, and by these presents do grant and convey to the said party of the second part, their heirs and assigns all that tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Blue Earth and State of Minnesota described as follows, viz: The South East quarter (S.E. 1/4) of Section No Twenty five (25), in Township No One hundred and five (105) in Range No Twenty five (25) West, containing one hundred and sixty acre more or less, according to Government Survey, with the appurtenances and all the Estate to the said Frederick Bayer & his wife party of the first part, And the said Nicholas J. Thomas & Elizabeth his wife party of the first part, do hereby covenant and agree to and with the said party of the second part, their heirs and assigns, that the premises thus conveyed, in the quiet and peaceable possession of the said party of the second part, their heirs and assigns, and will force Warrant and Defend against any person whomsoever claiming the same in any part thereof. In Witness Whereof, the party of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written, in presence of

Wm. J. Barnes  
Edward Long

Nicholas J. Thomas  
Elizabeth Thomas

State of Minnesota }  
Tributary County }  
Be it remembered, That on the seventh day of February in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy six before me, the undersigned, personally appeared N. J. Thomas and Elizabeth his wife to me known to be the same persons described in, and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that they executed the same for the purposes herein mentioned as their free and voluntary act and deed.

Wm. J. Barnes  
Notary of the Peace

**Minnesota State Fair**  
**CENTURY FARM APPLICATION**

**DEADLINE: July 1**

*Reviewed  
7/1/96  
OK*

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY**

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Donald A. Paap

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Donald A. & Sherry E. Paap

ADDRESS RR 1 Box 90 Garden City MN 56034-9543  
 (street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 549-3099

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 17 TOWNSHIP Vernon Center COUNTY Blue Earth

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1896

HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? No IF SO, WHEN?

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.)  
Northwest 1/4 Section 17 Township 106 N Range 28W

**PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP**

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>John D. Kietzer</u>	<u>1885 - 1896</u>	<u>Brother-in-law of Albert</u>
Next Owner <u>Albert &amp; Augusta Paap</u>	<u>1896 - 1956</u>	<u>Father &amp; Mother</u>
Next Owner <u>Lillie Paap &amp; Ella Paap</u>	<u>1956 - 1986</u>	<u>Aunts</u>
Next Owner <u>Donald A. Paap</u>	<u>1986 - present</u>	
Next Owner		

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☐ Land Patent                              ☐ County land Record  
☐ Original Deed                            ☒ Other: Family history

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

Donald A. Paap  
 (signature of present owner)

June 27, 1996

(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? John D. Kietzer

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160 Acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$12 when John Kietzer bought, \$57 when Albert Paas bought it

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

DID HE/SHE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? No  
IF SO, PLEASE LIST \_\_\_\_\_

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? No

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1989

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn, wheat, oats, hay, flax, soybeans

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: See attached page

Original Abstract of Title states it was homesteaded by Elkanoh Davis  
Dec. 1, 1856

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Donald and Sherry Paap live in the NW 1/4 of Section 17, Vernon Center Township. This farm was purchased by Albert and Augusta Klaus Paap, Don's grandfather, in 1896 from their brother-in-law, John and Ernestine Kietzer. Albert and Augusta were married in 1896 and had 5 children, Lillie, Ella, Henry, Gertha, and Walter. Walter died in infancy. Gertha married Herbert Kietzer in 1940. Lillie and Ella never married and Ella lived on this farm for 84 years, moving into an apartment in New Ulm in 1984. Henry married Gertrude Luedtke January 1, 1932. They built a new home and established a new farmstead in 1934 on the SW 1/4 of Section 17. They had 3 children, Irma, Donald, and Annette. Annette married Fred Wulff in 1960 and Irma married Richard (Mike) McLean in 1991.

Donald married Sherry Day on August 14, 1959 and they have 4 children, Kevin, Keith, Kari, and Kristen. Kevin married Julie Reed in June, 1984 and they have 2 sons, Matthew and Andrew. Keith married Frances Lewis in December, 1988. Kari married John Sehloff in June, 1987 and they have 3 children, Jason, Johanna, and Katie. Kristen is a Gustavus Adolphus College graduate and attending Graduate School at Michigan State University. Don and Sherry built a new home and moved there October 28, 1989 on the farmstead that his grandfather bought in 1896. In December, 1989 Kevin and Julie bought and moved to the farmstead established by Henry and Gertrude Paap in 1934.

#### YEARS FAMILY MEMBERS LIVED ON THIS FARMSTEAD:

Albert (1896-1953) and Augusta (1896-1956) Paap  
Lillie Paap (1897-1959)  
Ella Paap (1900-1984)  
Henry Paap (1902-1932)  
Kevin and Julie Paap (1984-1989)  
Donald and Sherry Paap (1989-present)

Application for 1996 Century Farm  
Recognition program - Minnesota State Fair

Century Farms  
to: Minnesota State Fair  
1265 Snelling Ave. N  
St. Paul, MN 55108-3099  
Fax: 612-642-2440

From: Donald A. Paap  
RR1 Box 90  
Garden City, MN 56034-9643  
Fax: 507-549-3945

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**CENTURY FARM APPLICATION**

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**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY**

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Edna L. Wolfe

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE as above

ADDRESS 222 No. Black Eagle Dr. MARKATO MN 56001  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 625-2891

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Route 2 MADRON LAKE MN

SECTION 29 TOWNSHIP 109 RANGE 35 COUNTY BLUE EARTH

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 35.95

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Nov 5 1857

HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? NO IF SO, WHEN?

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.) 29-109-25

W 5A of S2 of SE4 of NW4 + N2 of SW4 EX N700' of E495' of  
W870' + EX (43.85A) RB217 P353 (33.2A) (2.75A) of N2 of SE4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP Key City Sportsman purchased of NW4 S of Road

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Anthony Baynes</u>	<u>Nov. 5 1857 - Apr. 3 1894</u>	<u>Brother</u>
Next Owner <u>Patrick Baynes</u>	<u>Apr. 3 1894 - Dec. 12 1900</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
Next Owner <u>Anthony J. BAYNES</u>	<u>Dec 12 1900 - Nov. 20 1919</u>	<u>HUSBAND</u> <u>FATHER</u>
Next Owner <u>JANE <del>SYLVESTER</del> Baynes</u>	<u>Nov 20 1919 - Apr. 26 1951</u>	<u>MOTHER</u>
Next Owner <u>SYLvester M. Baynes</u>	<u>Apr. 26 1951 - Aug 21 1951</u>	<u>Husband</u>
<u>* Edna L. Baynes -</u> <u>now Edna L. Wolfe</u>	<u>Aug. 21 1951 - present</u>	

The above evidence of continuous family ownership is taken from one or more of the following records. Charles Baynes Dec 21, 1966 - present. son owns house + buildings only.

Check those that apply:

- ☒ 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.

Edna L. Baynes Wolfe 6/17/95  
(signature of present owner) (date)

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? United States of America

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? bounty land granted by U.S. of A

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Ireland

DID HE/SHE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? No  
IF SO, PLEASE LIST \_\_\_\_\_

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? ? part of original still inhabited

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? corn + oats

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Anthony + Patrick Baynes listed  
in the "History of Blue Earth County" by Thomas  
Hughes as early settlers of Jamestown. Patent  
from U.S. of A to Anthony Baynes signed by  
President Buchanan 1860. N1/2 SW1/4 of Sec. 29-109-25  
containing 80 acres



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PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Edna L. Wolfe

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE as above

ADDRESS 222 No. Black Eagle Dr. MANKATO MN 56001  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 625-2891

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Route 5 MANKATO MN

SECTION 28 TOWNSHIP 109 RANGE 50 COUNTY Blue Earth

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 91.85A

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY May 11 1867

HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? NO IF SO, WHEN?

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.) N20A of SE4 +  
S2 of NE4 EXC 4.75A + EXC 3.16A + EXC .25A 91.85A  
28-109-26

**PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP**

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Adam Wolfe</u>	<u>May 11 1867 - Oct. 19 1900</u>	<u>Father of Michael</u>
Next Owner <u>Michael Wolfe</u>	<u>Oct. 19 1900 - Nov. 13 1945</u>	<u>Husband of Frances</u> <u>father of Theodore + Frank</u>
Next Owner <u>Frances, Theodore + Frank Wolfe</u>	<u>Nov 13 1945 - Sept. 6 1946</u>	<u>mother, self + brother</u>
Next Owner <u>Theodore Wolfe</u>	<u>Sept. 6 1946 - Dec 28 1991</u>	<u>Husband of Edna</u>
Next Owner <u>* Edna L. Wolfe</u>	<u>Dec 28, 1991 - present</u>	

Steve and Cindy Wolfe Apr. 1, 1990 - present, grandson + wife own house + buildings only

The above evidence of continuous family ownership is taken from one or more of the following records.

