



Century Farm Applications

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Minnesota State Fair
CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

DEADLINE: July 1

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM DORA KASEL

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE DORA KASEL

ADDRESS 210 WEST MAIN STREET VERMILLION MN 55085
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (612) 437-9628

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE 20385 COATES BOULEVARD, HASTINGS, MN 55033

SECTION 29 TOWNSHIP VERMILLION COUNTY DAKOTA

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 233

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY AUGUST 18, 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.) _____

W. 1/2 of N.E. 1/4 and N.W. 1/4 of S.E. 1/4 SECTION 29 TOWNSHIP 114 RANGE 18

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner THEODORE and MARGARET KASEL	8/18/1896 - 7/23/1940	HUSBAND OF MARGARET
Next Owner MARGARET KASEL	7/23/1940 - 6/24/1946	MOTHER OF ANTHONY
Next Owner ANTHONY and DORA KASEL	6/24/1946 - 12/27/1985	HUSBAND OF DORA
Next Owner DORA KASEL	12/27/1985 - PRESENT	
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 () Other: _____

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

Dora Kasel
(signature of present owner)

June 23 - 1996
(date)

OVER

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? _____

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 240

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? _____

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Vermillion Twp, DAKOTA county, MN

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? Home still being used

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1908

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: _____

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Lyle + Mary Lou Ruh
NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Lyle + Mary Lou Ruh
ADDRESS 26051 Highview Ave Farmington, Minnesota 55024
(street) (city) (state) (zip)
PHONE NUMBER area code (612) 469-2286

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 20-21-29 TOWNSHIP Eureka COUNTY Dakota
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 152
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1882 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.)
SE 1/4 of SE 1/4, SW 1/4 of SW 1/4, N 1/2 of NE 1/4
Township 113, Range 20

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Jul Knutson</u>	<u>1867-1882</u>	<u>Father-in-law of Ole Peterson Ruh</u>
Next Owner <u>Ole Peterson-Ruh</u>	<u>1882-1927</u>	<u>Father</u>
Next Owner <u>Rudolph M. Ruh</u>	<u>1927-1966</u>	<u>Father</u>
Next Owner <u>Lyle Ruh</u>	<u>1966-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: _____

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Lyle Ruh
(signature of present owner)

6-28-96
(date)

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM LOREN + MARION SORG

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE LOREN K. and MARION SORG

ADDRESS 13569 MISSISSIPPI TRAIL, HASTINGS, MN. 55033
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (612) 437-3235

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____

SECTION 24 TOWNSHIP Nininger COUNTY Dakota

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 400-~~acre~~ ✓ per phone 4/16/96 (RA)

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY August 21 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.) _____

Section 24 town 115 Range 18, W 1/2 of SW 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Michael Sorg</u>	<u>1896 - 1906</u>	<u>Father of Carl</u>
Next Owner <u>Carl Sorg</u>	<u>1906 - 1950</u>	<u>Father of Loren</u>
Next Owner <u>Loren K + Marion Sorg</u>	<u>1950 - 1996</u>	<u>"</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: _____

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Loren Sorg
(signature of present owner)

April 12, 1996
(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Dwight T. & Cora B. Parker

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 175 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? Total price \$5,000⁰⁰

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? yes

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1883 *Built by Charles Les Vescoute from Isle of Jersey*

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Beef & Dairy & Hay, oats and corn

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Source: *Author's calculations*.

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REC 4/19/96
OK

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Robert Beaver

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE _____

ADDRESS Rt 2 Box 131 Hayfield Minn 55940
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 365-8627

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____

SECTION 24 TOWNSHIP VERNON COUNTY DODGE

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 480

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Oct 8 1863

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 SE 1/4 + SW 1/4 NE 1/4 + SW 1/4 SE 1/4 of Sect 24
Township 10S Range 016

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>THOMAS BJORNSON</u>	<u>1863 - 1895</u>	<u>FATHER OF MRS PETER BEAVER</u>
Next Owner <u>PETER BEAVER</u>	<u>1895 - 1938</u>	<u>FATHER OF ALFRED BEAVER</u>
Next Owner <u>ALFRED BEAVER</u>	<u>1938 - 1970</u>	<u>FATHER OF Robert Beaver</u>
Next Owner <u>ROBERT BEAVER</u>	<u>1970 - 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 (X) Other: PLATT Book of County

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

Robert Beaver 4-16-96
(signature of present owner) (date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? David Cornstock - Oct 8 - 1863

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? SE 1/4 160 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? Consideration for parcel \$850.00

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? No

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDING STILL STANDING OR IN USE? Not the House - It is unknown for sure about one old bldg

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1880's Early part of this decade

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Dairy - Beef - Livestock

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: The house is listed on top record as built in 1880
there has been many modifications between 1880 + 1896, or additions
no other additions were done till 1967 when I added a extra
room with a upstairs. We still live in the House. We have a
picture dated 1896. The House + the Granery are on this picture
that are still here today. The Granery may be the one original
building that is left here. It is unknown for sure at this time
when it was built. It took me many years to document
the period of 1863 - 1895 as the abstract has misspelled the Bjornson
name and Great Grandfather changed his name after coming
over from Norway. I have a picture of them in front of this
house around 1888. I am still looking for more information
on this period of his life from 1863 to 1888. My son Steven
Beamer is currently farming here + plans on buying from me
in the future. that will make it 5 generations on this farm.

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OK 7/1/96

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM JAY + MARGARET CURRIER

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE CURRIER BROTHERS

ADDRESS Rt 1 Box 245 KASSON MN 55944
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 635 - 5743

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____

SECTION 12 TOWNSHIP MANTORVILLE COUNTY DODGE

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 133

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1865

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

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.) SECT. 12 Twp. 107 Range 16
132.68 ACRES. Ex 660 FT of S 1671.3 FT THE S 70 A W 1/2 SW 1/4 + SW 1/4 NE 1/4 +
SE 1/4 NW 1/4 + E 8 A of S 28 A NW 1/4 NE 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>ARNER REMINGTON</u>	<u>1865 - 1871</u>	<u>FATHER OF ETT</u>
Next Owner <u>JAMES + ETT CURRIER</u>	<u>1871 - 1924</u>	<u>FATHER OF FRANK</u>
Next Owner <u>FRANK CURRIER</u>	<u>1924 - 1963</u>	<u>FATHER OF HOWARD + HAVEN</u>
Next Owner <u>HOWARD + HAVEN CURRIER</u>	<u>1963 - 1983</u>	<u>HOWARD FATHER TO JAY</u> <u>HAVEN UNCLE TO JAY</u>
Next Owner <u>MARGARET (WIDOW OF HOWARD)</u> <u>+ JAY</u>	<u>1983 to PRESENT</u>	

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

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Jay Currier
(signature of present owner)

6-27-96
(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? SALLY & J.P. NICHOLS

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160 A

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

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? 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? 1895

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? OATS + BARLEY

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: PART OF THIS FARM WAS AN 80 THAT WAS GIVEN TO FRANK AS A WEDDING GIFT FROM HIS FATHER, JAMES SIMON CURRIER. JAMES SIMON ONCE OWNED 1200 ACRES AND HE GAVE EACH OF HIS CHILDREN 80 ACRES AS A WEDDING GIFT.

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7/1/96
O.R.*

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Roger Jacobson & James Jacobson

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Roger and James Jacobson

ADDRESS Rt 1 Box 191 Hayfield MN 55940
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 477-3519

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____

SECTION 20 TOWNSHIP Hayfield COUNTY Dodge
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 80

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY March 19, 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.)
E 1/2 of NE 1/4 Section 20, Twp 105N, Range 17W
Dodge County, MN.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Jens Fossum</u>	<u>1890 - 1896</u>	<u>Father of Karen</u>
Next Owner <u>John & Karen Jacobson Ness</u>	<u>1896 - 1959</u>	<u>Grandparents of Orville</u>
Next Owner <u>Orville Jacobson</u>	<u>1959 - 1988</u>	<u>Father of Roger & James</u>
Next Owner <u>Roger & James Jacobson</u>	<u>1988 - present</u>	
Next Owner		

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

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James O. Jacobson
(signature of present owner)

6-27-96
(date)

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Glen H + Evonne L Johnson

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Glen H + Evonne L Johnson

ADDRESS Route 2, Box 68 West Concord MN 55985
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 527-2846

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____

SECTION 2 TOWNSHIP 108 COUNTY Dodge

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 240

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Dec. 28, 1875

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 Section 2 and E 1/2 SW 1/4 Section 2 Township 108 Range 18
Ellington Township

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner (Ennert H. Emmerson) Ennert H Emerson	<u>Dec 28, 1875 - 1921</u>	<u>Father of James Victor</u>
Next Owner (J. Victor Emerson) James Victor Emerson	<u>April 1, 1921 - 1971</u>	<u>Father of Evonne</u>
Next Owner Glen H + Evonne L Johnson	<u>Feb. 23, 1971 - 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.

Evonne L. Johnson
(signature of present owner)

June 4, 1996
(date)

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? U.S. Government (Sept 3, 1857) Fred D. Blinn + Ada C. Blinn (Dec 28, 1875)

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$3800⁰⁰ for 240 acres - 12/28/1875

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Norway

DID HE/SHE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? Sold ^{certified} seed grains,
IF SO, PLEASE LIST (Flax, wheat, ^{oats} corn) and eggs to hatchery

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDING STILL STANDING OR IN USE? One barn and remodeled home remain

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1921 for Victor + Charlotte

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Family ^{was/is} life long members of Hegre Lutheran Church of rural Skyberg.

see three additional pages

(1)

Ennert H. Emerson was born in Telemarken, Norway, October 7, 1849. His parents were Halvor and Ingebor (Aase) Emerson. He was the eldest of a family of twelve children.

In 1853 the family emigrated to the United States and settled at Janesville, Wisconsin, where his father followed his trade as a cabinet maker until the spring of 1855, when the family moved to Goodhue county, Minnesota, settling in Holden township, which at that time was a wilderness, with very few white settlers and numerous Indians. Here Mr. Emerson grew to manhood, receiving a very meager education and assisting his father in developing his farm lands.

In early manhood, Mr. Emerson, in partnership with Nels Kvernodden engaged in the mercantile business at Cannon Falls, Minnesota, remaining in business there for a number of years.

He was united in marriage to Aase J. Buene at his father's home in Holden township on May 27, 1876. The marriage was performed by Rev. A. Weenaas, first president of Augsburg Seminary. The same year the newly wedded couple moved onto a 200-acre farm in Ellington township in Dodge County, Minnesota. Mr. Emerson was absent from the farm from August 1882 until October 1883, when he resided on a claim near Columbia, South Dakota, and he also resided at Mantorville, Minnesota for a time while serving as register of deeds of Dodge County.

Mr. Emerson was keenly interested in public affairs and during his life held the following offices of trust and honor: Register of Deeds, Dodge County, from January 1, 1887, until December 31, 1890. Representative in the state legislature from Dodge County during the legislative sessions of 1899 and 1907.

He was one of the organizers of the Kenyon Farmers' Elevator Company, and served as its first president, resigning this position to assist in organizing a Farmers' Elevator at West Concord, of which he likewise became president. He also helped organize the Skyberg and Ellington co-operative creameries.

His interests in life were many and varied. One of his enterprises was the purchase of a tract of land in Wisconsin, from which he cut logs and operated a saw mill for a number of years. Part of this lumber was shipped to his home and used in improvements on some of his farms. His love of nature was clearly expressed by his ambition to beautify every property which he acquired.

He passed away February 19, 1931. He was the father of nine children: John, Henry, Isaac, Rudolph, Emma Marie, Mrs. A. B. (Hannah) Kylo, James Victor, Mrs. Clarence (Mabel) Cain, the first born who passed away in infancy, and a son Joseph, who died at the age of fifteen years.

His father's name was Halvor Ennerson Wraalstad. Wraalstad was the name of the place, ranch or farm where his father was born. Some norwegians use this name and some do not. He used it four times, Baptism, Confirmation, Wedding, and funeral.

His brother was named Torbjorn Ennerson Wraalstad. Torbjorn had one son named Ennert. He of course was a cousin. The mail for the two Ennert's came to the same post office. No way of telling which was which. That was when he changed his name to Emerson.

Another brother of his was named John Ennerson Wraalstad. He was the father of Andrew Volstead. Peter who is a son of John and a brother of Andrew Volstead writes his name Vrolstad. So the last name Volstad, Volstead and Vrolstad are all twists of Wraalstad.

Southwestern
James Victor Emerson married Charlotte Audrey McAlister August 17, 1922 at Redeemer Lutheran Church, St. Paul, Minnesota. The farming enterprise was deversified. The Emerson's made a decision in 1950 to change the pin-money flock to a 450-layer unit which Mrs. Emerson enabled them to get as much as 16 cents per dozen above the market price. When Minnesota Farm Management service went over the records it was determined that they were averaging 222 eggs per hen and getting a return of \$3.74 above feed cost on each hen. Charlotte was the instigator in getting this enterprise change. A large ~~hatchery~~ Iowa hatchery contacted her about providing them with hatching eggs if they would provide her with the hybrid checks without cost. They made use of the buildings they had and updated to fit their needs.

