



## Century Farm Applications

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Minnesota State Fair  
CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

DEADLINE: July 1

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Kathleen + Andrew Goiffon

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Kathleen + Andrew Goiffon

ADDRESS 8124 - 147 St. N Hugo Minnesota 55038  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (612) 426-1289

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 22 + 23 + 15 TOWNSHIP Oneka COUNTY Washington

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 145

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY March 29, 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.) S-22 T-031-R-021  
S-15 T-031 R-021 S-23 T-031 R-021

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Pierre Antoine Goiffon</u>	<u>march-29, 1892-5/18/26</u>	<u>Father</u>
Next Owner <u>Joseph + Anna Goiffon</u>	<u>5/18/1926-1/1/1959</u>	<u>Father + Mother</u>
Next Owner <u>Andrew + Kathleen Goiffon</u>	<u>1/1/59 - Present</u>	
Next Owner		
Next Owner		

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

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

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

Kathleen Goiffon  
(signature of present owner)

May 21, 1997  
(date)

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Frank V. Briggs & Castina Briggs

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 120

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? Unkown

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? France

DID HE/SHE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? Unknown  
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? Built in 1949

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: It's products were Dairy  
Farming & Hogs

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**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY**

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Miriam Hackmann, (Joann Johnson, Ruby England)

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Oak Hill Farm, Monson Family Farm

ADDRESS 13448 1101 W. Chestnut Olivia MN 56277  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (320) 523-1282 home 320-365-3551 work

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE 15448 Paul Ave N. Marine MN 55047

SECTION 14 TOWNSHIP May COUNTY Washington

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 100

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY July 17, 1897

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 NE 1/4, NE 1/4 of SE 1/4, and E 1/2 of SW 1/4 of NE 1/4  
of Section 14, Township 31, Range 20

**PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP**

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>John and Emily Monson</u>	<u>1897 - 1950</u>	<u>Father (mother) of David</u>
Next Owner <u>David and Esther Monson</u>	<u>1950 - 1995</u>	<u>father (mother) of Miriam</u>
Next Owner <u>Ronald + Miriam Hackmann Homestead</u> <u>(Dennis + Joann Johnson)</u> <u>(Dave + Ruby England)</u>	<u>1995 -</u>	<u>Joann</u> <u>Ruby</u>
Next Owner		
Next Owner		

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

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

Miriam Monson Hackmann  
(signature of present owner)

2-2-97  
(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Morgan May

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$8<sup>00</sup>

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Småland Sweden

DID HE/SHE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING?  
IF SO, PLEASE LIST part time lumber jack during some of early winters

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? (?) - family home for 100 years - not homesteaded from govt. land

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? 1900 - 1/2 of present house built 1900

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Dairy cattle, hay, corn, oats  
earlier hogs, potatoes

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: The farm was officially designated the name "Oak Hill Farm" on June 16, 1914. David Monson who died in 1995 at age 93 1/2 was a historian and story teller for the community. He was interviewed by newspapers in Minnesota and Sweden. His use of the Swedish language was so good that he was taped for study of oral Swedish used by emigrants at or before the turn of the century. The old barn is filled with his museum of farm and other artifacts. David was a lifelong poet and a book of his poetry is still being sold by Washington Co. where he worked as a guide at the Bay Lake School museum. He taped hours and hours of reminiscences which were transcribed by his daughter into a book. After his death, the family found a collection of ten years of letters David wrote to his wife to be (1928-38). These have also been gathered into a book by another of David's daughters. They provide family, local and national history. Approximately

fifty five descendant families of John Monson are gathering yearly at Oak Hill Farm for reunions and have a lively family newsletter published 4 times a year to keep the families in touch. It is called "Acorns from Oak Hill". The Monson heritage is vitally important to us.