Check those that apply:

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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.

Edna L. Wolfe  
(signature of present owner)

6/17/95  
(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? William H. Chapman & Jane

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 40 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? ?

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Hesse, Germany

DID HE/SHE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? No  
IF SO, PLEASE LIST \_\_\_\_\_

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? ? part of original still inhabited

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? corn, beans

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Original purchase was SE 1/4 of NE 1/4  
of Section 28 in township 109 N of range 26 West  
containing 40 acres.

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM MARK B. and ELAINE M. BUESGENS

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE MARK and Elaine Buesgens

ADDRESS 13025-106 Street Young America MINNESOTA 55397  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (612) 442-4635

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE 13315-106 Street Young America Minn

SECTION 32 TOWNSHIP Waconia COUNTY CARVER

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 80.6

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1871

HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? NO IF SO, WHEN?

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

Lot Three (3) and the EAST 16.40 acres OF Lots Four (4) AND Five (5), Section  
Thirty Two (32), Township One Hundred Sixteen (116) Range Twenty-Five (25), containing  
80 Acres of land, more or less.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>AND FRANKISKA</u> <u>Joseph Wessbecker</u>	<u>1871 - 1880</u>	<u>Father &amp; mother</u> <sup>OF</sup> <u>FREDERICK</u>
Next Owner <u>and ANNA</u> <u>Frederick Wessbecker</u>	<u>1880 - 1925</u>	<u>Father &amp; mother</u> <sup>OF</sup> <u>George</u>
Next Owner <u>George AND Francis Wessbecker</u>	<u>1925 - 1944</u>	<u>Father &amp; mother</u> <sup>OF</sup> <u>Elaine</u>
Next Owner <u>MARK AND ELAINE BUESGENS</u>	<u>1944</u> <u>1979 - present</u>	
Next Owner		

The above evidence of continuous family ownership is taken from one or more of the following records.  
Check those that apply:

- (☒) 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.

Mark B Buesgens  
(signature of present owner)

5-26-96  
(date)

Elaine M Buesgens

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? United States to Ernst Heup 1859, July 1

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 139.93 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? 1871 about \$90 acre \$900 for 101.20 acres

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? - Germany

DID HE/SHE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_  
IF SO, PLEASE LIST \_\_\_\_\_

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes signed by James Buchanan, President

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDING STILL STANDING OR IN USE? NO - House currently was built 1904

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1904 - original house burned down

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? CORN, <sup>oats, wheat</sup> ALFALFA, Dairy, chickens pigs

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Currently Farm is operated by Timothy AND Amy Leonard and children Brian, David and Christine. Amy is the daughter of MARK AND Elaine BUESGENS. The farm has Registered Holstein ~~dairy~~ cows AND crops are primarily CORN, AND ALFALFA.



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**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY**

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM ROBERT J ISCHE

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE ROBERT ISCHE

ADDRESS 13075-166 St NORWOOD MINN. 55368  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (612) 466-5887

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

SECTION 8 TOWNSHIP Hancock COUNTY Carver

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160.00

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1895

HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? NO IF SO, WHEN? \_\_\_\_\_

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

N 1/2 NE 1/4 E 1/2 NW 1/4 township-114 Range 025

**PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP**

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Ernst Bartels, Sr.</u>	<u>1895-1923</u>	<del>Son</del> <u>Father</u> <del>father in law</del> <u>of William</u>
Next Owner <u>William Ische</u>	<u>1923-1948</u>	<u>father of Raymond</u>
Next Owner <u>Raymond Ische</u>	<u>1948-1992</u>	<u>father of Robert</u>
Next Owner <u>Robert Ische</u>	<u>1992 present</u>	
Next Owner		

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Check those that apply:

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

Robert Ische  
(signature of present owner)

June 3-1996  
(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? ~~Patrick John & Marie~~ ~~John Colbert~~ April 2 1895

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160 for farm

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? ~~\$10,000~~ \$6000.00 ~~\$2500.00~~ for 160 A.

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Hettensen, Germany

DID HE/SHE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? yes (Wm. Ische)  
IF SO, PLEASE LIST Log sawing, Threshing machine locally

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes Sept. 1869 - 160 acres

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDING STILL STANDING OR IN USE? yes - barn, house, granary

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1895 Sept. Also the barn

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Dairy farming

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: This farm still has the same house and barn which has been remodelled by William Ische. Basement put under the house and additional rooms added. Also the barn was enlarged on one side, for calves pens and a milk house. Robert Ische (single) now is stilling in dairy business milking around 40 cows, beside heifer and calves about 100 animals all together. When Raymond & Delores Ische owned the farm we had hogs and laying chickens around 400. We raise corn and oats for our animals and alfalfa. Also have 40 acres of pasture for our cows and heifers to eat on in summer.

Ernst <sup>Magnus</sup> & Lena Bartels greatgrandfather, William & Lydia Ische Grandfather. My father and mother Ray & Delores Ische still live on the farm with me. Robert Ische 1951 born

If any questions  
about this Application  
call: 466-5887

Mother  
Delores Ische

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**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY**

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Wayne & Terri Lenzen

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Wayne & Terri Lenzen

ADDRESS 15220 Co. Rd. 41 Cologne MN 55322  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (612) 466-5584

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

SECTION sec. 29-115-24 TOWNSHIP Dahlgren COUNTY Carver  
sec. 32-115-24

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160 acres

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Oct 25, 1895

HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? NO IF SO, WHEN? \_\_\_\_\_

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

E 1/2 of NW 1/4 Sec. 32 also the SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 sec. 29-115-24

**PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP**

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner Diederick Lenzen	10-1895 - 9-1928	Father to Carl
Next Owner Carl F Lenzen	1928 - 1951	Father to Charles
Next Owner Charles H. Lenzen	1951 - 1988	Father to Wayne
Next Owner a Terri Wayne Lenzen	1988 - present	<del>Father</del>
Next Owner		

The above evidence of continuous family ownership is taken from one or more of the following records.

Check those that apply:

- ☒ 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.

Terri L. Lenzen  
(signature of present owner)

6-27-96  
(date)

Wayne L. Lenzen

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Albert Olson

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 120 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? P 33.00

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN?

DID HE/SHE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? NO  
IF SO, PLEASE LIST

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? Log home, Diedrick added on to Log home

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? *Corn, wheat, oats, alfalfa*

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

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PRESENT OWNER OF FARM DONALD AND ARLENE MUELLER

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE DONALD AND ARLENE MUELLER

ADDRESS 16380 COUNTY ROAD 50 HAMBURG MN 55339  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (612) 467-2829

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 27 TOWNSHIP YOUNG AMERICA COUNTY CARVER

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 165

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1892

HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? NO IF SO, WHEN?

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

SECTION 27 TWP-11S RANGE 026 165 ACRES

W 1/2 SE 1/4 & 85 AC IN SW 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Reinhart Wolter</u>	<u>1892 - 1967</u>	<u>Grandfather to Donald</u>
Next Owner <u>Donald Mueller</u>	<u>1967 to present</u>	
Next Owner		
Next Owner		
Next Owner		

The above evidence of continuous family ownership is taken from one or more of the following records.  
Check those that apply:

- (X) Abstract of Title ( ) Court File in Registration Proceedings  
( ) Land Patent ( ) County land Record  
(X) Original Deed ( ) Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Donald Mueller  
(signature of present owner)

JUNE 26, 1996  
(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? MR. HARMS

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 100

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? UNKNOWN

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? YOUNG AMERICA TOWNSHIP SECTION 34

DID HE/SHE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? NO  
IF SO, PLEASE LIST

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? NO ORIGINAL HOMESTEAD IN ~ 1859

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDING STILL STANDING OR IN USE? ORIGINAL HOME IN USE ELSEWHERE (PARTIAL)

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1914

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? DAIRY

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Mylo Noerenberg  
NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Mylo and Carol Noerenberg  
ADDRESS 3825 Vernon Ave Mayer Mn. 55360  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)  
PHONE NUMBER area code (612) 353-2419

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 21 TOWNSHIP 117-Hollywood COUNTY Carver  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 110  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1894  
HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? no IF SO, WHEN? \_\_\_\_\_  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.)  
NE 1/4 + SW 1/4 of SW 1/4  
SE 1/4 township 117 Range 026

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>August Noerenberg</u>	<u>1894-1927</u>	<u>Father of August C.</u>
Next Owner <u>August C. Noerenberg</u>	<u>1927-1952</u>	<u>Husband of Hilda</u>
Next Owner <u>Hilda Noerenberg</u>	<u>1952-1972</u>	<u>Mother of Mylo</u>
Next Owner <u>Mylo Noerenberg</u>	<u>1972-present</u>	
Next Owner		

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Check those that apply:

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

Mylo Noerenberg  
(signature of present owner)

June 5 '96  
(date)

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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/SHE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_

IF SO, PLEASE LIST \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS?