Victor sold seed that was certified for a number of years. He was active in the Farm Bureau (head for two years), Sunday School Superintendent, Church Council, and genuinely interested in the community. [^] Treasurer of District 14 for a number of years, ~~Victor removed himself from working on the farm assisting his son-in-law until 1971.~~ *on the board,*

Victor continued to help on the farm after his son-in-law had purchased it. He also helped his son on an adjoining farm. In 1971 he got started working with a man who was tearing down building. The next year he went into business for himself.

By 1981, according to an article in the Village Press, Dodge Center Weekly paper, he had torn down about 40 buildings using, for the most part, just a crow bar and a wrecking bar. He said he starts on the inside of the house ripping out partitions, closets and laths.

"A lot of people take the roof off first, but the reason I do it this way is if there is bad weather, I have a roof over my head." "I don't have to lay up and wait for good weather." He found silver dollars, one dated 1901, and even a Mayo High School class ring which he returned.

They both were enthusiastic fans of the children while in sport activities and the Minnesota teams, regardless of the sport, found them watching the TV to keep current with the wins and losses. His grandson took him to a Viking practice in Mankato and he had his picture taken with Bud Grant as a birthday present.

(3)

Mrs. Emerson was also active in community organizations. She was a member of the West Concord Study Club, the Minnesota Club, taught Sunday School, served several offices in the Church ladies group, the County Extension Board, was selected to WHO'S WHO IN MINNESOTA from Dodge County, along with a concern and love of visitors to the home. The grandchildren held a special place for both of them.

There were five children, Victor Jr. the oldest, ^{now} deceased, who farmed just around the corner on a farm that was owned previously by a brother of Mr. Emerson. Edgar went to Austin to work in the Hormel plant after a time in farming. Myron chose to work in the Twin Cities. Evonne and husband moved to the farm in 1961 to assist and later to purchase the farm. Mary Jo, ^{now} deceased, assisted her husband in a machine repair business in West Concord.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson celebrated their 60th Anniversary with a book of memories that had been written by people of the community that in some way they had touched. Mr. Emerson was having health problems at that time and it was felt this would be easier for him to handle. As you read through the letters, notes, and card you begin to see a picture of the real Mr. & Mrs. Emerson, and the leaders that they were in the community.

~~Victor passed away January 11, 1983 and Charlotte passed away May 7, 1985. Victor was 88 years old, and Charlotte was 81 years old.~~

Victor passed away January 11, 1983 at age 88 years, 4 months, and 12 days. Charlotte passed away May 7, 1985 at age 81 years, 5 months, and 10 days.

Glen and Evonne kept the dairy and small grain farming for a few years before going to hog finishing. A new building was erected in ~~1974~~ ¹⁹⁷⁴ ~~in 1974~~ adding to it to make it twice as large.

Glen is Ellington township Clerk, an office he has held since 1984.

The farm land and hog building are rented to neighbors. The home has been remodeled several times since it was built for Charlotte and Victor. The original house was later used as a grainery. The third house built for Victor's parents and Emma has been moved to another farm. The horse barn and many smaller buildings have been torn down.

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Karl Mosher & Orpha Halla (brother & sister)

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Mosher/Halla Farm

ADDRESS PO Box 648 West Concord MN 55985
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 527-2770

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE RR 2 Box 49

SECTION 8 TOWNSHIP Concord COUNTY Dodge

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1875

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 $\frac{1}{4}$ & E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$

Township 108 Range 17

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Jacob Mosher</u>	<u>1875 - 1911</u>	<u>Father of Frank</u>
Next Owner <u>Frank Mosher</u>	<u>1911 - 1911</u>	<u>Brother of William</u>
Next Owner <u>William Mosher</u>	<u>1911 - 1937</u>	<u>Husband of Mary</u>
Next Owner <u>Mary Mosher</u>	<u>1937 - 1975</u>	<u>Mother of Karl & Orpha</u>
Next Owner <u>Karl Mosher & Orpha Halla</u>	<u>1975 - Present</u>	

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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.

Orpha Halla
(signature of present owner)

6-28-96
(date)

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Harvey Ingraham

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 60

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? 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? _____ house

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? _____

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? corn & 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 Charles Bettermann
NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Charles and Mary Bettermann
ADDRESS 18282 State Hwy 29 N Parkers Prairie, MN 56361
(street) (city) (state) (zip)
PHONE NUMBER area code (218) 943-2861

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 10 TOWNSHIP Miltona COUNTY Douglas
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 320
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1981/1892
HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? NO IF SO, WHEN? _____
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.)
S1/2SW1/4, Sec. 4; S1/2NW1/4, N1/2SW1/4 Sec. 10
all in T430N, R37W

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>August Turk.</u>	<u>1892-1913</u>	<u>Father-in-law of William.</u>
Next Owner <u>William Bettermann</u>	<u>1913-1937</u>	<u>Father of Elton</u>
Next Owner <u>Elton Bettermann</u>	<u>1937-1982</u>	<u>Father of Charles</u>
Next Owner <u>Charles Bettermann</u>	<u>1982 - present</u>	
Next Owner		

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Charles Bettermann
(signature of present owner)

6/29/96
(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? Yes
IF SO, PLEASE LIST Truck Driver

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? Corn, oats, hay & haylage

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: _____

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O.K.
7/1/96*

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Clinton A. & Nelda Olson

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Clinton A. & Nelda Olson

ADDRESS 16777 Wolf Creek Rd NW Evansville Mn 56326
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (320) 948-2146

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____

SECTION 7 TOWNSHIP 129 Brandon COUNTY Douglas

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 156

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Oct 20 1885

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 AND E 1/2 of NW 1/4 Brandon Twp
Sec 7 Twp 129 Range 39 Acres 156

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Christen Severson</u>	<u>1885 - 1900</u>	<u>Great Grand Father of Nelda</u>
Next Owner <u>Gunder Severson</u>	<u>1900 - 1903</u>	<u>Grand Father's brother</u>
Next Owner <u>wife of Gunder</u> <u>Dorthea Severson</u>	<u>1903 - 1928</u>	<u>wife of Gunder</u>
Next Owner <u>Charles & Anna Severson</u>	<u>1928 - 1948</u>	<u>Parents of Nelda</u>
Next Owner <u>Clinton & Nelda Olson</u>	<u>1948 - 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.

Nelda L. Olson - Clinton Olson June 28, 1996
(signature of present owner) (date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Parents

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 156

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? 1948 - 42 = 1906

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? American

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? 1928

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? General Farming

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM WENCIL P PRONEK

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE RAINBOW HILLS BROWN SWISS

ADDRESS 12031 HWY 29 SO ALEXANDRIA MN 56308
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (329) 762 8568

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 30 TOWNSHIP HUDSON COUNTY DOUGLAS

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 280

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY APRIL 27 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.) 127 RAIN SEC 30

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Frank Pronek</u>	<u>APRIL 27 1896</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
Next Owner <u>Charles Pronek</u>	<u>DEC 12 1938</u>	<u>SON FATHER</u>
Next Owner <u>WENCIL PRONEK</u>	<u>DEC 8 1980</u>	<u>SON</u>
Next Owner		
Next Owner		

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Check those that apply:

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

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

Wencil P Pronek
(signature of present owner)

(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? _____

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? _____

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Checoslovakia

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? no

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDING STILL STANDING OR IN USE? yes House was added onto as land was bought

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? < 1896

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Grampa put 4 additional
from other houses on to the first house,
also moved 3 grainerys and a workshop
from farms that he bought,

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PRESENT OWNER OF FARM James S. Baxter and Robert B. Baxter

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE BAXTER BROTHERS, James S. Baxter
and Robert B. Baxter

ADDRESS 704 Cleveland Ave. W. Winnebago MN 56098
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 893-4381

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE R.R. 1, Winnebago, MN 56098

SECTION 13 TOWNSHIP 104 COUNTY Faribault

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 240

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY August 24, 1885

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 of the NW 1/2, NE 1/4,
E 1/2 of NW 1/4 of Sec. 13 in Twp. 104 North of Range #38 West

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Nathan Baxter</u>	<u>1885 - 1893</u>	<u>Father</u>
Next Owner <u>Wilber Baxter</u>	<u>1893 - 1921</u>	<u>Husband</u>
Next Owner <u>Clara Baxter</u>	<u>1921 - 1923</u>	<u>mother</u>
Next Owner <u>Clifford Baxter and Kenneth Baxter</u>	<u>1923 - 1950</u>	<u>Brother</u>
Next Owner <u>Clifford Baxter</u>	<u>1950 - 1982</u>	<u>Father</u>

James S. Baxter and Robert Burton Baxter 1982 - Present

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Check those that apply:

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

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

James S. Baxter
(signature of present owner)

6-28-96

(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Joseph Foster and wife Harriet

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? 12.50

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Bradford Co., PA.

DID HE/SHE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? Nathan purchased
IF SO, PLEASE LIST the parcels for his children and was a land investor.

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDING STILL STANDING OR IN USE? The home was burned in 1992, but the barn and tenant house is still standing

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? The original house was built in 1892 (burned)

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn / soybeans

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: _____

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PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER ESTHER Niebuhr Cummings
(this name will appear on certificate)
ADDRESS 13747 St. Hwy 22 Wells Mn. 56097
city state zip code
PHONE NUMBER (507) 553-3619
area code
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same
SECTION 32 TOWNSHIP 103 Clark COUNTY 24 Fairbault
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 300 Acres
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY December 9, 1882
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement)
Northeast Quarter Section 32 Township 103 North Range 24 West
Except W 1/2 of NW 1/4 of NE 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP (from) (to)		BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner John Niebuhr	December 1882	May 1926	Grand Father
next owner John Niebuhr JR	May 1926	Nov. 1944	Father
next owner Louise Niebuhr	Nov. 1944	April 1953	Mother
next owner Esther Niebuhr Cummings	April 1953	current owner	Daughter
next owner			

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

Esther Niebuhr Cummings
(signature of present owner)

DATE May 16 1996

Please Return To:

CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
COMO STATION, MN 55108

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Harold F. Rollenhagen

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Harold F. Rollenhagen

ADDRESS 721 7th St SW Wells MN 56097
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 553-3845

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE RR 2 Box 148 Wells, MN 56097

SECTION 21 & 27 TOWNSHIP Dunbar COUNTY Faribault

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 200

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY March 26, 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 21 T104 R24 (160 acres)

NW 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec 27 T104 R24 (40 acres) (this parcel owned by Frederick 1881 - 1910)

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Frederick Rollenhagen & wife Fredericka</u>	<u>1896 - 1910</u>	<u>parents of August</u>
Next Owner <u>August & Lily Rollenhagen</u>	<u>1910 - 1956</u>	<u>parents of Harold</u>
Next Owner <u>Harold F. Rollenhagen</u>	<u>1956 to present</u>	
Next Owner		
Next Owner		

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Harold Rollenhagen
(signature of present owner)

6/26/96
(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? F. Rollenhagen purchased from Calvin Boyle who had purchased it from the U.S. Govt in 1866

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? total cost of \$4200

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? _____

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDING STILL STANDING OR IN USE? original home was remodeled in 1956 and is still used. Home and granery that were on the property when Frederick Rollenhagen purchased it are still there.

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? prior to 1896

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? small grain, corn, hay, dairy cattle, swine

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: _____

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PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Deloris L. Schrader

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Deloris L. Schrader

ADDRESS 42 ELM St., Box 11 Easton MN. 56025
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code 507-787-2342 ★ ★ ★

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Debaron, MN. Debar Twp.

SECTION 31 TOWNSHIP 104 Debar COUNTY Faribault

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 80

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 3/33

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 NW 1/4 Twp. 104 Range 026

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Samuel E. Iams</u>	<u>1876 - 1918</u>	<u>Father of William</u>
Next Owner <u>William C. Iams</u>	<u>1918 - 1949</u>	<u>Father of Eldon</u>
Next Owner <u>Eldon & Deloris Iams</u>	<u>1949 - 1951</u>	<u>Eldon - Deceased 1951</u>
Next Owner <u>Deloris Iams Schrader</u>	<u>1952 - Present</u>	<u>Mother</u>
Next Owner <u>Edward Iams</u> <u>Quit. claim Deed</u>		

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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.

Deloris Schrader
(signature of present owner)

5-23-96
(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? President U.S. Grant
Federal Land & Homestead

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160.23

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? 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? Corn & Beans

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

James F. Jones 1876 - 1918 Father of Mrs. Jones

William C. Jones 1918 - 1949 Father of Mrs. Jones

Edward Deloris Jones 1949 - 1971 Father of Mrs. Jones

Deloris Jones 1971 - Present Mother of Mrs. Jones

Deloris Jones 1971 - Present

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM ELAINE SEVLEY

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE ELAINE SEVLEY

ADDRESS 214 McARTHUR DR. ALBERT LEA MINNESOTA 56007
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 377 0586

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE RT. 1 KIESTER, MINN. 56051

SECTION 29 TOWNSHIP 101 COUNTY FARIBAULT

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 155

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1892

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

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.) S 1/2 of the SE 1/4

LESS ACREAGE AND S 1/2 OF THE SW 1/4 OF SECTION 29
TOWNSHIP 101, RANGE 24, IN FARIBAULT COUNTY, MINNESOTA

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>HENDRICK ANDREW SEVLEY</u>	<u>1892</u> <u>FEB 24, 1939</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
Next Owner <u>TREENIA SEVLEY</u>		
Next Owner <u>PETER SEVLEY</u>	<u>FEB 24, 1939</u> <u>MARCH 16, 1976</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
Next Owner <u>EVELYN GINA SEVLEY</u>		
Next Owner <u>HARRY GORDON SEVLEY</u>	<u>MARCH 16, 1976</u>	
<u>ELAINE T. SEVLEY</u>		

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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.