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## CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Roland and Joy StricklinNAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Roland and Joy StricklinADDRESS 501 Glen Drive Keller TX 76248  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code 817-352-6727 (work) 817-431-2861 (home)

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE 8460 170th Street N., Hugo, MN 55038SECTION 2 TOWNSHIP Oneka COUNTY WashingtonNUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 100DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1882HAS 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 SW 1/4, 2, 3, 21SW 1/4 of SE 1/4, 2, 3, 21

## PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner William "J" Tingley	1882 - 1929	Father of William "S"
Next Owner William "S" Tingley	1929 - 1957	Father of Eleanor
Next Owner Taylor and Eleanor Stricklin	1957 - 1983	Parents of Roland
Next Owner <u>ROLAND AND JOY STRICKLIN</u>	<u>1983 - PRESENT</u>	
Next Owner		

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

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

Roland T Stricklin

(signature of present owner)

JUNE 29, 1998

(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Hopkin's Family

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 260

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

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? New Brunswick, Canada

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? Yes, Grahary and Implement Shed are still in use

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1883 and still lived in

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Hay, Apples, Cattle

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Farm was featured in "Minnesota Farmers Institute"

annual publication No.15 published in 1902.

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CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Bret & Annette Braaten

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Bret & Annette Braaten

ADDRESS Rt 1 Box 12 Butterfield Mn. 56120-9708  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 956-2070

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

SECTION 15 TOWNSHIP Butterfield COUNTY Watonwan

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 7-1-1890

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

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

NE 1/4 Sec. 15, T106 N. R. 33

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>David &amp; Elizabeth Penner</u>	<u>1890</u> - 1938	Parents of <u>Vettie Adrian</u>
Next Owner <u>John E. &amp; Vettie Adrian</u>	1938 - 1946	Parents of <u>David Adrian</u> and <u>Agnes Braaten</u>
Next Owner <u>David &amp; Evelyn Adrian</u>	1946 - 1966	Son of <u>John E. &amp; Vettie Adrian</u>
Next Owner <u>Aasten &amp; Agnes Braaten</u>	1966 - 1993	Daughter of <u>John E. &amp; Vettie Adrian</u> , Sister to <u>David Adrian</u>
Next Owner <u>Bret &amp; Annette Braaten</u>	1993 - present	Son of <u>Aasten &amp; Agnes Braaten</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: \_\_\_\_\_

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Bret A Braaten  
(signature of present owner)

June 11 1997  
(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Dewitt & Rosalinda Copley

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$ 11.00

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

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDING STILL STANDING OR IN USE? The grainary, and we still use it.

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? cattle, hogs, chickens, cats, corn,  
wheat, soy beans, AkaRa

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Rt. 1, Box 12  
Butterfield, Mn. 56120  
June 11, 1997

Susan Ritt, Marketing  
Minnesota State Fair  
1265 Snelling Ave. N.  
St, Paul, Mn. 55108-3099

Dear Mdm. Ritt:

My great grandfather originally purchased 320 acres. Of this 320 acres, 80 acres with buildings were sold to their son, David in 1926. David was killed in a car accident, consequently the farm went into bankruptcy. Not to cause family problems, the farm was allowed to be sold outside of family members in 1935.

In 1938, my grandmother, Nettie and John Adrian purchased 80 acres of the original 320 acres and in 1940 purchased the 80 acres that had gone into bankruptcy. 1946, Dave Adrian, son of Nettie and John purchased 160 acres; 1966, Agnes and Aasten bought this 160 and now in 1993<sup>1</sup> bought the 160 acres farm from my folks.

My question, am I eligible for a Century Farm owner? 80 acres was never out of the family. My uncle owns the other 160 acres of the original 320 acres.

Yours truly,



Bret Braaten

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) - 642-8384

SECTION 1 TOWNSHIP ROSENDALE COUNTY WATONWAN

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 236

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY June 13 1897

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 of Sec 36 TWP 107 Rge 31 and  
NE 1/4 + NE 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Sec 1 TWP 106 R3D all in KATONWAN  
Co. MN.