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM KURT VINKEMEIER  
NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE KURT VINKEMEIER AND  
WILLIAM EGGERS  
ADDRESS 15455 CO. RD. 53 COLOGNE MINN 55322  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)  
PHONE NUMBER area code (612) 466-2206

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 36 TOWNSHIP BENTON COUNTY CARVER  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 80

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY MAR. 16 1896

HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? NO IF SO, WHEN?

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.) THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER  
(SW 1/4 OF NW 1/4) AND THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST  
QUARTER (NW 1/4 OF SW 1/4) OF SECTION 36 TOWNSHIP 115 RANGE 25 CONTAINING 80  
ACRES

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>GOTTFRIED</u> & <u>ALICE</u> <u>EGGERS</u>	<u>1896 - 1941</u>	<u>PARENTS OF WILLIAM</u>
Next Owner <u>WILLIAM</u> & <u>ADDIE</u> <u>EGGERS</u>	<u>1941 - 1994</u>	<u>GRAND PARENTS OF KURT</u>
Next Owner <u>KURT</u> <u>VINKEMEIER</u>	<u>1994 - PRESENT</u>	
Next Owner		
Next Owner		

The above evidence of continuous family ownership is taken from one or more of the following records.  
Check those that apply:

- ☒ 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.

Kurt Vinkemeier  
(signature of present owner)

6-20-96  
(date)

OVER

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? WILLIAM & ADDIE EGGERS

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? 2,000.00

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? GERMANY

DID HE/SHE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? NO  
IF SO, PLEASE LIST \_\_\_\_\_

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? YES

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1914

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? CORN - MILK - OATS - ALFALFA

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: ABOVE FIGURES ARE ONLY BEST AVAILABLE  
INFORMATION & DEAL WITH THE FARMS MOST RECENT  
TRANSFER.

Mail Application To: **Century Farms, Minnesota State Fair, 1265 Snelling Ave N., St. Paul MN 55108-3099**



**Minnesota State Fair**  
**CENTURY FARM APPLICATION**



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Letter sent  
11/14/95

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY**

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Albert Denneweyer

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Albert Denneweyer

ADDRESS Rt 2 Box 95 Motley Minn. 56466  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (218) 894-3097 for son Eugene, Rt 2 Box 95, Motley

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

SECTION 30 TOWNSHIP Becker 134 COUNTY Cass

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 208.87

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 4-14-1894

HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? No IF SO, WHEN \_\_\_\_\_

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

Section 30, township 134, north of range 32, west of the  
5th principal meridian in Minnesota, lots 1, 2 + 3 75.75 acres

**PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP**

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Frank &amp; Mary Denneweyer</u>	<u>4-14-1894 to 2-17-1947</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Next Owner <u>all their children</u>		<u>brothers &amp; sisters</u>
Next Owner <u>Albert Denneweyer</u>	<u>2-17-1947 to present</u>	<u>brother</u>
Next Owner and wife <u>Angela</u>		
Next Owner		

The above evidence of continuous family ownership is taken from one or more of the following records.  
Check those that apply:

- ( ) 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.

Eugene Denneweyer, son 7-31-95  
(signature of present owner) (date)  
(This is a surprise for Albert so I did not ask him to  
OVER sign it.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? #1632 Homestead Certificate given to Steven Barker from  
 HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? U.S. government, free, then sold to Clara Barker  
 WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? for \$300, then sold to Frank Dennemeyer for \$2(15<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>)  
 WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Frank & Mary Dennemeyer, born in Luxembourg  
 DID HE/SHE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? no, but his brother  
 IF SO, PLEASE LIST who came here first was a trapper  
 WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes  
 IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDING STILL STANDING OR IN USE? yes  
 WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? between 1914 & 1919 & also Albert built a home  
 WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? at the same location in 1936  
 ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: oats, alfalfa, corn, rye, meadow hay

Albert's brother George owns 200 adjoining acres which Albert's son, Eugene, rents and farms along with Albert (age 85) and Eugene's own 160 acres, which also adjoins Albert's land. All total 568.87 acres farmed by Albert & wife Angela & son Eugene & wife Anne together. Eugene plans to continue farming Albert's land after Albert is unable to. Eugene has no children so there will not be any other family members to continue the farm. Albert's daughter Frances plans to retire and build a home in the same location as the original house.

(Please send all correspondence to Eugene Dennemeyer Rt 2 Box 95, Motley Minn 56466 as this is a surprise gift for Albert.)



Greetings:

Thank you for your interest in the 1995 Century Farm recognition program, which is sponsored by the State Fair and the Minnesota Farm Bureau. Enclosed you will find an application form. Please fill it out completely using the sample application form as a guide. Return it as soon as possible to the address below.

The deadline for the program is **July 1, 1995**.

Qualifications for entry are as follows:

1. The farm must be at least 100 years old according to the abstract of title, land patent, original deed, county land records, court file in registration proceedings, or other authentic land records. Please do not send records.
2. Your family must have owned the farm for 100 years or more. "Family" is defined as father, mother, uncle, aunt, brother, sister, son, daughter, first cousin, and direct in-laws (father-, mother-, brother-, sister-, daughter-, son-in-law).
3. Continuous residence on the farm is not required, but ownership must be continuous.
4. The farm should consist of 50 or more acres.

All of the qualifications must be met at the time the application for the Century Farm recognition is submitted. Also, Century Farm status is only conferred on a farm one time. New owners from the same "family", after a farm has already been designated a Century Farm, may not reapply.

Once again, the State Fair and the Minnesota Farm Bureau thank you for your interest in the Century Farm program.

Sincerely;

Ken Giannini  
Marketing Support Supervisor

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MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
Minnesota State Agricultural Society  
1265 Snelling Ave N  
St. Paul, MN 55108-3099  
(612) 642-2200 • (612) 642-2440 FAX



Eugene Bennemeyer  
Rt 2 Box 93  
Motley Minn. 56466



Minnesota State Fair  
Minnesota State Agricultural Society  
1265 Snelling Ave N.  
St. Paul, Minn. 55108-3099





Aug. 8, 1995

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(date)

m application on your father's behalf. However, since the  
to hold the application for next year's program.

Century Farm program will be sent to you next spring..

any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (612) 642-2253. Thank you for your  
interest in the Century Farm program.

Sincerely;

*Ken Giannini*  
Ken Giannini  
Marketing Support Supervisor







Aug. 8, 1995

Eugene Dennemeyer  
Rt 2 Box 93  
Motley MN 56466


Dear Mr. Dennemeyer,

Thank you for submitting the Century Farm application on your father's behalf. However, since the application deadline was July 1, we will have to hold the application for next year's program.

Further information regarding the 1996 Century Farm program will be sent to you next spring..

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (612) 642-2253. Thank you for your interest in the Century Farm program.

Sincerely;

  
Ken Giannini  
Marketing Support Supervisor



Family Reunion

Aug. 10-11

- WOULD LIKE SIGN  
& CERTIFICATE

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## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

DEADLINE: July 1

REC'D 11/28/95  
OK  
12/15/95

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM ELVA MELIN LIFE ESTATE JOYCE NANCYNAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE MARTIN AND ELVA MELINADDRESS RT. 3 BOX 224 PEQUOT LAKES, MN. 56472  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)PHONE NUMBER area code (218) 568-5213

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 4 TOWNSHIP LOON LAKE COUNTY CASSNUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 180DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1896HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? NO IF SO, WHEN?

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

NW SE TWP 136 RANGE 29

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>JONAS MELIN</u>	<u>1896 1933</u>	<u>FATHER OF MARTIN</u>
Next Owner <u>MARTIN MELIN</u>	<u>1933-1984</u>	
Next Owner <u>ELVA MELIN</u>	<u>1933-PRESENT</u>	
Next Owner		
Next Owner		

The above evidence of continuous family ownership is taken from one or more of the following records.

Check those that apply:

- ☒ 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.

Elva Melin

(signature of present owner)

Nov. 24, 1995

(date)

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Homestead

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

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

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? SWEDEN

DID HE/SHE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_  
IF SO, PLEASE LIST N/A

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? YES

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDING STILL STANDING OR IN USE? YES house. Log house has been sided.