Elaine Sevley

(signature of present owner)

12-8-95

(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? _____

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? _____

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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? _____

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? _____

1893

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

Hay, CORN, SOYBEANS,
OATS

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: _____

Hendrick Andrew Sealey
Ireneia (Tufts) Sealey

Bought on
Nov 9 - 1892

Filled Dec 12 - 1892

160 Acres

Kiester Township Fairbault County
Kiester, Mn. 56051

Peter Sealey
Evelyn Nina (Sorbo) Sealey

bought
Feb 24 - 1939

Filled May 9 - 1939

Harry Gordon Sealey
Elaine Thelma (Brackey) Sealey

bought
March 16, 1976

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Robert & Sharon Staloch

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Robert & Sharon Staloch

ADDRESS 21000 610th Ave Wells Minn. 56097
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 553-5229

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____

SECTION 24 TOWNSHIP Dunbar COUNTY Switzerland

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160

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.) _____

The West half of the West half of the South East quarter
of Section twenty four (24) in Township 104 North of range 24

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>John Staloch</u>	<u>1886 - 1927</u>	<u>Father of Paul</u>
Next Owner <u>Paul Staloch</u>	<u>1927 - 1973</u>	<u>Son of Robert</u>
Next Owner <u>Robert & Sharon Staloch</u>	<u>1973 - 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.

Robert Staloch Sharon Staloch 6-27-96
(signature of present owner) (date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? _____

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 11.35

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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Minnesota State Fair
CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

DEADLINE: July 1

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Donna J. Brown and Mary J. Zebedee

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE B + Z Farms

ADDRESS 33249 230th St., Winnebago MN 56098
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 893-3522

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 8 + 9 TOWNSHIP Winnebago COUNTY Faribault

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 320

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1881

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 of SE 1/4~~ N 1/2 of SE 1/4, SE 1/4 of SE 1/4, E 1/2 of SW 1/4 of SE 1/4
Section 8 and W 1/2 of SW 1/4, NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 Section 9

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>William Brown</u>	<u>1881 - 1926</u>	<u>Father of Thomas K.</u>
Next Owner <u>Thomas K. Brown</u>	<u>1926 - 1934</u>	<u>Father of Alvin K</u>
Next Owner <u>Alvin K. Brown</u>	<u>1934 - 1961</u>	<u>Father of Thomas A</u>
Next Owner <u>Thomas A. Brown</u>	<u>1961 - 1993</u>	<u>Father of Donna + Mary</u>
Next Owner <u>Donna J. Brown and</u> <u>Mary J. Zebedee</u>	<u>1993 - present</u>	

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[Signature]
(signature of present owner)

6/24/96
(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? United States

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? _____

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? England

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? 1956

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS?

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

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Minnesota State Fair
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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM ELMER MYLON HARLAND

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE SAME AS ABOVE

ADDRESS Rt 2 Box 104 HARMONY MN 55939
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 886 3281

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 5 TOWNSHIP CANTON COUNTY FILLMORE

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160.74

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY MARCH 23 1881

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 5 Twp 101
RANGE 009

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>CHRISTIAN H. HARLAND</u>	<u>1881 - 1914</u>	<u>FATHER OF MARTIN</u>
Next Owner <u>MARTIN C. HARLAND</u>	<u>1914 - 1934</u>	<u>FATHER OF ELMER AND OSCAR</u>
Next Owner <u>ELMER + OSCAR HARLAND</u>	<u>1934 - 1959</u>	<u>ELMER BROTHER OF OSCAR</u>
Next Owner <u>ELMER HARLAND</u>	<u>1959 - 1979</u>	<u>FATHER OF ELMER MYLON</u>
Next Owner <u>ELMER MYLON HARLAND</u>	<u>1979</u>	

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Elmer Mylon Harland
(signature of present owner)

6/18/96
(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 Roland W. Kohlmeier

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Roland W. Kohlmeier

ADDRESS RR1 Box 16 Fountain MN 55935
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 352-5881

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____

SECTION 6 TOWNSHIP Fountain COUNTY Fillmore ✓

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 166.7

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY March 10, 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 6 Township 103 Range 11
SW 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Carl Kohlmeier</u>	<u>1894 - 1915</u>	<u>Father</u>
Next Owner <u>Carl F. (Charles) Kohlmeier</u>	<u>1915 - 1964</u>	<u>Father</u>
Next Owner <u>Roland Kohlmeier</u>	<u>1964 - Present</u>	
Next Owner		
Next Owner		

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() Land Patent () County land Record
☒ Original Deed () Other: _____

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Roland W. Kohlmeier
(signature of present owner)

12-19-95
(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Jacob Hostetler

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? See below Approx \$50.⁰⁰

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? March 8 1849 Newdorf Germany

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? See below

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? 1935

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn & Chickens last 30 yrs

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: _____

Farm was homesteaded by Jacob Hostedler on April 9, 1855
Then sold to my Grandfather Carl Kohlmeier Sr on March 10, 1894 for \$8000.⁰⁰
Approx \$50.⁰⁰/Acre

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PRESENT OWNER OF FARM David & Loretta Adix

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE _____

ADDRESS R#1 Box 96 Alden MN 56009
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 294-3239

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____

SECTION 5 TOWNSHIP Mansfield COUNTY Freeborn

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 388

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1-4-1896

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

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.) SW 1/4 of Section (4) & the E 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of section 5 in township 101 North Range 23 West of 5th PM

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>William C.F. & Maria Adix</u>	<u>1-4-1896 To 10-24-1915</u>	<u>Father</u>
Next Owner <u>1st. wife 2nd wife</u> <u>Carl C. & Lullo & Harriett</u>	<u>10-24-1915 To 5-21-1954</u>	<u>Father</u>
Next Owner <u>max & Maurine Adix</u>	<u>5-21-1954 To 6-24-1981</u>	<u>Father</u>
Next Owner <u>David & Loretta Adix</u>	<u>6-24-1981</u>	
Next Owner		

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(☐) Land Patent (☐) County land Record
(☐) Original Deed (☐) Other: _____

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David Adix
(signature of present owner)

6-28-96
(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? William B. Tunell

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 240

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$25

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

DID HE/SHE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? Pastor
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? 1917

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn, Oats, Hay, Cream, & Eggs

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: _____

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PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Dale A. & Rebecca M. Grotson

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Grotson Farm

ADDRESS Rt 2 Box 99 Alden Mn. 56009
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 863-2335

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____

SECTION 7 TOWNSHIP Manchester COUNTY Freeborn
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 121

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Feb 27 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.) The S 1/2 of NE 1/4
and N 1/4 of SE 1/4 all in Section 7 103 Range 22
also a tract of land in SE 1/4 NW 1/4 7-103-22

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Ole H. & Thorine Grotson</u>	<u>1880 - 1900</u>	
Next Owner <u>Ole H. & Hanna Grotson</u>	<u>1900 - 1962</u>	
Next Owner <u>Oscar C. & Dorothy L. Grotson</u>	<u>1962 - 1987</u>	<u>Son</u>
Next Owner <u>Dale & Becky Grotson</u>	<u>1987 - Present</u>	<u>Son</u>
Next Owner		

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() Original Deed () Other: _____

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Dale A. Grotson
(signature of present owner)

6-27-96
(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Tyke Tykeson

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? _____

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Norway

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes Homesteaded 16

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1995

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Original 80 acres was purchased Feb 28, 1880 - 1 acre was purchased in May 1887 for the purpose of a wind break. Land was purchased in exchange for a milk cow. The remaining 40 acres was purchased in May 1901.

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PRESENT OWNER OF FARM John A. and Rita C. Korman **C**

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE John and Rita Korman

ADDRESS RR1 Box 110A Alden MN 56007
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code 507 - 874 - 3180

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____

SECTION 28 TOWNSHIP 102 COUNTY Freeborn

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 860

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Jan 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.)

Northeast quarter (NE 1/4) of Section 28, Township 102 North,
Range 23 West of 5th P.M.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>August H. Yost</u>	<u>1896 - 1900</u>	<u>Father of Henry</u>
Next Owner <u>Henry Yost</u>	<u>1900 - 1948</u>	<u>Father of Gordon</u>
Next Owner <u>Gordon Yost</u>	<u>1948 - 1996</u>	<u>Father of Rita</u>
Next Owner <u>John and Rita Korman</u>	<u>1996 -</u>	
Next Owner		

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John A. Korman Rita C. Korman
(signature of present owner)

6/28/96
(date)

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PRESENT OWNER OF FARM John & James Perschbacher

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE John & James Perschbacher

ADDRESS RR #2 Box 160 Alden Mn 56009
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 874-3310

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 9 TOWNSHIP Pickens Lake COUNTY Freeborn
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY April 15 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.)
W 1/2 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>Christian Schmidt</u>	<u>1892 - 1923</u>	<u>Father</u>
Next Owner <u>Louis Schmidt</u>	<u>1923 - 1958</u>	<u>Uncle to Lena Perschbacher</u>
Next Owner <u>Arthur & Lena Perschbacher</u>	<u>1958 - 1969</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Next Owner <u>Donald Perschbacher</u>	<u>1969 - 1992</u>	<u>Father</u>
Next Owner <u>John & James Perschbacher</u>	<u>1992 -</u>	

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John Perschbacher Jim Perschbacher May 29, 1996
(signature of present owner) (date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED?

Charles Soth

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL?

240

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE?

\$20

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?

1958

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS?

Corn Dairy Swine

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Christie Schmidt purchased three farms totaling 480 acres in Sections 4-9 of Richfield Lake Township. This quarter was willed to his son Louis upon his death. Louis and his wife Erma owned it until his passing death in 1958 when our grandparents became the owners. Louis and Erma operated it only a few years until 1927 when our grandparents became tenants. This is the 70th crop planted by the Perschbacher family. Our operation consists of a 50 cow dairy with 50 head of young stock fed and cared for by James with John renting another 720 acres of cropland which is in a corn & soybean rotation. The rich productive land of Freeborn County in South Minnesota has been very good to us over the last 100+ years and we plan to continue for more years to come

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PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Ralph and Patricia Mann

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Ralph and Patricia Mann

ADDRESS 34730 County 4 Blvd Goodhue MN 55027-8119
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (612) 923-4286

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 1 TOWNSHIP Goodhue COUNTY Goodhue

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 230

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY July 20, 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.) Southwest quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$)
of section one (1), in township one hundred eleven (111) north, of range fifteen (15)
west.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>George Mann</u>	<u>1889-1933</u>	<u>Father of Theodore</u>
Next Owner <u>Theodore Mann</u>	<u>1933-1955</u>	<u>Father of Ralph</u>
Next Owner <u>Ralph Mann</u>	<u>1955-present</u>	
Next Owner		
Next Owner		

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Ralph T. Mann
(signature of present owner)

July 1, 1996

(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Frank Jurgens

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? unknown

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? England

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

IF SO, PLEASE LIST unknown

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Was homesteaded by Frank Jurgens in 1863

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? corn, hay, wheat

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: _____

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Mitchell Meyer

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE _____

ADDRESS 20185 County 5 Blvd Red Wing MN 55066
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (612) 388-3495

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____

SECTION 16 TOWNSHIP Haycreek COUNTY Goodhue

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 165

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY October 14, 1879

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 half of the North-west quarter and the South Half of the North Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 16, Township 112 North, Range 14 West Goodhue Co, MN.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Carsten Meyer</u>	<u>1879 - 1906</u>	<u>father of Henry</u>
Next Owner <u>Henry C. Meyer</u>	<u>1906 - 1948</u>	<u>father of Cyril</u>
Next Owner <u>Cyril W. & Bernice D Meyer</u>	<u>1948 - 1968</u>	<u>father of Gerald</u>
Next Owner <u>Gerald E & Betty J. Meyer</u>	<u>1968 - 1991</u>	<u>father of Mitchell</u>
Next Owner <u>Mitchell J. Meyer</u>	<u>1991 - present</u>	

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() County land Record
(☒) Other: Mortgage/Warranty Deeds

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

Mitchell J. Meyer
(signature of present owner)

6-26-96
(date)

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Henry Buss and wife Caroline

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 165(?)

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? ?

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany. He applied for citizenship in 1891.

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, original house is now used as a shed

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1932-33

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? barley, some livestock

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Henry raised purebred Percheron horses until 1951. They were known throughout the area for their draft horses.