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner THORMOD ELLERTSON	June 12, 1897 - 1939	HUSBAND
Next Owner THORMOD & ANNA ELLERTSON	1939 - 1948	JOINT TENANTS
Next Owner ANNA D ELLERTSON	1948 - 1957	SURVIVOR JOINT TENANT.
Next Owner		AND MOTHER
Next Owner ARTHUR T. ELLERTSON	1957 to present	SON OF ANNA

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

Art Ellertson  
(signature of present owner)

Jan 7, 1997  
(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? KNUTE ANDERSON

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 200

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

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? STAVANGER, 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? YES - PART OF HOUSE

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1907 - INCORPORATING ORIG. PORTION

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? CORN, OATS, ALFALFA DAIRY, Beef, Hogs, and Soybeans

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: This land was originally railroad Grant property. Dad told me he bought this parcel from the second purchaser (an investor) in 1893 on a Contract for Deed. However, it was not recorded, and the Watonwan Co. Tax record book from 1893 to 1896 was lost by the Treasurer's office, so was not verifiable. The Warranty Deed from the seller was recorded in 1897 on the Abstract.

A dug well-out cellar is still evident on a ridge along the river as a cattle herder's protection. There were earthen walls but no foundation.

Dad reported large flocks of Whooping Cranes on the prairie hills during migration!

Dad planted the building site grove of Cottonwoods. He also bought a mature grove, had a portable sawmill prepare the lumber, and built a 36' X 72' barn on a brand mixed and poured 1' X 8' basement foundation!

In 1990, a heavy wind blew the barn off the foundation, so I had it burned by the fire department.

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Elmer A & Jean Heine

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Elmer & Jean Heine

ADDRESS 217 Davies St. No. Lewisville MN 56060-0302  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 435-4522

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE RR-2 Box 227 St James, MN. 56081

SECTION 15 TOWNSHIP South Branch COUNTY Watonwan

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 187

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Oct 2, 1897

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 15-105-31~~ NE 1/4 15-105-31

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Friedrick Heine</u>	<u>1897 - 1925</u>	<u>Father to Ernest</u>
Next Owner <u>Ernest Heine</u>	<u>1925 - 1968</u>	<u>father to Elmer</u>
Next Owner <u>Elmer A. &amp; Jean Heine</u>	<u>1968 - Now</u>	
Next Owner		
Next Owner		

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

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Jean Heine  
(signature of present owner)

June 22<sup>nd</sup> 1998  
(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Albert Sparleder & Margreth Sparleder

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? Doesn't state. How many Acres - just

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? Total of \$3200<sup>00</sup>

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

DID HE/SHE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? Don't Know  
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? yes - The house - it has been added to & so removed over the years

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? Before 1897 or when Friedrich bought  
the land

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn - Beans & Small Grains

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

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PRESENT OWNER OF FARM FLORENCE JORAMO  
NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE RICHARD and DOROTHY JORAMO

ADDRESS Rt. 2 Box 192 MADELIA MN 56062  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 439 6869

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 4 TOWNSHIP Riverdale COUNTY WATONWAN  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 116.23

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1894

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

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.)  
N $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Less E 81 Rods of S. 1 Rod of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE $\frac{1}{4}$   
sect - 04 TWP - 107 Range - 031

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>PAUL JORAMO</u>	<u>1894 - 1916</u>	<u>FATHER of Peter</u>
Next Owner <u>Peter JORAMO</u>	<u>1916 - 1941</u>	<u>FATHER of MARVIN</u>
Next Owner <u>MARVIN JORAMO</u>	<u>1941 - PRESENT</u>	<u>Wife FATHER of MARVIN</u>
Next Owner <u>FLORENCE JORAMO</u>		<u>SON of FLORENCE</u>
Next Owner <u>RICHARD JORAMO</u>		

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Florence Joramo  
(signature of present owner)

MAY 9 1998  
(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? RAILROAD

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 115.23

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? 1966

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

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

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Willis Gerhard Mohwinkel  
NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Willis Gerhard Mohwinkel  
ADDRESS RR 2 Box 160 Truman Minnesota 56088-9103  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)  
PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 776-4761

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 23 TOWNSHIP 105 COUNTY Watonwan  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160  
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-23  
Twp-105 Range 030 W 1/2 of NE 1/4 + E 1/2 of  
NW 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Henry Mohwinkel</u>	<u>May 18</u> <u>1890</u> - <u>1946</u>	<u>Father</u>
Next Owner <u>Gerhard Mohwinkel</u>	<u>June 2</u> <u>1947</u> - <u>1986</u>	<u>Father</u>
Next Owner <u>Willis Mohwinkel</u>	<u>Jan. 23</u> <u>1987</u> - <u>?</u>	<u>Father</u>
Next Owner		
Next Owner		