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1900? REMODEL-1915-50<sup>15</sup>-63

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? 1896 HAY Small GRAIN  
TIMBER

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

Jonas told the family that he felled the norway  
trees and rolled them up to build his first house. The  
original logs are visible in the basement (a part of the  
"first cellar") at the present time

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**CENTURY FARM APPLICATION**

**DEADLINE: July 1**

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY**

OK

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Arler & Ardeeth Kvanli

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Arler & Ardeeth Kvanli

ADDRESS 4070 40th Street SW MONTVIDEO MN 56265  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (320) 269 8921

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE —

SECTION 9 TOWNSHIP Sparta COUNTY chipewa

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY oct 19 1895

HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? — IF SO, WHEN? —

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.)  
N 1/2 of N 1/2 Section 9 township 117  
Range 40

**PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP**

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Johan Jahnke</u>	<u>1895 - 1922</u>	<u>Husband</u>
Next Owner <u>Ernstine A. Jahnke</u>	<u>1922 - 1951</u>	<u>Mother</u>
Next Owner <u>Edward J. Jahnke</u>	<u>1951 - 1966</u>	<u>Stepfather of Ardeeth</u>
Next Owner <u>Arler &amp; Ardeeth Kvanli</u>	<u>1966 - Present</u>	
Next Owner		

The above evidence of continuous family ownership is taken from one or more of the following records.  
Check those that apply:

- ☒ 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.

Arler & Ardeeth Kvanli 7-15-96  
(signature of present owner) (date)

**OVER**

## 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? Germany

DID HE/SHE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_  
IF SO, PLEASE LIST \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1995

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? corn, wheat, & oats

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

~~1880~~ ~~State of Minn. to Russell Sage \$1.00~~  
1880 State of Minn. to Hastings & Dakota Railroad Co.  
1889 Hastings Railroad Co. to Russell Sage \$1.00  
1895 Russell Sage, Trustee of Hastings Railroad Co. to  
Johan Janke @ 9.27 per acre \$1482.45  
1900 Johan Janke to Fred Janke & Ernestine Janke,  
@ 3.13 per acre, \$500.00.  
1948 Ernestine Janke to Edward & Enola Janke \$1.00  
1966 Edward & Enola Janke to Arlen & Adith (step daughter)  
@ 275 per acre, \$44,000. 20 yr contract for deed at  
5% interest.  
- During 2 story, 2 room house was added on to  
in 1914. It was taken down and replaced with a 1 story  
house in 1995. In 1914 a barn, granary and chicken  
house was built. The barn is still standing. The chicken  
house was replaced by a shed in 1993.



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DEADLINE: July 1

REC'D 4/26/96  
OK

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Robert A & Judith M Thompson  
NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Robert AND Judith Thompson  
"Riverview FARM"  
ADDRESS 8020 103<sup>rd</sup> Ave. N.W. MILAN MN. 56262  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)  
PHONE NUMBER area code (320) 793-6656

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE - SAME -

SECTION 4 TOWNSHIP Big Bend COUNTY Chippewa  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 153.7 ✓  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1875 ✓  
HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? \_\_\_\_\_ IF SO, WHEN? \_\_\_\_\_  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Gabriel Gabrielson</u>	<u>1875 - 1897</u>	<u>FATHER of AUSTIN</u>
Next Owner <u>AUSTIN Gabrielson</u>	<u>1897 - 1937</u>	<u>FATHER of MERRIAN</u>
Next Owner <u>MERRIAN Gabrielson</u>	<u>1937 - 1974</u>	<u>FATHER of JUDITH</u>
Next Owner <u>JUDITH M Thompson</u>	<u>1974 - Present</u>	
Next Owner		

The above evidence of continuous family ownership is taken from one or more of the following records.  
Check those that apply:

- (X) Abstract of Title ( ) Court File in Registration Proceedings  
( ) Land Patent ( ) County land Record  
( ) Original Deed (X) Other: LAND GRANT U.S.A.

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

Robert A. Thompson  
(signature of present owner)

4-25-96  
(date)

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? N/A

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? Land Grant in 1875

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Norway

DID HE/SHE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? NO  
IF SO, PLEASE LIST \_\_\_\_\_

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDING STILL STANDING OR IN USE? Yes - Home built in 189 is still being used but was remodeled

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 189 WAS Remodeled and Added onto in 1976

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Wheat & Corn

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: The land was settled in 1867-1868

AND A Land Grant issued on 15<sup>th</sup> day of Jan. 1875.

The Grant was issued To Gilbert Gilbertson who AS

STATED in The Abstract WAS LATER KNOWN AS Gabriel

Gabrielson. Another Land Grant was issued For 80

more Acres in Section 4 on 30<sup>th</sup> of Jan. 1892.

The First Grant was signed by Ulysses S. Grant and

The second Grant by Benjamin Harrison.

The Gabrielsons were with a party of 5 families

that settled Along The Chippewa River. They walked

up here from Waseca County in 1867-1868.

I would like To add That we have The original

Land Grants. The First was issued Through The Land

Office at Litchfield and The second by The Land Office

at Marshall.

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CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Darlene and John Askegaard

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE same

ADDRESS Box 12 RR1 Georgetown Mn 56546  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (218) 861 6632

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 1, 7, 12 TOWNSHIP 142 COUNTY Clay

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 377

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1880

HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? no IF SO, WHEN?

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

(1) SE 1/4 SE 1/4 ; (7) FR. NW 1/4 + N 1/2 NE 1/4 less RR less 4.57 A. Hwy  
(2) W 14.38 A. of NE 1/4 NE 1/4 ; W 14.06 A. of Lot 3 + Lots 1 +

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Ole O. Feene (Finney)</u>	<u>1880 - 1920</u>	
Next Owner <u>Martha Feene (Finney)</u>	<u>1920 - 1947</u>	<u>wife</u>
Next Owner <u>Tom Finney</u>	<u>1947 - 1978</u>	<u>son</u>
Next Owner <u>Darlene Finney Askegaard</u>	<u>1978 -</u>	<u>daughter</u>
Next Owner		

The above evidence of continuous family ownership is taken from one or more of the following records.  
Check those that apply:

- (☒) 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.

Darlene F. Askegaard  
(signature of present owner)

7-5-96  
(date)

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED?

Nels Overboe

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL?

400

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE?

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN?

Kington (Brookline Co.) Minn

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

no

IF SO, PLEASE LIST

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD?

yes

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

yes a granary.

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT?

1905

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS?

wheat corn oats hay

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

At one time there was a trading post run by Martha (Arlene) Finney brother Foster which was later pulled to Perley when the RR came in. An elevator also stood at riverside. When that was no longer profitable it was torn down and a large barn was built. There were stalls for 14 horses, stanchions for 30 cows, a sheep pen and a calf pen. Near by were a hog house and an ice house. We would put up ice in the winter time - pack it in saw dust & have ice all summer. We also had school upstairs in our house for 6+ months after the school house (Dit. 71 west) burned. I was 3 1/2 yrs at the time. Living on the river - it was our winter play ground. Tobogganing, skiing and skating. One neighbor, Elmer Ohnstad cleared a skating rink, kept a fire going & invited us up for Cards or Bulls & Bears while his wife Cora would feed us - often making life for us.

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My mother drew many mittens on the oven door and parlor stove after our toboggan parties too.



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CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

DEADLINE: July 1

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Curtis Berg

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Curtis and Ardelle Berg

ADDRESS Rt 1 Box 103 Hawley Mn 56549  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (218) 937-5673

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

SECTION 22 TOWNSHIP Egion COUNTY Clay

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 483

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Homestead

HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? No IF SO, WHEN? \_\_\_\_\_

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

N 1/2 NE 1/4 Sect 22 Twp 139 Range 44; SE 1/4, NE 1/4 SW 1/4, SE 1/4  
NW 1/4, S 1/2 NE 1/4 Less 3.46 A

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Lars Mikkelsen</u>	<u>1871 - 1906</u>	<u>Father of Martin &amp; Lars</u>
Next Owner <u>Martin and Lars Mikkelsen</u>	<u>1906 - 1947</u>	<u>father (Martin) of Ludvig</u>
Next Owner <u>Ludvig Mikkelsen</u>	<u>1947 - 1975</u>	<u>father-in-law of Curtis</u>
Next Owner <u>Curtis Berg</u>	<u>1975 - Present</u>	
Next Owner		

The above evidence of continuous family ownership is taken from one or more of the following records.  
Check those that apply:

- (X) Abstract of Title ( ) Court File in Registration Proceedings  
( ) Land Patent ( ) County land Record  
(X) Original Deed ( ) Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Curtis & Ardelle Berg  
(signature of present owner)

June 7, 1996  
(date)

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Homestead

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

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

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Norway

DID HE/SHE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_  
IF SO, PLEASE LIST \_\_\_\_\_

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDING STILL STANDING OR IN USE? yes our living room is the original log house still in use

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? log part 1871 with first addition 1905

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? wheat hay beans

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

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Minnesota State Fair  
CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Gary L. Berg

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Gary L. Berg

ADDRESS RR 2 Box 43 HAWLEY Mn 56549  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (218) 937-5365

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 13 TOWNSHIP SKREE COUNTY Clay

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 318

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1896

HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? NO IF SO, WHEN?