Cyril and Gerald raised milking shorthorns and eventually went to just shorthorn beef.

Mitchell brought in the hog operation when he started working with Gerald. We currently raise about 150 head of cattle each year and farrow-to-finish about 1,000 hogs. Gerald lives nearby and still works on the farm.

Mitchell's son, Carsten, (2 1/2 years) is named after Mitchell's great-great grandfather, the first Meyer to live here. Carsten Mitchell Meyer is the sixth generation of Meyers to live on this farm.

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DEADLINE: July 1

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OK.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM James A. Robinson
NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE James and Cora Lee Robinson
ADDRESS 32100 30th ave Stanton MN 55018
(street) (city) (state) (zip)
PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 263-2454

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____

SECTION 27 TOWNSHIP Stanton COUNTY Goodhue
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 120
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1891
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 of NW quarter Section 27

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>James W. Robinson</u>	<u>1891 - 1898</u>	<u>Father of William</u>
Next Owner <u>William Robinson</u>	<u>1892 - 1928</u>	<u>Brother of Samuel</u>
Next Owner <u>Samuel Robinson</u>	<u>1928 - 1963</u>	<u>Father of James A.</u>
Next Owner <u>James A. Robinson</u>	<u>1963 - 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.

James A. Robinson
(signature of present owner)

6/10/96
(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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Minnesota State Fair
CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Marlyn & Rhoda Rusch

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Marlyn & Rhoda Rusch

ADDRESS 36505 285th Avenue Goodhue MN 55027
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (612) 923-4623

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____

SECTION 14 TOWNSHIP 111 COUNTY Goodhue

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY April 30, 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 northwest quarter (NW1/4) of section fourteen (14), in township one hundred eleven (111) north, of range fourteen (14) west of the fifth principal meridian.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner		
Christ & Wilhelmina Rusch	4/30/1895 - 9/5/1908	Father/Mother
Next Owner		
William & Margaret Rusch	9/5/1908 - 10/2/1948	Father/Mother
Next Owner		
Reinhardt & Ruth Rusch	10/2/1948 - 8/23/1973	Father/Mother
Next Owner		
Marlyn & Rhoda Rusch	8/23/1973 - Present	
Next Owner		

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Check those that apply:

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

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

Rhoda Rusch
(signature of present owner)

6/6/96
(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Benjamin F. Felt & Ann E. Felt

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$21.88

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? No

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? June 1992

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: _____

Prior to the Rusch's purchase of the farm the building site had been down in the valley
on the wagon trail to Red Wing. Christ Rusch built on current homesite.

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55108-3099**

Minnesota State Fair
CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

DEADLINE: July 1

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Ervila Sumner and daughters Marie, Linda and Vicki

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Same as above

ADDRESS 34545 Warsaw Ave. Way, Cannon Falls, MN 55009
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 263-2669

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____

SECTION 1 TOWNSHIP Warsaw COUNTY Goodhue

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 129 acres

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1856

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

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Eben Sumner</u>	<u>1856-1874</u>	<u>Brother of Royal</u>
Next Owner <u>Royal N. Sumner</u>	<u>1874-1880</u>	<u>Father of Samuel</u>
Next Owner <u>Samuel C. Sumner</u>	<u>1880-1905</u>	<u>Father of Orin</u>
Next Owner <u>Orin Sumner</u>	<u>1905-1937</u>	<u>Father of Harlan</u>
Next Owner <u>Harlan Sumner</u>	<u>1937-1995</u>	<u>Husband of Ervila and father of Marie, Linda and Vicki</u>

Ervila Sumner and daughters Marie, Linda and Vicki 1995-present

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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.

Linda Sumner
(signature of present owner)

6/24/96
(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? 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?

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: _____

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The north half (1/2) of the southwest quarter (SW 1/4) of section 1, in township 111 north, of range 18 west, excepting a strip 9 rods wide off the north side thereof.

Also, beginning at the northwest corner of the northwest quarter (NW 1/4) of the southeast quarter (SE 1/4) of section 1, in township 111 north, of range 18 west, running thence south 80 rods, thence east 34 1/2 rods, thence north 23 degrees west 85 1/4 rods to point of beginning.

45-1-1-1
Also, beginning at a point 1 rod east of the center of section 1, in township 111 north, of range 18 west, running thence east 79 rods, thence south 80 rods, thence west 45 rods, thence north 23 1/4 degrees west to point of beginning.

45-1-1-2
Also, beginning 1 rod east of the center of section 1, in township 111 north, of range 18 west, running thence east 79 rods, thence north 31.76 rods, thence west 92.4 rods to the center of the road, thence south 23 1/4 degrees east along the said road 8.60 chains to point of beginning.

45-1-1-3
All that part of the north 9 acres of the southwest quarter (SW 1/4) of section 1, in township 111 north, of range 18 west, described as follows: Beginning at a point 9 rods south of the northwest corner of said southwest quarter (SW 1/4), running thence east to a point 9 rods south of the center of said section 1, thence north 66 feet, except that part thereof lying westerly of the point of beginning, township road running in the general northerly and southerly direction across said 9 acre tract. Said road being at or adjacent to the west line of said southwest quarter (SW 1/4) of section 1.

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CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM MARK AND DIANE EHLERS

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE MARK AND DIANE EHLERS

ADDRESS RR2 BOX 163 ELBOW LAKE MN 56531-9672
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (218) 685 5425

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____

SECTION 28 TOWNSHIP POMME DE TERRE COUNTY GRANT

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 80 ACRES

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 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.) _____

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Ole O Ostrom</u>	<u>1890-1926</u>	<u>Husband (to wife)</u>
Next Owner <u>(Lena) Oline Ostrom</u>	<u>1926-1934</u>	<u>mother (to daughter)</u>
Next Owner <u>Oline EHLERS</u>	<u>1934-1941</u>	<u>mother (to son)</u>
Next Owner <u>Arnold EHLERS</u>	<u>1941-1980</u>	<u>father (to son)</u>
Next Owner <u>MARK A. EHLERS</u> <u>DIANE E. EHLERS</u>	<u>1980-present</u>	

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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.

Diane Ehlers
(signature of present owner)

June 27, 1996
(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? USA, Pres. Benjamin Harrison

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 79.24 acres, more or less

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? 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? 1958

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? wheat, corn, barley, ^{flax}oats

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Ole and Lena had ten children - 6 ^{sons} ~~boys~~ and 4 daughters. Olina (daughter of Ole and Lena) ~~had~~ and John Ehlers had eight children - 6 sons and 2 daughters. Arnold (son of Olina and John) has three children - 2 sons and a daughter. Mark (son of Arnold and Doris) has five children - a son and 4 daughters. The farm now produces wheat, corn and soybeans. Mark also sells Pioneer seed.

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CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

DEADLINE: July 1

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM LeRoy and Phyllis Kohlmeyer

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE LeRoy and Phyllis Kohlmeyer

ADDRESS R.3 Box 23 Caledonia MN 55921
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 724-2561

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____

SECTION 14 TOWNSHIP Caledonia COUNTY Houston

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 437

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Sept. 1, 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.) W 1/2 SW 1/4 Sec. 14, Twp. 102 North, of Range 6 West,

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Henry Kohlmeyer</u>	<u>1894 - 1930</u>	<u>Husband of Bertha</u> <u>Father of Otto, Emma, Martha and</u> <u>Luella</u>
Next Owner <u>Bertha Kohlmeyer</u> <u>Otto Kohlmeyer, Emma Koenig, Martha Schroeder, Luella Russert</u> <u>Wilhelm Meyer, Jr., Mildred Meyer</u>	<u>1930 - 1950</u>	<u>Grandfather of Wilhelm and Mildred</u>
Next Owner <u>Emma Koenig and Wilhelm Meyer, Jr.</u>	<u>1950 - 1951</u>	
Next Owner <u>Wilhelm Meyer, Jr.</u>	<u>1951 - 1952</u>	<u>Nephew of Otto</u>
Next Owner <u>Otto and Martha Kohlmeyer</u>	<u>1952 - 1968</u>	<u>Grandfather and Grandmother</u> <u>of LeRoy</u>

LeRoy and Phyllis Kohlmeyer 1968 - present

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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.

LeRoy Kohlmeyer Phyllis Kohlmeyer
(signature of present owner)

April 4, 1996
(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Catherine Keefe

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$ 37.50

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Felgen, Hanover, Germany Oct. 10, 1861

DID HE/SHE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? Came to America with his family in 1884. / married Bertha Brinker March 23
 IF SO, PLEASE LIST 1889

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? 1915

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn, hay, and oats

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: _____

100 40 1871 1872 1873 1874 1875 1876 1877 1878 1879 1880 1881 1882 1883 1884 1885 1886 1887 1888 1889 1890 1891 1892 1893 1894 1895 1896 1897 1898 1899 1900 1901 1902 1903 1904 1905 1906 1907 1908 1909 1910 1911 1912 1913 1914 1915 1916 1917 1918 1919 1920 1921 1922 1923 1924 1925 1926 1927 1928 1929 1930 1931 1932 1933 1934 1935 1936 1937 1938 1939 1940 1941 1942 1943 1944 1945 1946 1947 1948 1949 1950 1951 1952 1953 1954 1955 1956 1957 1958 1959 1960 1961 1962 1963 1964 1965 1966 1967 1968 1969 1970 1971 1972 1973 1974 1975 1976 1977 1978 1979 1980 1981 1982 1983 1984 1985 1986 1987 1988 1989 1990 1991 1992 1993 1994 1995 1996 1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025 2026 2027 2028 2029 2030 2031 2032 2033 2034 2035 2036 2037 2038 2039 2040 2041 2042 2043 2044 2045 2046 2047 2048 2049 2050 2051 2052 2053 2054 2055 2056 2057 2058 2059 2060 2061 2062 2063 2064 2065 2066 2067 2068 2069 2070 2071 2072 2073 2074 2075 2076 2077 2078 2079 2080 2081 2082 2083 2084 2085 2086 2087 2088 2089 2090 2091 2092 2093 2094 2095 2096 2097 2098 2099 2100 2101 2102 2103 2104 2105 2106 2107 2108 2109 2110 2111 2112 2113 2114 2115 2116 2117 2118 2119 2120 2121 2122 2123 2124 2125 2126 2127 2128 2129 2130 2131 2132 2133 2134 2135 2136 2137 2138 2139 2140 2141 2142 2143 2144 2145 2146 2147 2148 2149 2150 2151 2152 2153 2154 2155 2156 2157 2158 2159 2160 2161 2162 2163 2164 2165 2166 2167 2168 2169 2170 2171 2172 2173 2174 2175 2176 2177 2178 2179 2180 2181 2182 2183 2184 2185 2186 2187 2188 2189 2190 2191 2192 2193 2194 2195 2196 2197 2198 2199 2200 2201 2202 2203 2204 2205 2206 2207 2208 2209 2210 2211 2212 2213 2214 2215 2216 2217 2218 2219 2220 2221 2222 2223 2224 2225 2226 2227 2228 2229 2230 2231 2232 2233 2234 2235 2236 2237 2238 2239 2240 2241 2242 2243 2244 2245 2246 2247 2248 2249 2250 2251 2252 2253 2254 2255 2256 2257 2258 2259 2260 2261 2262 2263 2264 2265 2266 2267 2268 2269 2270 2271 2272 2273 2274 2275 2276 2277 2278 2279 2280 2281 2282 2283 2284 2285 2286 2287 2288 2289 2290 2291 2292 2293 2294 2295 2296 2297 2298 2299 2300 2301 2302 2303 2304 2305 2306 2307 2308 2309 2310 2311 2312 2313 2314 2315 2316 2317 2318 2319 2320 2321 2322 2323 2324 2325 2326 2327 2328 2329 2330 2331 2332 2333 2334 2335 2336 2337 2338 2339 2340 2341 2342 2343 2344 2345 2346 2347 2348 2349 2350 2351 2352 2353 2354 2355 2356 2357 2358 2359 2360 2361 2362 2363 2364 2365 2366 2367 2368 2369 2370 2371 2372 2373 2374 2375 2376 2377 2378 2379 2380 2381 2382 2383 2384 2385 2386 2387 2388 2389 2390 2391 2392 2393 2394 2395 2396 2397 2398 2399 2400 2401 2402 2403 2404 2405 2406 2407 2408 2409 2410 2411 2412 2413 2414 2415 2416 2417 2418 2419 2420 2421 2422 2423 2424 2425 2426 2427 2428 2429 2430 2431 2432 2433 2434 2435 2436 2437 2438 2439 2440 2441 2442 2443 2444 2445 2446 2447 2448 2449 2450 2451 2452 2453 2454 2455 2456 2457 2458 2459 2460 2461 2462 2463 2464 2465 2466 2467 2468 2469 2470 2471 2472 2473 2474 2475 2476 2477 2478 2479 2480 2481 2482 2483 2484 2485 2486 2487 2488 2489 2490 2491 2492 2493 2494 2495 2496 2497 2498 2499 2500 2501 2502 2503 2504 2505 2506 2507 2508 2509 2510 2511 2512 2513 2514 2515 2516 2517 2518 2519 2520 2521 2522 2523 2524 2525 2526 2527 2528 2529 2530 2531 2532 2533 2534 2535 2536 2537 2538 2539 2540 2541 2542 2543 2544 2545 2546 2547 2548 2549 2550 2551 2552 2553 2554 2555 2556 2557 2558 2559 2560 2561 2562 2563 2564 2565 2566 2567 2568 2569 2570 2571 2572 2573 2574 2575 2576 2577 2578 2579 2580 2581 2582 2583 2584 2585 2586 2587 2588 2589 2590 2591 2592 2593 2594 2595 2596 2597 2598 2599 2600 2601 2602 2603 2604 2605 2606 2607 2608 2609 2610 2611 2612 2613 2614 2615 2616 2617 2618 2619 2620 2621 2622 2623 2624 2625 2626 2627 2628 2629 2630 2631 2632 2633 2634 2635 2636 2637 2638 2639 2640 2641 2642 2643 2644 2645 2646 2647 2648 2649 2650 2651 2652 2653 2654 2655 2656 2657 2658 2659 2660 2661 2662 2663 2664 2665 2666 2667 2668 2669 2670 2671 2672 2673 2674 2675 2676 2677 2678 2679 2680 2681 2682 2683 2684 2685 2686 2687 26