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Willis Gerhard Mohwinkel  
(signature of present owner)

June 14 1998  
(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? 5  
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HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$75.00 a 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? 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? 1890

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

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

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10. The following table shows the number of people who attended the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing, China, and the 2012 Summer Olympic Games in London, England. The number of people who attended the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing, China, was 1.1 million more than the number of people who attended the 2012 Summer Olympic Games in London, England. How many people attended the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing, China?

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55108-3099

Minnesota State Fair  
**CENTURY FARM APPLICATION**

**DEADLINE: July 1**

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY**

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Christine Olson + Naomi Olson-Lawrence

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Torger + Brite Olson Vaage

ADDRESS RR 2 Box 211 Madelia MN 56062  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 642-8266

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

SECTION Sect 5 + Sect 6 TOWNSHIP 107 - Madelia COUNTY Watonwan  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160 total 120 that are over 100 yrs old.

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1872 + 1877

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

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

S 1/2 of E 1/2 of SE 1/4 of Sect 6 + W 1/2 of SW 1/4 of Sect 5  
Twn 107 Range 30

**PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP**

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Torger Olson Vaage</u>	1872 - 1911 1877 - 1911	Father
Next Owner <u>Oluf T. Olson</u>	1911 - 1933	Father
Next Owner <u>Edwin H. Olson</u>	1933 - 1968	Husband
Next Owner <u>Evelyn G. Olson</u>	1968 - 1995 1968 - 1992	Mother Mother
Next Owner <u>Christine A. Olson</u> <u>Naomi A. Olson-Lawrence</u>	1995 - present 1992 - present	

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.

Christine Olson  
(signature of present owner)

June 28, 1997  
(date)

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Section 6 Homesteaded from US Govt. Section 5 Anna Frescheoltz, widow of homesteader

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? Sect 6 was 80 acres Sect 5 80 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? Sect 5 was \$10 p/acre

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Torger in Askvoll Norway, Brite in Lesja Norway

DID HE/SHE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? he was a  
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? they 1<sup>st</sup> lived in a sod hut. The wooden house built in the 1880's is a part of the

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? Some in 1880's - 1912 + add's in 1960's present house

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Sometime after 1945 the land designated homestead for tax purposes was switched from the S  $\frac{1}{2}$  to the E  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of Sect. 6. Because of this and not being aware of this fact 40 acres of the orig home 80 was inadvertently part of 80 acres sold to neighbors in 1992 when the owner Evelyn Olson was in a nursing home.

Torger + Brite emigrated from Norway as adults, met in Wisconsin and married in Minnesota. They lived in a sod hut on the land they planned to homestead. In 1870 they along with some neighbors founded a Norwegian Lutheran Church that met the 1<sup>st</sup> few years on their farm until a building could be built in Madelia. The church still is active today as Faith Lutheran. They raised 5 children on the farm. Brite died in 1896. Torger had a large wedding tent that he loaned out to help make the area weddings festive. He had large weddings on his farm for two of his daughters. The tent got plenty of use. He moved to Madelia when his son Olaf got married.

Presently Torger + Brite's great granddaughter Christine; her daughter Marisa + son-in-law Jack Myers, and her son Torger live on the home place in the original house. Marisa + Jack also have a son Tate Lemos. ~~son~~ which makes Tate the Great great great grandson of Torger + Brite living on

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Naomi Olson-Lawrence + Christine are sisters. Naomi lives in Carlsbad California with her husband Bob.