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

Sec 13 TWP-138 RANGE-045 NW 1/4 NE 1/4 SW 1/4 &  
NW 1/4 SE 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Oscar F. Berg</u>	<u>1896 - 1941</u>	<u>Grandfather to Gary</u> <u>Father of Richard</u>
Next Owner <u>Richard L. Berg</u>	<u>1941 - 1980</u>	<u>Father of Gary</u>
Next Owner <u>Gary L. Berg</u>	<u>1980 - present</u>	
Next Owner		
Next Owner		

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Check those that apply:

- ( ) Abstract of Title ( ) Court File in Registration Proceedings  
( ) Land Patent ( ) County land Record  
(X) Original Deed ( ) Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Gary L. Berg  
(signature of present owner)

6-13-96  
(date)

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Rail road

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 120

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$825<sup>00</sup> total

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Danbury

DID HE/SHE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? No  
IF SO, PLEASE LIST \_\_\_\_\_

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

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDING STILL STANDING OR IN USE? portion of the original house is still a part of the present house

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? There are now 2 houses original, right after purchase  
2nd home 1980.

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? grain, potatoes, cattle

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Today the crops are grain and the  
land is rented out. We have 2 homes Richard  
who is 90 lives in one and My wife & I live in  
the other.

MINNESOTA

DIVISION.

# Northern Pacific Railway Company.

**This Deed**, Made the first day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and six, by the **NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY**, a corporation duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Wisconsin, party of the first part, and

Oscar F. Berg,  
of Hawley in the County of Clay  
and State of Minnesota party of the second part.

Witnesseth, Whereas, by a contract in writing entered into on the thirty-first day of January, A. D. 1896, the **Northern Pacific Railroad Company**, predecessor in interest of the party of the first part contracted to sell and convey to Carl J. Berg and Jens L. Berg, to whose rights the party of the second part duly succeeded for the consideration hereinafter expressed, the premises hereinafter described; and,

Whereas, Said contract has been duly performed and the party of the second part has become entitled to a conveyance of said premises.

Now Therefore, The party of the first part, in consideration of the sum of Eight hundred twenty (\$820.00) Dollars, unto it duly paid according to said contract, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, does grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns, the following described tract of land situate in the county of Clay in the State of Minnesota that is to say:

West half of northwest quarter and southeast quarter of northwest quarter

of Section No. thirteen (13) in Township one hundred thirty-eight (138) North, of Range forty-five (45) West of the fifth Principal Meridian, containing, according to the United States Government Survey one hundred twenty (120) acres, more or less, the lands hereby granted being subject, however, to an easement in the public for any public road or roads heretofore laid out or established, and now existing over and across any part of said described land.

Together with the hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging or in anywise appertaining.

So Give and to Hold, The said lands and appurtenances, unto the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns, forever, free and clear of all liens, charges and incumbrances, except taxes and assessments, if any, levied or assessed since the thirty-first day of January, A. D. 1896.

The said party of the first part, for itself and its successors, covenants and agrees to and with the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns, that it will WARRANT AND DEFEND the title to the said premises, forever, except as against the taxes and assessments aforesaid, and tax titles founded thereon.

In Witness Whereof, The said party of the first part has caused these presents to be sealed with its corporate seal, and signed by its President, the day and year first above written.

**NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY,**

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the Presence of

David Pryor  
N. H. Haukester

By Thomas J. Clark President.

Attest: A. H. Hill Assistant Secretary.

STATE OF MINNESOTA,  
COUNTY OF RAMSEY.

} ss.

On this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March in the year 1906, before me

a notary public, personally appeared HOWARD ELLIOTT.

to me known to be the President of the Northern Pacific Railway Company, the corporation which executed the foregoing instrument, and who being duly sworn did say, that the seal affixed to said instrument is the corporate seal of said corporation, and that said instrument was signed and sealed in behalf of said corporation by authority of its Board of Directors, and the said

HOWARD ELLIOTT. acknowledged said instrument to be the free act and deed of said corporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at my office, in the City of St. Paul, the day and year last aforesaid.

*rw c*  
Notary Public, Ramsey County, Minnesota.  
My Commission expires December 27<sup>th</sup> 1911

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DEED

MINNESOTA DIVISION.

Contract No. 12765 Deed No. 12690E

Northern Pacific Railway  
Company.

TO

Oscar F. Berg,

Hawley, Minnesota.

State of \_\_\_\_\_  
County of \_\_\_\_\_

OFFICE OF \_\_\_\_\_  
Register in \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that the within deed was  
filed for record in this office on the 9<sup>th</sup>  
day of June A. D. 1906  
at 9 o'clock A.M., and duly  
recorded in Book 50 of Deeds, on  
page 176 inclusive

*B B Metland, Reg.*  
By *J. Stalley*, Deputy  
State Bank of Hawley  
Hawley, Minn.

I hereby certify that this deed was  
filed on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1906  
in the County of Ramsey, Minnesota.

Taxes paid and transfer  
entered this 9<sup>th</sup> day of  
June, 1906

*John E. B.*  
County Auditor.

Checked with Sales Book

Checked with Plat

Checked with Contract



Minnesota State Fair  
CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

DEADLINE: July 1

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Howard O. Pender Sr.

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Howard O. Pender Sr. and Evelyn Pender

ADDRESS RR 1 Box 21 Baker MN 56513  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (218) 789-7216

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE same

SECTION 24 TOWNSHIP 138 COUNTY 47 Clay

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 304.29

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 10-4-1895

HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? NO IF SO, WHEN?

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.) East half Section 24 Township 138 Range 47

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>William Thomason</u>	<u>1895-1931</u>	<u>adopted grandson</u>
Next Owner <u>Raymond Pender</u>	<u>1931-1935</u>	<u>father and husband</u>
Next Owner <u>Myrtle Pender and 9 children</u>	<u>1935-1971</u>	<u>mother and brothers and sisters</u>
Next Owner <u>Howard &amp; Evelyn Pender</u>	<u>1971-NOW</u>	<u>self + wife</u>
Next Owner <u>Howard Pender</u>	<u>NOW</u>	

The above evidence of continuous family ownership is taken from one or more of the following records.

Check those that apply:

- ☒ 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.

Howard O. Pender Sr. and Evelyn Pender Nov. 14, 1995  
(signature of present owner) (date)

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? USA

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? homestead #4

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Scotland

DID HE/SHE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? yes cutting  
IF SO, PLEASE LIST stone cutting

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDING STILL STANDING OR IN USE? live in the home today, many additions

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1895

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? wheat, corn

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: William Thomson came to the US in 1870, In Scotland he worked in a factory as a stone cutter from age 8-16. He spent 2 years in New York City and sent for his wife and daughter and father before moving to New Jersey. Spent 6 yrs there before taking the train to Audubon, MN. (end of Northern Pacific Railroad). In 1878 he sold his original homestead in Audubon. William Thomson's nickname was "Scotman Thomson". They arrived at night at Little Scotland (now Lounger). Morning came and he looked around and said "This is surely the wilds of America but others have made a home so I will too." Not a house could be seen. He had no formal schooling until as an adult he was the 1st Clerk in Elton Township and one of the founders of the 1st Presb. Church. He took care of all legal affairs in the neighborhood like a lawyer. In 1885 he became a US citizen. Raymond Pender married Myrtle in 1918 and took over the farm til 1935. Myrtle ran the farm and gradually turned things over to Howard his wife Evelyn and brother Raymond + his wife Myrtle.

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Howard is 70 and has lived in the same house all his life.

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM ALBERT R. ERICKSON & VICTOR H. ERICKSON

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE ALBERT R. ERICKSON & VICTOR H. ERICKSON

ADDRESS R. RT. #2 Box 98 CLEARBROOK MN. 56634  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (218) 726-3822

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 5 TOWNSHIP 149N COUNTY CLEARWATER

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1896

HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? No IF SO, WHEN?