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Minnesota State Fair
CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Allan Kathleen Larson

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Allan + Kathleen Larson

ADDRESS Route 1 Box 180 Houston Minnesota 55943
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code 507 864-7172

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____

SECTION ~~16~~ - 17 - ~~18~~ TOWNSHIP Money Creek COUNTY Houston

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 640

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1878

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

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.) PT N 1/2 NE 1/4 SW 1/4 NE 1/4 EX 21A SECT -17-TWP-104 RANGE-007

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Jokom Larson</u>	<u>1878 - 1900</u>	<u>FATHER of Hans</u>
Next Owner <u>Hans + Ida Larson</u>	<u>1900 - 1942</u>	<u>Husband of Ida Father of Irving + Harley</u>
Next Owner <u>Ida Larson</u>	<u>1942 - 1975</u>	<u>Mother of Irving + Harley</u>
Next Owner <u>Irving + Harley Larson</u>	<u>1975 - 1982</u>	<u>Irving - father of Allan</u>
Next Owner <u>Allan Kathleen Larson</u>	<u>1982 - PRESENT</u>	

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Court File in Registration Proceedings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Patent | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County land Record |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Deed | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Conditional Assignment of Land Contract</u> |

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

Allan Larson Kathleen Larson
(signature of present owner)

May 24, 1996
(date)

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Jokom Larson purchased from Erick O. Moe

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 120

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$4.16 more or less

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1870's

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: On one of the documents Jokom signed the interest rate for borrowed money was 10%, almost 100 years later it was that much plus more. Like they say history repeats itself.

DEADLINE: July 1

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM

P. Kenneth & Audrey Osborn

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE

P. Kenneth & Audrey Olson

ADDRESS

R4 2,

BX 181

Rushford

Mr.

55971

(street)

(city)

(state)

(zip)

PHONE NUMBER

area code 507-864-7455

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

17

TOWNSHIP

Yucatan

COUNTY

Houston

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

440

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.)

E 1/2 NW 1/4 Section 17

123 North

Range 7 West

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner Knud Olson Sogla	1896 - 1925	Father of Elmer
Next Owner Elmer Olson Sogla	1925 - 1970	Father of P. Kenneth
Next Owner P. Kenneth and Audrey Olson	1970 to present	
Next Owner		
Next Owner		

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.

(signature of present owner)

(date)

OVER

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED?

O. J. Simpson

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL?

80 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE?

\$25 per acre

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?

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?

1937

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS?

Corn, oats, hay, dairy
and hogs.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

It was very common in Norwegian
immigrants to this country to change their last
name, so as a result our family used the
names Sogles and Olson for three generations
until the the Sogla name was dropped and
the Olson name is presently used by the
owners now. It is a very unique situation.

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Rec'd 5/15/96
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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Bernhard P. + Wanda L. Pieper

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Bernhard Paul Pieper

ADDRESS RR # 3 Box 65 Caledonia, MN 55921
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 724-2128

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____

SECTION 17 & 20 TOWNSHIP Mayville COUNTY Houston

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 272

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1-7-1896

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

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

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Bernhard Pieper</u>	<u>1896 - 1951</u>	
Next Owner <u>Milton Pieper</u>	<u>1951 - 1978</u>	<u>Son</u>
Next Owner <u>Bernhard Pieper</u>	<u>1978 -</u>	<u>Son</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: _____

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Wanda Pieper
(signature of present owner)

5-13-96
(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Father

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? NO

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? Dairy

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: _____

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER GERALD W. ANDERSON

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE _____

ANDERSON FAMILY

ADDRESS P.O. Box 412 PRINCETON MN 55371
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (612) 389-2781

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE 35038 DOLPHIN ST NW PRINCETON MN 55371

SECTION 17 TOWNSHIP 36 COUNTY 25 SHAWANO ISANTI

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 120

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY SEPT 29, 1887

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

S 17 + 036 R 025 SEC 16 + 036 R 025 S 29 + 036 R 025
SE 1/4 OF SE 1/4 SW 1/4 OF SW 1/4 NW 1/4 OF NE 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS OWNERSHIP:

Name	Years of Ownership from - to	Blood Relationship to next Owner
first owner <u>K. A. ANDERSON</u>	<u>1887 - 1933</u>	<u>FATHER OF ANDREW</u>
next owner <u>ANDREW W. ANDERSON</u>	<u>1933 - 1954</u>	<u>HUSBAND OF MABEL</u> <u>FATHER OF GERALD</u>
next owner <u>MABEL C ANDERSON</u>	<u>1954 - 1962</u>	<u>MOTHER OF GERALD</u>
next owner <u>GERALD W. ANDERSON</u>	<u>1962 - PRESENT</u>	
next owner		

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Gerald W. Anderson
(signature of present owner)

SEPTEMBER 20, 1995
(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? ONE FORTY FROM HENRY T. WELLS
" " " EZRA G. BENEDICT D. M. CAUGH, GOVERNOR
" " " STATE OF MINN (PATENT)

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 40

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

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? SWEDEN

DID HE FARM THE LAND? YES

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? 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? 1800's

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? HAS PRODUCED - POTATOES

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: GRAIN

HAY

SOY BEANS

DAIRY

Century Farms

Minnesota State Fair

St. Paul, MN 55108-3099

PLEASE RETURN BY JULY 15, 1991



Mar. 18, 1996

Gerald W. Anderson
PO Box 412
Princeton MN 55371

Dear Mr. Anderson,

Thank you for submitting an application for the Century Farm program, which we received last September. We have processed your application, and the farm does qualify for recognition this year. I do, however, need one more piece of information.

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Marketing Support Supervisor



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Marketing Support Supervisor

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM

Howard Ledin John R. Ledin Marilyn Davidson and Michael Ledin

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE

Same as above

ADDRESS

Rt 1 Box 240 North Branch MN. 55056

(street)

(city)

(state)

(zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code

612 674-4556

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

9 & 16

TOWNSHIP

35-22

COUNTY

Isanti

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

70

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1882 & 1893

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 & SE 1/4 Sec. 9-35-22 Less 10 acres
& All of NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Sec. 16-35-22*

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <i>John Ledin</i>	<i>1882 & 1893 to 1930</i>	<i>Father of Harry</i>
Next Owner <i>Harry E. Ledin</i>	<i>1930 - 1976</i>	<i>SON of John Ledin</i>
Next Owner <i>Marvel Ledin</i>	<i>1976 - 1981</i>	<i>wife of Harry E. Ledin</i>
Next Owner <i>John Howard N. Ledin John R. Ledin Marilyn Davidson</i>	<i>1981 to present</i>	<i>children & grand child</i>
Next Owner <i>Michael Ledin</i>		<i>of Harry E. Ledin & Marvel Ledin</i>

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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.

(signature of present owner)

Howard N. Ledin
on behalf of present owners.

(date)

6-9-96

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED?

Railroad & State of MN

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL?

80

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE?

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN?

Sweden

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?

ANY PORTION
Yes

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT?

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS?

Potatoes - Corn - Pasture
+ 12139

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

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LAW OFFICES OF
LEDIN & HOFSTAD, LTD.

HOWARD N. LEDIN
KEVIN A. HOFSTAD
DANIEL W. BLAKE
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Pine City, Minn.
June 11, 1996

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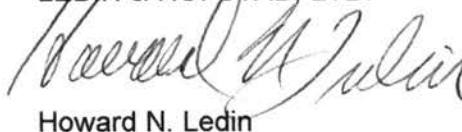
Attn: Ken Giannini, Marketing Support Supervisor

Dear Mr. Giannini:

I enclose herewith a Century Farm Application. Please send the certification to me at my home address of 705 9th St., Pine City, Minn. 55063

Very truly yours,

LEDIN & HOFSTAD, LTD.


Howard N. Ledin

HNL/bk
Enc.

Minnesota State Fair
CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

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7/1/96
O.K.*

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Marcella J. Christoffer

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Marcella and Melvin Christoffer

ADDRESS 607 - 1st. St. W. Lakefield Mn. 56150
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 662-5480

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE R.R. 3 Lakefield, Mn. 56150

SECTION 30 TOWNSHIP Rost COUNTY Jackson

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 167

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.)
NW 1/4 Township 102 Range 37

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>August Becker</u>	<u>Feb 1892 (Dec.)</u> <u>1892 - 1929</u>	<u>Father^{of} Reinhold</u>
Next Owner <u>Reinhold Becker</u>	<u>1892 - 1929</u>	<u>Father of John</u>
Next Owner <u>John Becker</u>	<u>1929 - 1973</u>	<u>Father of Marcella</u>
Next Owner <u>Marcella (Becker) Christoffer</u>	<u>1973 - 1994</u>	<u>Mother of Dale</u>
Next Owner <u>Dale Christoffer</u> (E. 80 A. Now in Trust to)	<u>Bought W 87 A. in 1978</u> <u>1994 present</u>	

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

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Marcella J. Christoffer
(signature of present owner)

June 26, 1996
(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Sophia J. Zuevli and husband

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 167 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$10.62

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

DID HE/SHE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? August Becker
IF SO, PLEASE LIST was a tailor in Germany

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? _____

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Alfalfa, Wheat, Barley, Flax, Corn & Soybeans
were also grown in later years.

August Becker left Germany at 41 years of age and arrived in U.S.A. Mar. 31, 1882 with his wife & 3 children. They went to Springfield, Minn. for 2 years. Then in 1884 bought some land in Jackson Co., Rost twp. ¹⁰² N.E. 1/4 Sec. 32. In 1892 he purchased N.W. 1/4, Rost twp 102, Sec. 30. He sold it same year to son Reinhold, who had worked as a Carpenter for 3 years. In 1916 Reinhold bought the first tractor in the area, a "Heider". He purchased a car in 1910 for \$1200.00. August Becker & wife Louisa moved to Spokane, Wash. in 1909. It could have been Palouse, Wash., maybe, as that is where he was buried. He died the same year, 1909, of a heart attack. He was born in 1840 in Thornof, Germany. Reinhold always spelled it Tornow. John Becker, son of Reinhold, farmed and ran a cornsheller. Melvin & Marcelle Christoffer farmed & grew small grains & corn & soybeans. They also milked cows & had some cattle (feeding) & hogs.

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O.K.*

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM ELIOT GORDON ELLEFSON

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE ELIOT GORDON ELLEFSON

ADDRESS ROUTE 1 BOX 195, JACKSON, MINNESOTA 56143
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 847-5225

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____

SECTION 14 TOWNSHIP BELMONT COUNTY JACKSON

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 480

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY JANUARY 28, 1881

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

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.) SW¹ TWP 103 Range 35

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner JOHN EDWARD ELLEFSON	1881-1917	GREAT-GRANDFATHER
Next Owner HENRY A. ELLEFSON	1917-1961	GRANDFATHER
Next Owner GORDON HENRY ELLEFSON	1961-1985	FATHER
Next Owner ELIOT GORDON ELLEFSON	1985- PRESENT	
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 (X) Other: FAMILY HISTORY

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

Eliot Gordon Ellefson

(signature of present owner)

5-15-96

(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? SAMUEL NELSON

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$4.72

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? HELSE, NORWAY

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

IF SO, PLEASE LIST 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? 1918

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? CATTLE, HOGS, WHEAT, OATS, BARLEY

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: _____

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM LEONARD E. ERICKSON

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE LEONARD E. ERICKSON

ADDRESS RR 1, Box 226 MT. LAKE Mn. 56159
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 427-2895

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____

SECTION 28 TOWNSHIP KimBALL COUNTY JACKSON

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 80

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1870

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 NW 1/4 - Township 104, Range 34

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Christian O. Erickson</u>	<u>1870-1908</u>	<u>Father of John</u>
Next Owner <u>John C. Erickson</u>	<u>1908-1962</u>	<u>Father of Leonard</u>
Next Owner <u>Leonard E. Erickson</u>	<u>1962-Present</u>	
Next Owner		
Next Owner		

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() Original Deed () Other: _____

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Leonard E. Erickson
(signature of present owner)

6-25-96
(date)

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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? NO Charge - Agreed to live + improve property
for so many years (Abstract recorded 1977).
WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Norway
DID HE/SHE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? Yes - Postmaster of
IF SO, PLEASE LIST Namsus Postoffice 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? House + Chicken House still standing
WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1880's - still standing - unliveable
WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Oats, Barley - Corn.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Christian was Son of Otto + Julia Anna
Erickson who came to America from Norway. As a
young man (married) Christian homesteaded this farm in
1870. He was also the Postmaster of Namsus which
was name of this community. The post office was
located in the upstairs of the home. Post office boxes
remain on present farm. He was founder of School
Dist # 61, East of Bergen, Minn.