Minnesota State Fair  
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DEADLINE: July 1

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Walter Sieg

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Walter Sieg

ADDRESS Rt 2 Box 143A Truman MN 56088  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 776-6164

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

SECTION 13 TOWNSHIP South Branch COUNTY Watsonwan

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 200

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Dec 24, 1897

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

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.) Watsonwan County  
NW 1/4 SE 1/4 and S 1/2 SE 1/4 13-105-31 and  
SW 1/4 SW 1/4 18-105-30

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Paul Sieg</u>	<u>1897</u> to <u>1917</u>	<u>Father</u>
Next Owner <u>Herman Sieg</u>	<u>1917</u> to <u>1964</u>	<u>Husband</u>
Next Owner <u>Mathilda Sieg</u>	<u>1964</u> to <u>1981</u>	<u>Mother</u>
Next Owner <u>Walter Sieg</u>	<u>1981</u> to <u>Present</u>	
Next Owner		

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Check those that apply:

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

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

Walter Sieg  
(signature of present owner)

June 15, 1997  
(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? William Lewis

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$26

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? 1948

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

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

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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 Douglas & Shirley Danielson

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Doug & Shirley Danielson

ADDRESS Rt 1 Box 45 Rothsay MN 56579  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (218) 867-2312

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

SECTION 24 TOWNSHIP AKRON COUNTY Wilkin

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 158

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1896

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

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

S $\frac{1}{2}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Excepting therefrom a strip of land 1 rod wide by 160 rods long on the North line of the said S $\frac{1}{2}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP all in Sec 24 Township 134N R45 West of the fifth Principal Meridian

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner		
<u>John Adolph Swenson &amp; wife Berdickta</u>	<u>4-15-96</u> <u>6-25-96</u>	<u>Stepdad &amp; Mother</u>
Next Owner		
<u>Solomon &amp; August Danielson</u>	<u>6-25-96</u> <u>5-20-1947</u>	<u>Dad &amp; uncle</u>
Next Owner		
<u>Leonard &amp; Elvina Danielson</u>	<u>5-20-1947</u> <u>11-1-1979</u>	<u>Uncle &amp; Aunt</u>
Next Owner		
<u>Douglas &amp; Shirley Danielson</u>	<u>11-1-1979</u> <u>Present</u>	
Next Owner		

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Check those that apply:

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

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

Doug Danielson  
(signature of present owner)

6-29-98  
(date)

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Erich Erickson

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$ 17.50

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Sweden

DID HE/SHE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING?  
IF SO, PLEASE LIST don't know - but doubt it

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? not to our family

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDING STILL STANDING OR IN USE? Barn built in 1914 still being used.

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1985

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: In the early years it was known as "Brookside Farm". they had a good line of Registered Guernseys that they were known for. they also raised seed grain from time to time in the early years.



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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Thomas Allen Aarsvold

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE T. Allen Aarsvold

ADDRESS R.R. 1 Box 133 Peterson MN. 55962  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 875-2342

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

SECTION 33 + 34 TOWNSHIP Fremont COUNTY WINONA

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 180

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 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.) SECTION 33 + 34  
IN Fremont Township in Winona County.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>TOLLAK Peterson</u>	<u>1879-1940</u>	<u>FATHER TO Benjamin</u>
Next Owner <u>BENJAMIN Aarsvold</u>	<u>1940-1973</u>	<u>FATHER TO T. Allen</u>
Next Owner <u>T. Allen Aarsvold</u>	<u>1973 TO PRESENT</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.

T. Allen Aarsvold  
(signature of present owner)

2-24-98  
(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? OLE Jacobsen

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 120

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

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? A portion of the house. Barn was built in 1906

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? The original home was built in 1901, it was remodeled and added onto in 1976

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? CORN, HAY, OATS

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: TOLLAK Peterson, my grandfather, came over from NORWAY. He changed his name to TOLLAK AARSVOLD and also went by Thomas AARSVOLD. ON The abstract of title, he is registered in all Three names.

57 Deeds

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Ole Jacobsen\*  
Ingeborg Jacobson (wife)  
(both seal)

to  
Tollak Peterson  
Fillmore Co., Minn.

Warranty Deed

Dated Nov. 25, 1879  
Filed for record Oct. 4, 1880  
at 2:00 o'clock P.M.

Consideration \$1400.00

Conveys the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of NW $\frac{1}{4}$  and NW $\frac{1}{4}$   
of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 34; also the

east part of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 33. Commencing at  
the NE\*\* corner of Section 33, thence north on said section line  
19.97 chains to 80 rod post; thence west on the 80 rod line  
15.39 chains; thence S.29 $\frac{3}{4}$ °E. 24.22 chains to the County line;  
thence east 3.80 chains to place of beginning, all lying in Tp.  
105, Rg. 9.