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

SE 1/4 SEC. 5, Twp. 149N, Rge. 37W

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Charles Erickson</u>	<u>1896 - 1942</u>	<u>Father of Albert &amp; Victor</u>
Next Owner <u>Albert R. Erickson</u> <u>Victor H. Erickson</u>	<u>1942 - present</u>	
Next Owner		
Next Owner		
Next Owner		

The above evidence of continuous family ownership is taken from one or more of the following records.

Check those that apply:

- (X) Abstract of Title ( ) Court File in Registration Proceedings  
( ) Land Patent ( ) County land Record  
(X) Original Deed ( ) Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Albert Erickson  
(signature of present owner)

Victor Erickson

July 13, 1996  
(date)

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CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

DEADLINE: July 1

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM John and Lorena Merseth

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Merseth Farm

ADDRESS RR 2 Box 213 Clearbrook MN 56634  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (218) 776-3204

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

SECTION 21 TOWNSHIP 48 COUNTY Clearwater

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY May 16, 1896

HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? NO IF SO, WHEN? \_\_\_\_\_

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

N 1/2 NE 1/4, E 1/2 NW 1/4 21 148 38

West of the 5th principal Meridian

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Bernhard + Lina Merseth</u>	<u>1896 - 1946</u>	<u>Father</u>
Next Owner <u>Edwin + Leona Merseth</u>	<u>1946 - 1980</u>	<u>Father</u>
Next Owner <u>John + Lorena Merseth</u>	<u>1980 - present</u>	<u>Father</u>
Next Owner		
Next Owner		

The above evidence of continuous family ownership is taken from one or more of the following records.  
Check those that apply:

- ( ) Abstract of Title ( ) Court File in Registration Proceedings  
( ) Land Patent ( ) County land Record  
( ) Original Deed ( ) Other: Homesland Application  
Crookston Land office

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

Lorena Merseth  
(signature of present owner)

11-8-95  
(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Under the Act of Jan 14, 1889  
Under Section 2291 of revised Statutes

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160 of the U.S.

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

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Norway

DID HE/SHE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_  
IF SO, PLEASE LIST \_\_\_\_\_

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? YES

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

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

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Alfalfa, Small grain used

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: for feeding cattle

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM JOEL W. and Enice A. NORDLUND

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE JOEL AND ENICE NORDLUND

ADDRESS RR2, Box 206 CLEARBROOK MN. 56634  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (618) 776-3671

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 15 TOWNSHIP EDDY COUNTY CLEARWATER

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 155

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY May 1896

HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? NO IF SO, WHEN?

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

SW 1/4, Sec 15, Township 148 North, Range 38 West.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>John &amp; Marie Nordlund</u>	<u>1896 - 1946</u>	<u>father &amp; mother of Joel</u>
Next Owner <u>Joel &amp; Enice Nordlund</u>	<u>1946 - current</u>	
Next Owner		
Next Owner		
Next Owner		

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Check those that apply:

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| <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Family History</u> |

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

Joel & Enice Nordlund  
(signature of present owner)

6/23/96  
(date)

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

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 1160

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

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Sweden

DID HE/SHE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_  
IF SO, PLEASE LIST \_\_\_\_\_

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes

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

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

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Dairy, wood, oats, hay

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Raymond Odegaard

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Raymond Odegaard

ADDRESS RR1, Box 66 Gonvick MN 56644  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (218) 487-5378

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 6 TOWNSHIP Eddy COUNTY Clearwater

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 157 1/100

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1896

HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? No IF SO, WHEN?

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

S 1/2 of NE 1/4 and Lots 1+2 of Section 6 Township 148 N of Range 38  
W of 5th Principal Meridian

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Peter Odegaard</u>	<u>Had to live on the land 7 years before given Homestead rights</u> <u>1896 - 1931</u>	<u>Husband to Lena</u>
Next Owner <u>Lena Odegaard</u>	<u>1931 - 1950</u>	<u>Mother to Raymond</u>
Next Owner <u>Raymond Odegaard</u>	<u>1950 - Present</u>	
Next Owner		
Next Owner		

The above evidence of continuous family ownership is taken from one or more of the following records.

Check those that apply:

- ( ) Abstract of Title ( ) Court File in Registration Proceedings  
(X) Land Patent ( ) County land Record  
( ) Original Deed (X) Other: Quit Claim Deed

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

Raymond Odegaard  
(signature of present owner)

5-13-1996  
(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Peter Odegaard

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 157 <sup>14</sup>/<sub>100</sub>

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? None, Homesteaded

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Norway

DID HE/SHE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? Not after homesteading.  
IF SO, PLEASE LIST Previously, carpenter

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1904

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Small grains, dairy cattle

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

Was not taxed until 1903.



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Reviewed  
OK 7/1/96

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Wesley and MaryBeth Rogstad  
NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Wesley and MaryBeth Rogstad  
ADDRESS Rt 2 Box 227 Clearbrook MN 56634  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)  
PHONE NUMBER area code (218) 776-3846

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 9 TOWNSHIP Eddy COUNTY Clearwater  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1896

HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? NO IF SO, WHEN? \_\_\_\_\_

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.)  
SE Quarter, of Section 9, in Township 148, N, of Range 38,  
West of the 5th Principle Meridian

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Ole and Lina Holm</u>	<u>1896 - 1935</u>	<u>Parents of Raymond &amp; Clarence</u>
Next Owner <u>Raymond &amp; Clarence Holm</u>	<u>1935 - 1973</u>	<u>Uncles of Adeline</u>
Next Owner <u>Adeline &amp; Merlin Rogstad</u>	<u>1973 - 1993</u>	<u>Parents of Wesley</u>
Next Owner <u>Wesley &amp; MaryBeth Rogstad</u>	<u>1993 - present</u>	
Next Owner		

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Check those that apply:

- (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.

Wesley Rogstad MaryBeth Rogstad  
(signature of present owner)

6-25-96  
(date)

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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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? Sweden

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

IF SO, PLEASE LIST Logging Camp in Winter

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes

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

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

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Hay, Oats, & Wheat

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

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OK

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Thelma L. Rusten

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Thelma L. Rusten

ADDRESS Rt. 2 Box 272 Clearbrook MN 56634  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (218) 776-3954

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

SECTION 24 TOWNSHIP Eddy COUNTY Clearwater

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 239

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1896 Homestead ✓

HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? No IF SO, WHEN? \_\_\_\_\_

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.) Farm HSTD

Sect - 24 TWP-148 Range - 038  
NE 1/4 Less 1 AC IN NE 1/4 NE 1/4 E 1/2 NW 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Johannes and Anna Rusten</u>	<u>1896 - 1943</u>	<u>Spouse - Surviving</u>
Next Owner <u>Anna Rusten</u>	<u>1943 - 1947</u>	<u>Mother of Mensor</u>
Next Owner <u>Mensor &amp; Thelma Rusten</u>	<u>1947 - 1995</u>	<u>Spouse - Surviving</u>
Next Owner <u>Thelma L. Rusten</u>	<u>1995 - Present</u>	
Next Owner		

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- (☒) Abstract of Title      (☐) Court File in Registration Proceedings  
(☐) Land Patent      (☐) County land Record  
(☐) Original Deed      (☐) Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Thelma L. Rusten  
(signature of present owner)

April 22, 1996  
(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Homesteaded

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? Lorn, Norway

DID HE/SHE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? No  
IF SO, PLEASE LIST \_\_\_\_\_

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1901 Remodeled in 1953

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Hay, row crops, wood, lumber

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Johannes staked his claim.  
He went back to Fertile. He brought his  
wife, Anna, and son Arthur by covered  
wagon. With the help of Anna's uncle, he  
built a long cabin before winter set in.  
The cellar can be found just off Highway 92.  
The present house was built farther in  
on the land.

RR2 Box 272  
Clearbrook, MN  
June 3, 1996

Minnesota State Fair  
1265 Snelling Ave. N.  
St. Paul  
MN 55108-3099

Dear Sir:

Thank you for the letter informing me that our farm qualified for Century Farm.

We plan to observe the Centennial June 15-16 when the Rusten families will have a reunion at the old homestead.

There is only one living from the John and Anna family. She will be 95 on June 8 so we will celebrate with her at the reunion.

The Clearwater County Fair in Bagley is July 24-28.

Again, thanks for the honor bestowed on us.