John C. Erickson was Special Clerk in Elections
in Kimball twp., Jackson County Fire Lighting Insurance
Board for years. Various Church Bds of Bethany Luth.
Church.

Leonard, present owner still remains on farm which
now includes 240 Acres. He has served on School Board,
Church Bds + Cemetery Bd at Bethany Lutheran Church, near
Bergen. He still does the tillage of his farmland
at age 90.

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7/1/96
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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Cletus & Fidelis (Liepold) Freking

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Cletus and Fidelis Freking

ADDRESS RR2 Box 182 Heron Lake Mn 56137
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 793-2708

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____

SECTION 2 TOWNSHIP LaCrosse COUNTY Jackson

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 80

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1883

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 SE 1/4 township 104 Section 2 Range 38

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Johan & Thresia Heger</u>	<u>1845 - 1887</u>	<u>aunt of Ferdinand</u>
Next Owner <u>Ferdinand Liepold</u>	<u>1887 - 1936</u>	<u>Father of Walter</u>
Next Owner <u>Walter Liepold</u>	<u>1936 - 1971</u>	<u>Father of Fidelis</u>
Next Owner <u>Cletus & Fidelis Freking</u>	<u>1971 - Present</u>	
Next Owner		

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Check those that apply:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Abstract of Title | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Court File in Registration Proceedings |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Deed | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ |

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

Fidelis Freking
(signature of present owner)

6-25-96
(date)

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

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$3.75 - Ferdinand Pd to Johan & wife

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Austria

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? Part of homestead house - stores old tools-etc

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1913

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: _____

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM ALF, WILLIS, AND MAX LARSON

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE ALF, WILLIS, AND MAX LARSON

ADDRESS RR 4, BOX 166, WINDOM, MN 56101
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 831-4439

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE --

SECTION SE 1/4 OF SECTION 5 TOWNSHIP DEERFIELD COUNTY JACKSON

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 240

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY DECEMBER, 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 SEC 5

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From ? To 1896	Relationship to next owner
SIoux CITY & ST. PAUL RAILROAD		NONE
First Owner S LEWIS LARSON AND JOHN S. LARSON	1896 - 1918	BROTHERS UNCLE & FATHER
Next Owner JOHN S. LARSON HEIRS	1918 - 1940	BROTHERS & SISTERS
Next Owner ALF M. LARSON	1940 - 1976	FATHER
Next Owner WILLIS & MAX LARSON	1976 - 1996	
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.

Alf M. Larson
(signature of present owner)

6/25/96
(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? RAILROAD

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

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

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? NORWAY

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

IF SO, PLEASE LIST WORKED ON RAILROAD (FENCING) WHILE FARMING

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? NO

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDING STILL STANDING OR IN USE? NO. It was a bare piece of land.

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1909

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? CORN, WHEAT, OATS, FLAX, BARLEY,
AND ALFALFA.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: 80 ACRES IN SECTION 8 HAS BEEN ADDED.

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ALF MONROE LARSON

Alf Monroe Larson is a retired farmer and landowner in Section 5 of Delafield Township. The Larsons raised Brown Swiss Cattle for showing.

Alf was born May 24, 1907, a son of John S. and Hellen (Grinager) Larson. In addition to the children named in Volume 1 of the Jackson County History Book, John and Hellen were the parents of two more children: Joseph H. born January 11, 1913, died September 29, 1967; and Viola J. born July 6, 1916. John died on July 22, 1916, and Hellen in 1934.

Alf was nine years old when his father died, therefore it was necessary for him to assist his older brother and sister with the farming operation. In addition to farming the home place, they rented land from the neighbors while they were still very young. Alf had his own team of horses, some plugs that wouldn't run away, and wagon for picking corn.

On August 13, 1930, Alf was married at Windom to Harriet Lavina Johnston, born July 13, 1910. They purchased the home place and continued to make it their home. They worked hard and didn't buy anything they didn't need. They got along without a car for a couple of years, borrowing one when they needed transportation for special occasions.

Alf worked on the W.P.A. project during the winter of 1933, shoveling gravel by hand into a wagon pulled by horses, using dump planks to unload. The wages were \$6.75 per day for man, wagon, and team. When the "New Deal" came along conditions started to get better.

Alf was a member of the Farm Bureau, Brown Swiss Association and the Dairy Shrine Club, and served as a school board member. Alf and Harriet were 4-H advisors for many years. They were active in church work at the Delafield Lutheran Church where they were members.

Mr. and Mrs. Larson are the parents of the following named children: Gerald, born March 20, 1931, died June 13, 1954; Willis, born September 4, 1932, married to Luetta Inmen; Max, born September 18, 1933, married to Barbara Schmidt; M. Joanne (Mrs. Roland Roesner), born December 7, 1934; Shirley (Mrs. Bryce Ewing), born December 25, 1935; Margaret (Mrs. Arlin Mattison), born March 21, 1937; Reverend Donald, born April 20, 1938, married to Virginia White; and John Richard and Leon, who died in infancy.

Harriet died June 20, 1977. Alf remarried Jane Holmen Stevens on May 21, 1988. They still reside on the home place.

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Vernon Puck

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Vernon Puck

ADDRESS RT2 Box 120 Lakefield MN 56150
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 839-3869

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 25 TOWNSHIP Sioux Valley COUNTY Jackson

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 80

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 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.)

Sect-25 - Twp. 101 Range-037 - E 1/2 S.E. 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Jochim Puck</u>	<u>1890 - 1924</u>	<u>Father of George</u>
Next Owner <u>George Puck</u>	<u>1924 - 1950</u>	<u>Father of Harlan</u>
Next Owner <u>Harlan Puck</u>	<u>1950 - 1981</u>	<u>Father of Mark</u>
Next Owner <u>Mark Puck</u>	<u>1981 - 1987</u>	<u>Cousin to Vernon</u>
Next Owner <u>Vernon Puck</u>	<u>1987 to Present</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 (X) Court File in Registration Proceedings
() Land Patent () County land Record
() Original Deed () Other: _____



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

Vernon Puck
(signature of present owner)

May 7- 1996
(date)

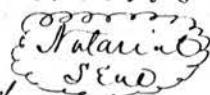
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6116 Know all men by these presents That Joseph Sampson and Gertrude C. Sampson husband and wife of Woodbury County and State of Iowa in consideration of the sum of Thirtysix hundred and Sixty \$1360 Dollars in hand paid by Joachim Ruek of Jackson County and State of Minnesota do hereby sell and convey unto the said Joachim Ruek the following described premises situated in the County of Jackson and State of Minnesota to wit: The South East quarter (SE 1/4) of Section No: twenty five (25) in Township No: One Hundred & one (101) North, Range No: thirty seven (37) West 5th P.M. containing One hundred and sixty (160) acres according to Government Survey thereof to the same more or less. This deed is issued pursuant to a certain contract dated October 12th 1885 and issued to W. J. Hansen which contract has been duly assigned to the said Joachim Ruek. And we hereby covenant with the said Joachim Ruek that we hold said premises by good and perfect title that we have good right and lawful authority to sell and convey the same that they are free and clear of all liens and incumbrances whatsoever Subject to all liens and taxes imposed since October 12th 1885 on which date said contract was issued. And we covenant to warrant and defend the said premises against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever except as above stated. And the said Gertrude C. Sampson hereby relinquishes her right of dower in and to the above described premises. Signed the 28th day of October A.D. 1890 in presence of

Joseph Sampson 
 Gertrude C. Sampson 

Frank J. Tripp }
 Ed C. Currier }
 State of Iowa }

ss. On this 28th day of October A.D. 1890 before me F. J. Tripp a Notary Public within and for said County personally came Joseph Sampson and Gertrude C. Sampson husband & wife personally to me known to be the identical persons whose names are affixed to the above instrument as grantors and severally acknowledged the execution of the same to be their voluntary act and deed for the purposes therein expressed. In Witness whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my seal at Sioux City on the date last above written


 F. J. Tripp
 Notary Public

Paid & transferred Oct 31st
 1890 William V. King

Filed for record Oct 31st
 1890 at 11 o'clock AM.

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Melvin & Geraldine Rademacher

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Same as above

ADDRESS 709 Walter St. Lakefield MN. 56150
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) (662-6569 Home) (work 507-662-5800)

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE RR 2 Lakefield MN.

SECTION 12 TOWNSHIP Rost COUNTY Jackson

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 120 Ac.

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1871

HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? yes IF SO, WHEN? unknown 1971 or later

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.)
NW 1/4 Sec 12 - 102N - 37W Jackson Co. MN.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Fredrick Schultz</u>	<u>1871 - 1898</u>	<u>Father of August</u>
Next Owner <u>August Schultz</u>	<u>1898 - 1960</u>	<u>Father of Francis</u>
Next Owner <u>Francis Pederson</u>	<u>1960 - 1975</u>	<u>Mother of Geraldine</u>
Next Owner <u>Melvin & Geraldine Rademacher</u>	<u>1975 -</u>	
Next Owner		

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.

Melvin & Geraldine Rademacher
(signature of present owner)

6/19/96
(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Hornesteaded - United States

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 1600.

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? yes

IF SO, PLEASE LIST Worked in the Saw Mills in Wisconsin.

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? none there now

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn, Oats, pasture.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: _____

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Byron Richtee

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Byron And Darlene Richter

ADDRESS RR4 Box 325 Windom MN 56101
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 831-2394

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____

SECTION 21 TOWNSHIP Delafield COUNTY Jackson

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 1896

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.) _____

NE 1/4 Township 104 Range 36

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>John H. Richtee</u>	<u>1896 - 1944</u>	<u>Father of Herman</u>
Next Owner <u>Herman A. Richter</u>	<u>1944 - 1963</u>	<u>Father of Byron</u>
Next Owner <u>Byron E. Richter</u>	<u>1963 - present</u>	
Next Owner		
Next Owner		

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

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Byron E Richter
(signature of present owner)

6-23-96
(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Fanny Wilder - widow of Amherst Wilder

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160 (purchased from ST PAUL & Sioux City Railroad Company)

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: _____

FARM NAMED "ALFAFA Dale Stock Farm" in 1915

no longer goes by above name.

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PRESENT OWNER OF FARM

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE

ADDRESS

(street)

Box 103

(city)

Lakefield Id

Mo.

(state)

56150

(zip)

PHONE NUMBER

area code (507) 662-5496

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

#15

TOWNSHIP

Heron Lake

COUNTY

Taskson

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

May 2, 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.)

NW 1/4 of section 15

Twp. 103 Range 36

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner Herman Rossow	1892 - 1947	Father
Next Owner Herbert Rossow	1947 - 1957	Father
Next Owner Virgil Rossow	Contract for Deed 1958 Warranty Deed 70-86	Father/Brother Virgil & Loris are siblings
Next Owner Brent & Lori Rossow → Elmer & Loris (Rossow) Kolander	Cont. for Deed to Elmer & Loris Kolander No 1/2 NW 1/4 sec 15 86-92 Warranty Deed on S. 1/2 NW 1/4 sec 15 87-95	'95 Brent & Lori Rossow paid off All Deeds (Loris (Rossow) Kolander)
Next Owner Brent & Lori Rossow	present →	Estate to again join both halves as one parcel 160 acres.

- ☒ 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.

Brent W Wasson Lori Wasson

(signature of present owner)

6/30/96

(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Margaret A. Wilson
 HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160 Acres
 WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$ 11.50 per acre
 WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Gross Spieberg, Brandenburg, Germany
 DID HE/SHE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? Yes
 IF SO, PLEASE LIST County Commissioner, Delafield Mutual Fire Ins. Co.
 WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? No

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDING STILL STANDING OR IN USE? Yes, portion is within present house.
 WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1918

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? First Crop Flax - Presently Corn & Soybeans
(Handwritten notes: Hashad Dairy, Cattle, Sheep, Hogs, Horses, No livestock except horse)

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Herman was born at Gross Spieberg, Brandenburg on August 30, 1870. In Sept. 1878 he left Prussia with his family and came to Heron Lake township, Jackson Co. Herman married Emilie Malchow Nov. 27, 1891 at St. Peter Lutheran Church. On May 2, 1892 they purchased the NW Quarter of Sec #15 from Margaret Wilson. Emilie passed away Jan 1905. They had 7 children, Ida, Elsie, Lydia, Herbert, Rudolph, Leonard, & Ella. In Jan 1, 1906 Herman married Martha Rall. Together they raised the children and worked hard on the farm. The land had never been tilled and there were no trees or buildings, so there was a lot of work to do. Since that time the farm has been held through five generations of Rossow family members.