Free from incumbrances except a mortgage to the amount of \$600.00  
given to Hugh Thompson of the City of Winona, the payment of which  
the said 2nd party hereafter assumes.

Two witnesses. Ole Jacobson and Ingeborg Jacobson acknowledged  
Nov. 25, 1879 before N.K. Boyum, Town Clerk, Town of Arendahl,  
Fillmore Co., Minn. (No seal affixed)

\*Ole Jacobson in preamble of Deed.

\*\*Probably was intended to mean SE corner in lieu of NE corner.

45 Mtgs.

570

Tollak Peterson\*  
Anna " (wife)  
(both seal)  
to  
Andrew Eggen  
Fillmore Co., Minn.

Mortgage

Dated Dec. 21, 1888  
Filed for record Jan. 5, 1889  
at 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  o'clock P.M.

Consideration \$700.00

Conveys land at No. 68 hereof.  
Due 5 years from date. Interest

7% per annum. Contains power of sale.

Two witnesses. Acknowledged Jan. 3, 1889 before Fred A. Olson,  
Notary Public, Fillmore Co., Minn. (Notarial seal)

\*Tallak Peterson in preamble of instrument.

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C.W. Anding, County Auditor  
of Winona Co., Minn.  
(Official seal)  
to  
Whom it may concern

Auditors Tabular Assessment State-  
ment in the matter of State Rural  
Highway No. 96 in Townships of  
Utica and Fremont, in Winona County  
Minnesota.

Dated Aug. 8, 1917

Filed for record Aug. 9, 1917  
at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  o'clock A.M.

The names of the owners, the description and number of acres of  
each parcel of land to be assessed for the construction of said  
State Rural Highway and the amounts that each tract of land and  
each public road, corporate road and railroad will be benefited  
or damaged or is liable for and must pay for the location, con-  
struction and establishment of such State Rural Highway are given  
as follows, to-wit:

<u>Owners</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Benefits</u>	<u>Ass'ts.</u>
Thos. Arsvold	NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 33-105-9.	40	\$160.00	\$41.20
T. Peterson	That part of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ de- scribed as follows: Cg. at the SE corner of Sec. 33, thence N. on Sec. line to NE corner of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of said sec. 33, thence W. 15.39 chains, thence S. 29°45'E. (var. 9°30') 24.22 chains to County line thence E. 3.80 chains to place of beg. in Sec. 33-105-9.	19.15	76.60	19.72

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Section 33

Township 105

Range 9

a = all: p = part

Section 33

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Minnesota State Fair  
CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

DEADLINE: JUNE 15

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Andrew G. Boyum

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Andrew & Rachel Boyum

ADDRESS Rt 1 Box 129 Utica MN 55979  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 875-2417

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

SECTION 30 TOWNSHIP 105 Fremont COUNTY 9 Winona

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 60

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.) \_\_\_\_\_

40 acres SE/SW  
20 acres SW/SE 30-105-9

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Ole B. Boyum</u>	<u>1892</u>	<u>Cousin</u>
Next Owner <u>Knute Boyum</u>	<u>1903</u>	<u>Father</u>
Next Owner <u>Andrew K. Boyum</u>	<u>1920</u>	<u>Father</u>
Next Owner <u>Andrew G. Boyum</u>	<u>1967</u>	
Next Owner		

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

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

Andrew Boyum  
(signature of present owner)

June 15 98  
(date)

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? 1942

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 60

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? SE quarter of SW quarter Sect 30 105-9 <sup>100 acres</sup> \$100,00

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?

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

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? wheat oats Barley Corn Hay

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

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1. *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 1997; 277: 1039-1043.