Sincerely yours,  
Thelma L. Rusten



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Erwin Cornick

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE \_\_\_\_\_

Erwin Cornick

ADDRESS Rt 2 Box 124 Westbrook Mn 56183  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 274-5520

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Rt 2 Box 188

SECTION 9 TOWNSHIP Rosehill COUNTY Cottonwood

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY May 4 1896

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

NE 1/4 of Sec 9 Township 106 Range 38

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS OWNERSHIP:

Name	Years of Ownership from - to	Blood Relationship to next Owner
first owner <u>Friedrich Rachay</u>	<u>1896 - 1936</u>	<u>Sons</u>
next owner <u>Sam, Otto, Herbert, and Walter Rachay</u>	<u>1936 - 1950</u>	<u>-</u>
next owner <u>Walter &amp; Otto Rachay</u>	<u>1950 - 1966</u>	<u>Uncles</u>
next owner <u>Erwin Cornick</u>	<u>1966 - Present</u>	
next owner		

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☐ Original Deed ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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Erwin Cornick  
(signature of present owner)

July 11, 1996  
(date)



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PRESENT OWNER OF FARM LAWRENCE ALBERT ENGLER

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE LAWRENCE A. ENGLER

ADDRESS RR #2 Box 221 WESTBROOK MINNESOTA 56183  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 274-6369

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

SECTION 33 TOWNSHIP ROSE HILL COUNTY COTTONWOOD

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 80

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY MARCH 10, 1896

HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? NO IF SO, WHEN? \_\_\_\_\_

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.) 1/2 of S.E. quarter of section 33 of township 106 (Rosehill now)

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>GEORGE ENGLER SR.</u>	<u>1896 - 1905</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
Next Owner <u>DAVID ENGLER SR.</u>	<u>1905 - 1961</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
Next Owner <u>LAWRENCE ENGLER</u>	<u>1961 -</u>	
Next Owner		
Next Owner		

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( ) Land Patent ( ) County land Record  
(X) Original Deed ( ) Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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Lawrence Engler  
(signature of present owner)

APRIL 18, 1996  
(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Minnesota Land and Investment Co.

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

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

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Russia

DID HE/SHE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? no.  
IF SO, PLEASE LIST \_\_\_\_\_

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? No

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

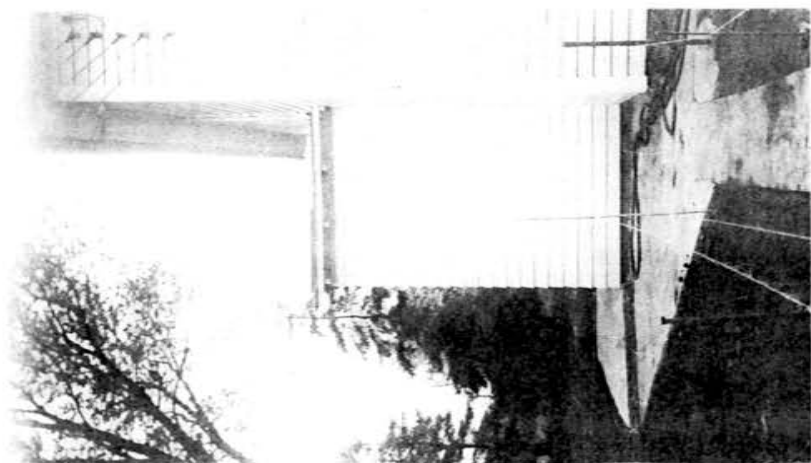
WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1905 1896-1897?

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn, Hay, Gate Beans

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: No. 16243 Deed No. 682

George Engler Sr. bought 160 acres of land from Minn. Land Investment Co. for \$8 an acre on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of Oct. 1896. Sold same to his son David Engler Sr. in 1906 when they moved to County of St. Francis, state of Arkansas. A few years later they moved to Oregon where they made their home and died there. Their bodies were brought back to the homeplace where they laid in state for 3 day funeral service which was held at the home and were buried at the Rosehill Cemetary. All 7 of David Sr. & Mary Engler's children were born at home. Also 4 sons of Lawrence & Francis, now owners of the farm. Two daughters of David Sr. & Mary Engler were married at the home. (Hilda & Agnes). The barn was built in 1913. A storm took it down in 1979. Large maple tree by the house was uprooted due to a storm. This tree was about 100 years old.

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PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Kenneth Harold Kissner

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Kenneth and Diane Kissner

ADDRESS P.O. Box 51 Sherburn MN 56171  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 764-5001

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

SECTION 1 TOWNSHIP Highwater COUNTY Cottonwood

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 156.36

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1895

HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? No IF SO, WHEN? \_\_\_\_\_

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.) The NE 1/4 of Sec. 1, Twp. 108 N. Rge. 37 W. 5th P. M. in Cottonwood County, Minnesota

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner Fred Kissner	1895 - 1898	Father of Frederick
Next Owner Frederick Louis Kissner	1898 - 1948	Father of Theodore
Next Owner Theodore Frederick Kissner	1948 - 1980	Father of Kenneth
Next Owner Kenneth Harold Kissner	1980 - Present	
Next Owner		

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( ) Original Deed ( ) Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Kenneth Harold Kissner  
(signature of present owner)

June 21, 1996  
(date)

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

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 164.40

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

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

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

IF SO, PLEASE LIST \_\_\_\_\_

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDING STILL STANDING OR IN USE? Yes. Part of the original barn is still in use as a hog barn & the original house is now the kitchen of the present house.

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1898 Addition in 1910

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn, wheat, oats, barley, flax, soybeans

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM DARRELL LIESENFELD  
NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE DARRELL AND ARLENE LIESENFELD  
ADDRESS 124 PRAIRIE PATH SPRINGFIELD MN 56078  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)  
PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 723-5755

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE RT Box 128 Comfrey, MN  
SECTION 12 TOWNSHIP DELTON COUNTY COTTONWOOD  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY MARCH 8, 1889  
HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? No IF SO, WHEN? \_\_\_\_\_  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.)  
Southeast Quarter Section 12, Township 107, Range 35  
Cottonwood County

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Jacob Liesenfeld</u>	<u>1889 - 1948</u>	
Next Owner <u>Harland Liesenfeld</u>	<u>1948 - 1977</u>	<u>Son of Jacob</u>
Next Owner <u>Darrell Liesenfeld</u>	<u>1977 - 1996</u>	<u>Son of Harland</u>
Next Owner		
Next Owner		

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Check those that apply:

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( ) Land Patent      ( ) County land Record  
( ) Original Deed      ( ) Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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DR Liesenfeld  
(signature of present owner)

May 30, 1996  
(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Ziba H. Bradbury And Lucy L. Bradbury

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? 7.00

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? U.S.A.

DID HE/SHE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? No  
IF SO, PLEASE LIST

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? No

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDING STILL STANDING OR IN USE? yes, Part of house is still in use

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? Built on ever since.

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Small grain And Corn

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

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PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Gladys Werner

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Werner Farm

ADDRESS 609 S. 7th St. Lamberton MN. 56152  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 752-7969

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE RR2 - Box 331 Lamberton Mn.

SECTION 12 TOWNSHIP Highwater COUNTY Cotton Wood

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160 A

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Sept. 13, 1890

HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? No IF SO, WHEN? \_\_\_\_\_

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

Section 12 NE 1/4 Sup 108 Range 037

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Frederick Werner</u>	<u>1890-1925</u>	<u>Father</u>
Next Owner <u>Otto Werner</u>	<u>1925-1962</u>	<u>Father</u>
Next Owner <u>Arthur Werner</u>	<u>1962-present</u>	<u>Father</u>
Next Owner <u>Gladys Werner</u>		
Next Owner		

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Gladys Werner  
(signature of present owner)

April 16, 1996  
(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? U.S. of America -

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? Germany

DID HE/SHE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_  
IF SO, PLEASE LIST \_\_\_\_\_

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1972

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn, wheat, oats, barley

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Soy beans - Flax

work horses lairs, Hogs, chickens

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PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER DAVID + LYNN FELLERMAN

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE \_\_\_\_\_

Dave + Lynn Fellerman

ADDRESS 15989 Mississippi River Road AITKIN MN 56431  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (218) 927-3597

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

SECTION 12 TOWNSHIP 47 COUNTY Crow Wing

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 300

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY ~~188~~ 1896

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

Southwest quarter of Section 12 in Township 47

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS OWNERSHIP:

Name	Years of Ownership from - to	Blood Relationship to next Owner
first owner		
Henry + Martha Fellerman	1889 - 1941	Father + Mother of Arthur
next owner		
Arthur + Lydia Fellerman	1941 - 1970	Father + Mother of David
next owner		
David + Lynn Fellerman	1970	
next owner		
next owner		

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David Fellerman  
(signature of present owner)

6-9-96  
(date)

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HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Schwarme Germany

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes  
IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL

BUILDING STILL STANDING OR IN USE? NO

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1973

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Beef Farm

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

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Kandiyohi County Fair  
PO Box 490

Willmar, MN 56201

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PRESENT OWNER OF FARM WILLIAM C. MATTSON

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE WILLIAM C. MATTSON

ADDRESS HC 2 Box 273 PEGULOT LAKES MIN 56482  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (218) 963-3566

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

SECTION 6 TOWNSHIP LAKE EDWARD COUNTY CROW WING  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 133

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY MAY 1896

HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? NO IF SO, WHEN? \_\_\_\_\_

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.) E 1/2 SE 1/4 AND  
NW 1/4 SE 1/4 AND THE EAST 1/2 OF THE SW 1/4 SE 1/4 ALL IN SECTION 6,  
TWP 13S, RANGE 28

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>JOHN E MATTSON</u>	<u>1896 - 1913</u>	<u>HUSBAND</u>
Next Owner <u>ANNA SOPHIA MATTSON</u>	<u>1913 - 1949</u>	<u>MOTHER</u>
Next Owner <u>HENRY CHARLES MATTSON</u>	<u>1949 - 1977</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
Next Owner <u>WILLIAM CHARLES MATTSON</u>	<u>1977 - PRESENT</u>	
Next Owner		

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William C Mattson  
(signature of present owner)

JAN 12, 1996  
(date)

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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? SWEDEN

DID HE/SHE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_  
IF SO, PLEASE LIST

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? YES

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDING STILL STANDING OR IN USE? HOME BUILT IN 1903 IS STILL STANDING - NOT IN USE

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1979

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? CORN, OATS, SOYBEANS<sup>S</sup> HAY, MILK,  
EGGS

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

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BARB Burgwald

2717 113<sup>th</sup> St. S.E.

Brandon 56401

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### The Mat(t)sons

## Railside marriage united early Nisswa family

Among the members of that noble little colony of Swedish immigrants in Lexington, Missouri, which we introduced in the course of giving the Fred Thoresen biography, was a handsome young Swede named John E. Matson. And once again we become involved with a problem in orthography. For there are today at least eleven listings for **Mattson** in the Brainerd-Nisswa phone book, some of whom are direct descendants of John; yet this forebear very clearly signed his own name **Matson** -- with a single "t" -- and for every member of his family as well, in the 1900 Census for which he himself was Enumerator.

John was still a bachelor when his friend Thoresen was transplanting his family to Upper Fish Trap Lake from Missouri by way of Illinois. However, at that very time he was suffering from an age-old affliction: Eyes about the size of dinner-plates at the mere mention of Fred's beautiful cousin Anna Sophia Erickson. This little lady was John's junior by seven years, having been born in Sweden 17 January 1872; and she had only recently joined the Lexington colony as of 1894.

In the year 1895 now under our attention, John had gone north with Fred's family to help them move in; and they apparently convinced him to spend the winter. In any event, he was in our area the following spring, and was about ready to return to Lexington and get about that terribly important business of casting anchor on Sophia, when he learned that several of the Colony families -- Lindstroms, Dandannels, and John Johnson with his sister Hilda -- were about to move north and join the Thoresens on neighboring homestead property. So John set off some ardent message which ran roughly as follows:

a. To Anna: Will you be my wife?"

b. To his Swedish friends: "Would you chaperone Anna and bring her along?"

c. Back to Anna: "Will you join the northbound caravan and marry me up here?"

Of course, the friends were delighted to oblige; and Anna Sophia offered no particular resistance, imposing as the only restriction that they get married **real** fast -- immediately upon arrival. To this of course John excitedly agreed.

In those days the railroad would hang, upon request, a so-called Emigrant Car on their train; and this was exactly what the Missouri Swedes needed. Like Freeman Thorp before them, they loaded all of their mutual belongings aboard -- one horse, several cows, a few crates of chickens,

household furnishings from cookstoves to rocking chairs, cooking utensils, blankets, ... etc. On 21 May 1896, the great steel steed snorted and puffed into Brainerd for a short stop. And remember: Anna wanted to get married, but **real** fast!

So John was not only there to meet them, but complete with clergy. The knot was tied on the spot, the steel steed snorted once again, wheels creaked and axles groaned, and within a mere hour or so the emigrants and their Emigrant Car had made the entire 11 miles to the spanking new Hubert Station. There it was left on the side track.

And at that point even civilization seemed to have come to its end. They were left standing and staring at a mere hole in the woods, with nothing else in sight but two lakes and Colonel Freeman Thorp's refurbished railroad

shacks atop a neighboring hill. However, those lakes were certainly lovely.

Thanks to oldtimer Web Hill, at his Ranch built just an even decade earlier, they finally made the arduous trek through several miles of virgin Minnesota timber. For Web sent his strapping brother-in-law Thomas Leigh over to the railroad stop with a horse and wagon; and while the women helped balance the precariously perched overload, and urged the cows to keep in line -- and the chickens to stop squawking -- the little party slowly moved behind their axe-swinging men.

By the time they got to Thoresen's cabin of course, they had cut a whole road from Hubert Station; and when they finally did get there, that was exactly where they were -- Thoresen's cabin. No hotel or motel in those days.

So they all lived together in the one home, while the men went out daily to chop and build. The newlywed Mattsons were in more of a hurry than the others to get out on their own; and they moved into their cabin when only half the floor was laid, and the door was yet to be built, let alone hung. Neither were the round logs chinked. They solved the immediate problem of privacy by hanging a blanket across the open doorway, then in a true spirit of pioneer bravery resigned themselves to sharing about half their blood with mosquitoes.

Despite this distinction from the classical setting of a honeymoon, a little girl named Anna slid down the chute from the Soul World in November 1897; in May 1900 the memorable Henry arrived; and in April 1902, Albert. The present writer had the fortunate experience of interviewing Henry some years back, and not long before his passing; and when some larger opportunity presents itself, we shall hopefully expand upon the interesting Mattson story -- now with two "t's"!



**MATSON'S FRAME HOME** built in 1903 by paneling both the old log cabin and its tarpaper addition.



**MATSON'S "FOREST HOME"**. The original log cabin can be seen at the rear of the tarpaper addition. John and Anna are standing near the door, with young Henry

and Ed seated in front of the window, sister Annie standing alongside. (Courtesy Henry Mattson.)

*Taken from the  
book "Stories of our Pioneer"  
By Carl A. Zappke  
William C. Mattson*

Minnesota State Fair  
**CENTURY FARM APPLICATION**

**DEADLINE: July 1**

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY**

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM John + Irma Novotny  
 NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE John + Irma Novotny  
 ADDRESS 15400 Iron Hub Road Aitkin MN 56431  
 (street) (city) (state) (zip)  
 PHONE NUMBER area code (218) 534-3621

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

SECTION 34 TOWNSHIP Rabbit Lake (47) COUNTY Crow Wing  
 NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT acres - 365  
 DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY November 4, 1896  
 HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? NO IF SO, WHEN? \_\_\_\_\_

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.) NW 1/4 of Section 34, Town 47 Range 28 Exc. N. 544.5 FT. of W. 400 FT. of NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 - the SW 1/4 of Section 34, SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 Sect 33, Town 47 - Range 28 and W 136 FT Lying S of Stg Row of Abandoned mpls & ST Paul & Sault  
 PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP ST. Marie RR in SW 1/4 of SW 1/4 Sect. 27

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Emil Menzel</u>	<u>1896 - 1940</u>	<u>Father to Henry</u>
Next Owner <u>Henry E Menzel</u> <u>Lydia Menzel</u>	<u>1940 - 1989</u>	<u>Parents of Irma Novotny</u>
Next Owner <u>John N Novotny</u> <u>Irma Novotny</u>	<u>1989 - Present</u>	
Next Owner		
Next Owner		

The above evidence of continuous family ownership is taken from one or more of the following records.  
 Check those that apply:

- ☒ Abstract of Title                      ( ) Court File in Registration Proceedings  
 ( ) Land Patent                              ( ) County land Record  
 ( ) Original Deed                              ( ) Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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

John N Novotny Irma Novotny June 12, 1996  
 (signature of present owner) (date)

**OVER**



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Charles A. Anderson

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

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

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Hamburg, MN

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

IF SO, PLEASE LIST Carpentry & Mining

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Land was homesteaded To Charles Anderson

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? original house (log) small built by Anderson

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Oats - Hay - Corn - Beef <sup>Early 1900's</sup>

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Emil  
enlarge  
home  
is still  
lived  
in.

**Mail Application To: *Century Farms, Minnesota State Fair, 1265 Snelling Ave N., St. Paul MN 55108-3099***