The farm has been home for Herman and his family. Leonard and Alma (Kraft) Rossow were united in marriage on the farm in 1922. They had their first daughter, Edna, on the farm, and lived there with the Rossow family for a few years. Arnie and Uda (Swanson) Burmeister and their infant daughter, Marla, lived with the Rossow family for a short time until they moved to

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another farm place. Virgil and Shirley (Rue) Rossow took over and bought the farm from his father Herbert in 1949. They lived on the farm with their five children, Blake, Ginny, Brent, Jon, & Terri until they moved to town in 1981. The farm is now home for Brent & Lori (Rehne H) Rossow and their children Breanne, Amerly & Mason where they have lived since 4/1/81.

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Laverne Swanson

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Laverne and Lois Swanson

ADDRESS Rt 2 Bx 32 Alpha MN 56111
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 847-4290

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____

SECTION 24 TOWNSHIP Enterprise COUNTY JACKSON

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 240

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 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.) W 1/2 SW 1/4 24-103-34

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>OLA SWANSON</u>	<u>1889 - 1947</u>	<u>Father of Hilbert</u>
Next Owner <u>Hilbert SWANSON</u>	<u>1947 - 1971</u>	<u>Father of Laverne</u>
Next Owner <u>Laverne SWANSON</u>	<u>1971 - present</u>	<u>present owner</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: _____

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

Laverne H. Swanson
(signature of present owner)

6-24-96
(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Abstract shows bought from W.T. Hanson

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? unknown

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Karaboda Sweden

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

IF SO, PLEASE LIST worked in a foundry in Moline Ill a short time before buying this farm

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDING STILL STANDING OR IN USE? a portion of the first house

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1919

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? diversified, small grains & some corn

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Ola Swanson came from Karaboda Sweden and settled in Moline Ill. was married ¹⁰⁻¹⁰⁻¹⁸⁹⁴ there and had 3 children born in Moline. One died at Moline Ill. He seemed to have a heart's desire to farm and bought this 80 acres in Enterprise Twp. Jackson County. While they were building the living site ~~he~~ lived with a neighbor Sigfried Olson. Two more children were born here but one of them died. They always lived on this farm until he died ⁹⁻²⁰⁻¹⁹³⁹ in 1939. Died from a fall off a hayrack helping his son gather in the hay. They occupied the upper story of this house at the time My Father Gilbert bought two more pieces of land and then bought out the estate after his mother died ⁹⁻²⁷ in 1946 which makes up what we have in the farm now 240 acres. They also lived on the farm until he died in 1969, living in a second house

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Norman Hande

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Norman and Martha Hande

ADDRESS 530 123 Ln N.W. Coon Rapids Mn 55448
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (612) 755-2929

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE 17310 68th St. NW, New London, Mn 56273

SECTION 13 TOWNSHIP Arctander - 121 COUNTY Kandiyohi

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 80

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1869

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

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.)
W 1/2 of NE 1/4 Section 13 Twp 121 Range 36

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Halvor Hande</u>	<u>1869 - 1913</u>	<u>Father</u>
Next Owner <u>Henry Hande</u>	<u>1913 - 1962</u>	<u>Father</u>
Next Owner <u>Russell Hande</u>	<u>1962 - 1989</u>	<u>Father</u>
Next Owner <u>Norman Hande</u>	<u>1989 - 1996</u>	
Next Owner		

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

Norman Hande
(signature of present owner)

June 25, 1996
(date)

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Home stealed

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

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? 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? The house is built around the log house.
the original barn is still being used.

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? _____

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: My father^{+mother} still live on the

farm. They still have a few head of
cattle and two horses. My father
who is seventy seven years old. ~~Father~~
worked the fields for 70 straight years
before retiring it out.

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Reviewed
7/1/96
O.K.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Mark and Cleone Larson

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Mark and Cleone Larson

ADDRESS 9217 195 ST SE Atwater MN 56209
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (320) 974-8346

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____

SECTION 13 TOWNSHIP Lake Elizabeth COUNTY Kandiyohi

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT _____

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1890

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>Peter Larson</u>	<u>1890 - 1912</u>	<u>Father of E. Arvid</u>
Next Owner <u>E. Arvid Larson</u>	<u>1912 - 1966</u>	<u>Father of Gary C.</u>
Next Owner <u>Gary C. Larson</u>	<u>1966 - 1988</u>	<u>Father of Mark</u>
Next Owner <u>Mark A Larson</u>	<u>1988 - present</u>	
Next Owner		

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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.

Mark Larson
(signature of present owner)

6/28/96
(date)

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? St. P. M. & M. Ry. Co. (Railroad?)

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 40

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? ~~\$50~~ \$5

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? _____

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1970

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS?

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: _____

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Minnesota State Fair
CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

DEADLINE: July 1

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6/27/96
O.K.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Peter & Lynne Jacobson

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Peter & Lynne Jacobson

ADDRESS 18402 225th Ave NE Paynesville MN 56362
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code ()

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 26 TOWNSHIP Roseville COUNTY Kandiyohi

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 230

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY December 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 original 80 acres are:
Section 26, Township 22, Range 33
SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 & NE 1/4 of SE 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Edward & Carrie Sunde</u>	<u>1895 - 1952</u>	<u>Father & Mother</u>
Next Owner <u>Henry & John Sunde</u>	<u>1952 - 1974</u>	<u>Uncles</u>
Next Owner <u>Peter Jacobson</u>	<u>1974 - Present</u>	<u>Grandson of Edward - Nephew of John & Henry</u>
Next Owner		
Next Owner		

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() Original Deed () Other: _____

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Lynne Jacobson
(signature of present owner)

6-25-96
(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED?

August Hansen

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL?

80 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE?

Approximately \$10-\$15

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN?

Norway

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

IF SO, PLEASE LIST

Carpenter-cabinet/furniture maker

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?

1975

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS?

Corn, hay, soybeans, oats

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Typical diversified farm - in addition to the above crops, there were milk cows, beef cattle, hogs and chickens, and occasionally turkeys and ducks. Some of the highly erodible land, which Edward grubbed out to farm, has now been replanted in trees.

9-28-89

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER JOHN M. TAIT

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE JOHN and RUTH TAIT

ADDRESS 3877 105TH ST NE KANDIYOH1 MN 56251
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (320) 382-6349

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE SAME

SECTION 36 TOWNSHIP GREEN LAKE COUNTY KANDIYOH1

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 205

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1896

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) S 1/2 OF NW 1/4: N 1/2 OF SW 1/4 TOWNSHIP 120 RANGE 34 SECTION 36

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS OWNERSHIP:

Name	Years of Ownership from - to	Blood Relationship to next Owner
first owner JAMES TAIT	1896 - 1948	FATHER OF JOHN H.
next owner JOHN H TAIT	1948 - 1975	FATHER OF JOHN M.
next owner JOHN M TAIT	1975 - PRESENT	
next owner		
next owner		

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- ☐ Land Patent
- ☐ Original Deed
- ☐ Court file in Registration Proceedings
- ☐ County Land Record
- ☐ Other

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

John M Tait
(signature of present owner)

~~9-14-89~~ 4/13/96
(date)

FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? N/A

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? YES

CATTLE BUYER

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1977

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:_____

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St. Paul, MN 55108-3099

Minnesota State Fair
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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Justin H. Simonson

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Justin H. Simonson

ADDRESS 7474 County Rd. 40 NW. Pennock Minnesota 56279
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (~~320~~) 354-4147

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 12 TOWNSHIP Arctander COUNTY Kandiyohi

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 240

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY September 25, 1882

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

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

Kandiyohi County
Sect. 12 - Twp. 121 - Range 36 - SW 1/4 - 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>Johanson Skaalrud</u>	<u>September 25-1882 - 1900</u>	<u>Father to Martin Skaalrud</u>
Next Owner <u>Martin Skaalrud</u>	<u>1900 - 1943</u>	<u>Uncle to Ella Simonson</u>
Next Owner <u>Ella Simonson</u>	<u>1943 - 1976</u>	<u>Mother to Justin Simonson</u>
Next Owner <u>Justin Simonson</u>	<u>1976 - 1996</u>	
Next Owner		

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☐ Original Deed ☐ Other: _____

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Justin H. Simonson
(signature of present owner)

6-19-96
(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? _____

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? _____

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Norway

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? No

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? ~~Unknown~~ Unknown

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: _____

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

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Milton 2d Joan Craigmile
NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Milton 2d Joan Craigmile

ADDRESS Rt # 1 Box 123 Hallock Mn. 56728
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (218) 843-3328

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE —

SECTION 19 TOWNSHIP Thompson ¹⁶¹⁻⁴⁸ COUNTY Kitson

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 105 ACRES

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Feb. 20, 1889

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

The East half of the Southeast quarter (E½SE¼), and all that portion of the
Northwest quarter of the Southeast quarter (NE¼SE¼) lying on the east side of the
South Branch of the Two Rivers, all in Section 19 T 161 R 48
PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS OWNERSHIP:

Name	Years of Ownership from - to	Blood Relationship to next Owner
first owner <u>John Blide</u>	1889-1936	Father of Erhard
next owner <u>Erhard Blide</u>	1936-1983	Father of Joan
next owner ^{Blide} <u>Joan Craigmile</u>	1983-present	Daughter of Erhard
next owner		
next owner		

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

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

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

Milton + Joan Craigmile
(signature of present owner)

January 12, 1996
(date)

Craigsmile

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? United States and also Railroad Land

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 105

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

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Fullistad, Vastergotland, Sweden

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes, after clearing the land

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

The found work on the Great Northern railroad, which was being built at that time

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? 1900

WHAT ARE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Wheat, Barley, oats, hay

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

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My grandfather, John Beide, and Anna Danielsdotter, were married on Nov. 3rd, 1878 in Gustar Adorp parish, Varmland County, Sweden. John was 23 yrs. old & Anna 20 yrs. old.

They left for America in 1882, at that time John Beide's occupation was listed as "bahnwacht" which means railroad watchman. He was then 26 yrs. old, Anna was 23 & their baby daughter, Edida, was one yr. old (but later died in infancy after arrival in Hallock, Mn.)

It was common for immigrants to travel to the new world in family groups of one sort or another, and in this case Anna's brother Andrew Danielson, wife and baby were with them. They crossed the ocean in what one would call a remodeled cable boat, leaving Sweden about April 7, 1882. After about 3 weeks they

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landed in New York City, then by rail to Minneapolis/St. Paul, Mn., then by rail again north to Wreckenridge, Mn., to Crookston & into Kittson County.

By this time it had been a very long journey & they came to Hallock absolutely without any money. Mr. Blide asked someone if there would be some work he could do and was told to go to the railroad station and inquire. He was told to go to a small lake (which is now the tourist park) and to carry water & fill several large barrels which were by the railroad tracks near the depot. This water was used to fill the steam boiler on the engine when the train stopped. He was paid 50¢ for this labor & then he found a place to buy some bread - this was their first meal in Hallock, Mn.

They then found a place to live, but the first winter 4 young couples lived together in a small house in the country, just south of Hallock. Mr. Blide then found work on the Great Northern railroad which was being built from north of Hallock to Bemidji, Minn.

John Blide bought his first land in Thompson Township, Kittson Co. This was owned by James Hill & was called railroad land, located about a mile east of the tracks & south 3 miles from Hallock.

It took a lot of hard work by hand labor and horses to clear this land & on which he first built a type of sod house, then later a log cabin & a small barn. The log cabin was replaced in 1900 by a new 2-story house, which is still in use (naturally there have been some changes) Also a larger barn for cattle & horses to care for, a chicken house, grainery & a smoke house where they cured ham and bacon in the fall.

The story was told many times of when living in the first sod house & the roof warmed up in

the spring time, how an occasional garter snake would wiggle loose in the ceiling - But grandmother Anna Blide would calmly pick up her dish pan, let the snake fall into the pan & out the door she went with it!

My father, Edward, also told the story of his mother Anna saying the service at the grave after one of her babies died, as there wasn't a preacher available. This certainly indicates she must have been a very strong lady! Five of their 12 children died in infancy (they were Henning, Elida, Joseph, Edythe, and Vendla. Names of the other children were Martin born in 1883, Helen in 1885, Nona in 1887, Paul in 1893, Susanna in 1896, Edward in 1898, and Vendler in 1903.

As time went on John Blide purchased more railroad land & he could devote all his time to farming. Both John & Anna loved their Church & were charter members of the Hallock Cor. Church - first under the title of "Swedish Christian Mission parish in Hallock" & first congregation was organized in A. Erickson's home in Thompson township on Nov. 21, 1895 - just a 1/2 mile from the Blide home. The Blides were very active in the work thru through their years.

Mr. Blide loved to hunt & fish, was a good marksman, and always kept a trained hunting dog. There was always game & fish in abundance & wild berries & fruit to be had for the taking. Wild animals were frequent visitors too - deer, moose & sometimes bears.