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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 Gerard and Lila Brogan

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Brogan's Oak Heights

ADDRESS Box 96 RR1 St. Charles MN 55972  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 932-3026

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

SECTION 18 TOWNSHIP Saratoga COUNTY Winona

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 520

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1898

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

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.) East half of the Northeast quarter of section 18

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Theodore Keller</u>		<u>Father</u>
<u>Nikolaus Kiefer</u>	<u>1898-1898</u>	<u>Father in law</u>
Next Owner <u>Adolf &amp; Emma Keller</u>	<u>1898-1952</u>	<u>son in law &amp; daughter</u>
Next Owner <u>Paul &amp; Marguerite Brogan</u>	<u>1952-1977</u>	<u>son in law &amp; daughter</u>
Next Owner <u>Gerard &amp; Lila Brogan</u>	<u>1977 to present</u>	<u>son &amp; daughter in law</u>
Next Owner		

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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.

Gerard P Brogan  
(signature of present owner)

5/4/98  
(date)

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Jane Walker

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$35.00

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 Nikolaus was a barber, Theodore was a farmer

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? 1856

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Barley, oats, wheat, flax, very little corn

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Round barn was built in June of 1910, it burned down in Feb., 1911. Another round barn was built in 1911 in its place and its still standing and in use.

Minnesota State Fair  
**CENTURY FARM APPLICATION**

DEADLINE: JUNE 15

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY**

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Rose Corey

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Corey Farm

ADDRESS Rt 1 Box 86 Houston, mn 55943  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 454-5993

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE - same -

SECTION 24 TOWNSHIP Winona COUNTY Winona

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 180

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 4/2/1857

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

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.)  
178 1/2 acres in Section 24 Township 105 Range 7  
Winona County

**PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP**

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Hamden Alpheus Corey</u>	<u>1857 - 1909</u>	<u>Father</u>
Next Owner <u>Clark M. Corey</u>	<u>1909 - 1932</u>	<u>Father</u>
Next Owner <u>Hamden A and Mary F Corey</u>	<u>1932 - 1969</u>	<u>Father</u>
Next Owner <u>James (Gene) and Rose Corey</u>	<u>1969 - present</u>	
Next Owner	<u>(Currently owned by Rose Corey, widow of James (Gene))</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 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.

Rose M. Corey  
(signature of present owner)

6-23-98  
(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Newt. Land - Homesteaded

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 360

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? Homesteaded

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Belchertown, Mass (1-20-1822)

DID HE/SHE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? Hamden alpheus  
IF SO, PLEASE LIST helped his father in the shoe maker trade,  
but left Mass to pursue a farming career.

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDING STILL STANDING OR IN USE? no - the original log home - built in 1855 - was torn

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1869 down when the present home  
was constructed in 1869.

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn - hay or Prairie

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: material attached was gathered, com-  
grass.  
 piled and written by Etha (Cory) Holbrook, daughter  
of Hamden alpheus and Phebe Ann Cory, the  
original owners of the "Cory farm" -



## MOTHER.

### Phebe Ann Place Corey.

Phebe Ann Place was the second child born to Joseph Place and Henriette Clark. She was born July 12, 1826, in Delaware, Davenport Co., N.Y.. In 1847, the family went to Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, taking the usual route by way of the Erie Canal and the Great Lakes. On Oct. 29, 1854, she and father were married in her father's home. Father had two children by his former marriage, Sylvester four years and Alice two.

They went immediately to father's home near Oshkosh, where at this time Uncle David Johnson's, Uncle Sylvester Corey and the Pages were living.

The following spring, the three families, two Coreys and the Johnsons, fifteen in all, started west looking for a more suitable location for farms. Uncle William Page, brother of father's first wife, did not join this group but came on later, settling in Fremont, and as late as 1880, removed to Money Creek, where he spent the rest of his days.

Traveling by wagons and oxen was the usual method in that day and was one that was certain to bring many privations and hardships to all. Mother had never lived in the country but she was of good, old pioneer stock and had the courage necessary to meet the problems met by all early pioneer women.

In LaCrosse, they spent a few days with the Colman family, then on to Ridgeway, Winona Co., Minn., where Uncle Daniel Clark had located a year or so earlier.