Then there ^{was} the time when it wasn't so good, such were the depression years. The grasshoppers came & ate everything in sight. The neighbors would meet after supper to make a poison mash - then get up before dawn & spread the bait along fields, ditches & roadsides. In spite of it, they were known to eat the paint off walls & bark off the trees. Rust also was so bad that fields yielded nothing & had to be burned. The grain prices slipped as low as 3¢ a bu. & butter fat to 12¢ a lb.

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But there was always plenty of food as most of it was raised on the farm. Always on this farm there was a big garden with both a raspberry & a strawberry patch to tend to.

Edward (my father) bought the land from the estate after his dad died in 1930 - Grandmother Anna died in 1922 - Edward married Clara Olsen from the Lancaster area also in 1922, I (their only child) was born in 1929. Dad died in 1979 and mother in 1989. It was then that my husband (Milton Craigmole) and I took over the farm and back to the home of my childhood.

As we think back then certainly have been many changes. A lot of hard work done with horses, what a joy when tractors came into being, combines replacing thrashing rigs & steam engines - then R.E.A. & Rural water became a reality and the farm became a good place to live after all.

I know both my grandfather & father spent many hrs. in the woods, cutting wood for both cook stoves & heating stoves also there was the cutting of ice on the river, each neighbor hauling home a supply to pack into saw dust for drinking water in the summer & also to ^{keep} the ice box cool. How we kids looked forward to that home made ice cream!

Also as we think back we have many things to remember - Some sad but more often pleasant events. Family gatherings, local school picnics & Christmas programs. The much awaited Christmas eve of traditional foods which date back to our Pioneer people from Sweden. My 3rd generation family still enjoy the lute fish, potatoes, sausage, lingonberries and special breads & sweets. We feel grateful for our Heritage, our Home and Country.

By Jean Craigmole (granddaughter of John Blide)

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CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Earl Mattson

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Mattson Farms

ADDRESS Box 235 Kennedy MN 56733
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (218) 674-4481

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____

SECTION 2 TOWNSHIP Svea COUNTY Kittson

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 240

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY October 23, 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.) South 1/2 NW Lots 3 & 4 Section 2 Township 159 Range 99

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Martin Mattson</u>	<u>October 1896 - 1921</u>	<u>Father of Eloy</u>
Next Owner <u>Earl Eloy Mattson</u>	<u>1921 - 1961</u>	<u>Father of Glen</u>
Next Owner <u>Glen Mattson</u>	<u>1961 - 1995</u>	<u>Father of Earl</u>
Next Owner <u>Earl Mattson</u>	<u>1995 - Present</u>	
Next Owner		

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Earl Mattson
(signature of present owner)

7-15-96
(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED?

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 1 Quarter

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? total cost \$700

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Sweden

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 - the kitchen (original)

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? Around 1896-1897

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Wheat - Barley - Oats

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

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PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Thomas Pearson

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NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Thomas Pearson

ADDRESS 528 Court Street Madison Minnesota 56256
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (320) 598-3120

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE RR 1 Box 38 Madison, MN 56256

SECTION #19 TOWNSHIP Hantho COUNTY Lac qui Parle

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 162

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY February 2, 1887

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

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

Southwest 1/4 Section 19 Range 43 Hantho Township

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner Andrew Pearson	1887-1936	Father
Next Owner Arthur Pearson	1936-1965	Son of Andrew
Next Owner Thomas Pearson	1965-Present	Son of Arthur
Next Owner		
Next Owner		

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Thomas Pearson
(signature of present owner)

06/19/96
(date)

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Julian Thomas

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE JULIAN THOMAS

ADDRESS 236 Edquist Ave Appleton MN 56208
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (320) 289-2154

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE RR 3 Appleton

SECTION 25 TOWNSHIP 119 COUNTY Lac Qui Parle

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 300

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1884

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 NE 1/4, S 1/2 NW 1/4, NW 1/4 SE 1/4, N 1/2 SW 1/4, SE 1/4 SW 1/4, NE 1/4 SE 1/4, NW 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 25, Township 119 N Range 43 W of the 5th p.m.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>John P Valstad</u>	<u>1884 - 1905</u>	<u>Father</u>
Next Owner <u>Julia Valstad</u>	<u>1905 - 1915</u>	<u>Wife</u>
Next Owner <u>John G Valstad</u>	<u>1915 - 1972</u>	<u>Son</u>
Next Owner <u>Julian Thomas</u>	<u>1972 - Present</u>	<u>Nephew</u>
Next Owner		

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☐ Original Deed ☐ Other: _____

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Julian Thomas
(signature of present owner)

7/5/96
(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Home STAD

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 320

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? 43.75

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? no

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1948

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? corn, Beans, alfalfa, cattle

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: _____

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

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER DAVID P. and MARTHA J. WITNEBEL
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS BOX 8, RR 1, NASSAU, MN 56272
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (612) 568 2481
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____

SECTION 27 TOWNSHIP WALTER COUNTY LACQUIPARLE

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 240

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 19 Dec 1894

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 and W 1/2 of SE 1/4 Section 27

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner	FROM 1894	
Carl WITNEBEL	TO 1957	FATHER
next owner	1957	
Robert F. WITNEBEL	1978	FATHER
next owner	1978	
DAVID P. WITNEBEL	current	FATHER
next owner		
next owner		

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

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

David P. Witnebel
(signature of present owner)

PLEASE RETURN TO:

DATE 19 June 1996

CENTURY FARMS
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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6/26/96
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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? HASTINGS AND DAKOTA RAILWAY

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 120

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$6.

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Rothenfier, Pomerania, Germany

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? yes

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? NO

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1950

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Currently Farmed by Scott Wittnebel, my Nephew. The Surrounding Land WAS owned by relatives (German immigrants from the same town) and has been exchanged and consolidated among them. I currently own 1800 acres in the area with 400 in section 27.

or them shall be required; and the above granted premises in the quiet and peaceable possession of the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns against all persons lawfully claiming or to claim the same or any part thereof the said party of the first part their heirs executors and administrators well warrant and forever defend.

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

Signed and Delivered in Presence of
 L. F. Kliebstein
 J. E. Carlson

L. H. Beaver (seal)
 Susan E. Beaver (seal)

State of Iowa
 County of Dickinson

\$2.50 US Revenue
 stamps, affixed
 and cancelled.

Be It Remembered, That on this 26th day of March in the year One Thousand Nine Hundred & for me L. F. Kliebstein a Notary Public within and for said County and State personally appeared L. H. Beaver (single, man) Susan E. Beaver (single, woman) well known to me to be the persons who are described in and who executed the within and foregoing instrument, and personally duly acknowledged to me that they executed the same freely.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal at said County the day and year above written.

Notarial Seal of
 L. F. Kliebstein
 Iowa

L. F. Kliebstein
 Notary Public in & for
 Dickinson County Iowa

No. 29417 David P. Graves (a bachelor) }
 To }
 Carl Wittmuhl }

Warranty Deed.

Filed for record April 12th A.D. 1900
 at 5⁴² o'clock P.M.

This Indenture, Made This Fourth day of December in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred ninety nine Between David P. Graves, (a bachelor) of Orange City, Florida, party of the first part, and Carl Wittmuhl of Lac qui Parle County in the State of Minnesota party of the second part.

Witnesseth, That the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Two hundred and Eighty (\$280) Dollars to him in hand paid, by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby confessed and acknowledged, has given, granted, bargained, sold, remised, released, aliened, conveyed and confirmed and by these presents does give, grant, bargain, sell, remise, release, alien, convey and confirm, unto the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns forever, the following de-

scribed real estate, situated in the County of Lac qui Parle, State of Minnesota to wit:

The East half ($\frac{1}{2}$) of the South East quarter ($\frac{1}{4}$) of Section number Twenty seven (27) in Township number One hundred and Nineteen (119) of Range number Forty-Six (46) excepting therefrom the Railroad right of way and reserve of the St Paul Minneapolis and Manitoba Railway Company through and over said land.

Together with all and singular the Hereditaments and Appurtenances thereto belonging, or in anywise appertaining; And all the estate, right, title, interest, claim or demand whatsoever of the said party of the first part, either in law or equity, either in possession or expectancy of, in and to the above bargained premises and their Hereditaments and Appurtenances, To Have And To Hold the said premises as above described, with the Hereditaments and Appurtenances, unto the said party of the second part and to his heirs and assigns forever.

And the said David P. Graves for himself his heirs, executors and administrators does covenant, grant, bargain and agree, to and with the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns, that at the time of the enacting and delivery of these presents he is well seized of the premises above described, as of a good, sure, perfect, absolute and indefeasible estate of inheritance in the law, in fee simple, and that the same are free and clear from all incumbrances whatever except as to any taxes or assessments for the year A.D. 1899. and that the above bargained premises, in the quiet and peaceable possession of the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns, against all and every person or persons lawfully claiming the whole or any part thereof he will forever Warrant and Defend.

In Witness Whereof The said party of the first part has hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in Presence of

George L. Trall

Edward Mattison

David P. Graves (seal)

\$1.50 U.S. Revenue Stamp
official and correct cash

State of Wisconsin,

County of Eau Claire

Personally came before me this fourth day of December A.D. 1899, the above named David P. Graves (a bachelor) to me known to be the person who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the same.

Notarial Seal of
Geo C Trall
Eau Claire Co
Wis.

George L. Trall

Notary Public

Eau Claire Co
Wisconsin

the second part, his heirs and assigns, forever. And the said party of the first part, for himself and his heirs, executors, and administrators, does covenant with the said party of the second part, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, that he has not made, done, executed or suffered to be done, any act or thing whatsoever, whereby the above described premises or any part thereof, now or at any time hereafter, shall or may be impaired, charged or encumbered in any manner whatsoever.

In Testimony Whereof, the said party of the first part hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Witness. as Trustee, assignee, and grantee of the
Hastings & Dakota Railway Company.
Russell Sage Real
James M. McKinley. Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of
A. H. Brown

State of New York. } ss.

County of New York. } On this 11-day of December 1894, personally appeared before me Russell Sage, as Trustee, Assignee and Grantee of the Hastings & Dakota Railway Company, to me known to be the same person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same freely and voluntarily as his free act and deed.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year in this certificate above written.



James M. McKinley.
Commissioner of Deeds, &c.
for Minnesota.

Russell Sage, Trustee.
Do =

No. 16673.

Carl Witnebel.

Special Warranty Deed.

Filed for record the 19th day of December, A.D. 1894.
at 2 1/2 o'clock P.M.

Land Department of the Hastings & Dakota Railway Land Grant.
This Indenture, made this Twelfth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety four between Russell Sage, Trustee, party of the first part, and Carl Witnebel, party of the second part: Witnesseth. That the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Seven Hundred Twenty - \$720. - Dollars, to him in hand paid by the said party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, has granted, bargained, sold, released, conveyed and confirmed, and does by these presents Grant, Bargain, Sell, release, convey and confirm, unto the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns forever, all those tracts or parcels of land, situate, lying and being in the County of Lac qui Parle in the State of Minnesota, known and described as follows, to-wit:

The South West-quarter of the North East-quarter and the West half of the South East-quarter of Section No. Twenty-seven-27- in Township one hundred

minston - 119- Range No. Forty-six - 46-- containing, according to the United States Survey, One Hundred twenty - 120⁰⁰/₁₀₀ acres, be the same more or less, (reserving, however, to the St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba Railway Company, all that portion of the land hereby conveyed, if any such there be, which lies between lines drawn parallel with and fifty feet distant on each side from the center line of its road, as now constructed, and any greater width where necessary to include all its depot grounds, cuts, embankments and ditches, and other works required to protect and secure its main line.).

To Have and to Hold, Together with all and singular the hereditaments and appurtenances therunto belonging or in anywise appertaining unto the said party of the second part; his heirs and assigns, forever. And the said party of the first part; for himself and his heirs, Executors, and administrators, does covenant with the said party of the second part; his heirs, Executors and administrators and assigns, that he has not made, done, executed, or suffered to be done, any act or thing whatsoever, whereby the above described premises or any part thereof, now or at any time hereafter, shall or may be imperiled, charged or encumbered in any manner whatsoever.

In Testimony Whereof, The said party of the first part - hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year first above written.

James M. McKinlay } Witnesses.
E. H. Evans

Russell Sage, Trustee.

[Seal.]

State of New York. } ss.

County of New York. }

On this 11- day of December 1894, personally appeared before Russell Sage, Trustee, to me known to be the same person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument - and acknowledged that he executed the same freely and voluntarily as his free act and deed.

In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year in this Certificate above written.



James M. McKinlay.
Commissioner of Deeds do.
for Minnesota.

Olivia Larson & husband.

= To =

Thor. O. Brustuen.

Special Warranty Deed.

Filed for record the 21st day of December, A. D. 1894.

at 11 o'clock A. M.

This Indenture, made this 20th day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety four, between Olivia Larson and Martin Larson her husband, of the County of Lacqui Parle and State of Minnesota, parties of the first part, and Thor. O. Brustuen of the County of Swift and State of Minnesota, part of the second part:

No. 16691.