Father felt he must get into a valley, where water would be of easy access for stock, so they decided to go on a little farther. Getting down into the valley was an ordeal that would try the stoutest heart and poor mother felt they were hopelessly lost to civilization. She burst into tears and said, "Hamden, we cant live here- the children will grown up like indians and run if they see a white man." I can hear father reply-"Now Phebe Ann, dont worry. Settlers will come, we shall soon have schools, churches and other privileges."

Father filed on 320 acres of land, built a log house, with an attic high enough for sleeping purposes and a lean to kitchen. Here all of mother's children were born and it was not until about 1867, twelve years later, that the present house, where Hamden lives was started. The family moved into the house in the fall of 1869. The upright part was not entirely finished but it was far more comfortable than the old house.

We children used to love to hear the stories of the early days in the valley. It was a simple thing for mother to take a fishing rod and catch a mess of trout for breakfast and she also could

use the gun well enough to bring in enough prairie chickens for a meal, but Brother Vester soon was able to do this part of supplying the table. While they were still living in the sheds, a heavy rain began to fall and mother thought she had best see if the children and the household belonging were safe. As she stepped out of bed she found she was standing in water ankle deep. Then began a scurry to care for the children and the few precious <sup>things</sup> they had been able to bring in the wagons.

I think we never tired of hearing her tell of bringing a little pig home in her apron from Uncle Daniel Clarks. The most welcome addition to the family of livestock. Again she told us of the birth of a baby girl to Uncle Vester and Aunt Caroline Corey, while they were still living in the hay sheds. The baby was named Emma and later married Will Woolery. Two of her sons, graduates of the University in Minneapolis and living there, <sup>and</sup> are most successful business men. Another proof of father's vision that came true.

The building of the new house was a great event. The stone came from the valley back of the barn. It was quarried by father, brother Vester and the hired men. All was hauled by oxen. The brick was made by Stephen Robinson, a couple of miles down from the village and I have heard Vester tell what a difficult job it was as the roads did not allow too heavy loads. The lumber came from Winona and it was all hand dressed by Orrin Shepherd, who did most of the work. He did have some stone masons who helped in dressing and laying part of the work that was too heavy for one man. Mr. Shepherd made the window frames and the doors. He built all of the buildings on the farm and ~~and~~ it seemed to us youngsters, that he almost lived at the house. He was always welcome for his stories and songs were a constant entertainment for us.

I was too young to remember about the building of the house but well do I remember when the parlor was furnished. That day stands out in my memory as one of the gala days of my childhood. Father and mother had been over to Lacrosse where they had bought the carpets for the parlor and bedroom, the shades, curtains, etc. The furniture, which is now divided among several of us, was taken from Aunt Laura Colman's parlor and she had bought new. We were all so proud of "the parlor" and it was only opened for company until we youngsters were older. An organ was added later and also I remember our first sewing machine.

Both my parents were deeply religious and regular in their attendance to the church services. Each quarter, a Quarterly Meeting was held in some part of the Conference and father, as deacon was supposed to attend, and it was the unusual thing that they missed going. In this way, their acquaintances were many and they were often sent for in times of sickness or bereavement. As a child, I used to wonder why they felt they must take some of the long rides they did in answer to these requests - but as I grew

older and had a deeper understanding of life, I realized why those in sorrow or trouble, would be comforted by a visit from my father and mother. It was in answer to one of these sick calls that mother took the severe cold that developed into pneumonia and cost her life.

Mother died in the home on the farm, Jan. 23, 1885, following a three weeks illness. She was buried in the village cemetery and later, father was laid by her side. She was a beautiful Christian character and loved by all who knew her.

HAMDEN A. COREY  
FATHER.

Hamden Alpheus Corey was the oldest son of Alpheus P. Corey and his wife, Lillis Pratt. He was born in Belchertown, Mass., Jan. 20, 1822. His mother died when he was a small lad, leaving Aunt Almira Johnson, a girl of fifteen years to mother the children and be homemaker. There was a strong tie of affection in this family of children which followed through life. In all family affairs the problems were always taken to Mira for council and her opinion was the one accepted.

Grandfather made a second marriage but it did not prove a success as there was always a lack of sympathy and understanding. The family were very poor which fact without doubt added to the difficulties.

These were the days before custom-made shoes and grandfather's trade of shoemaker was not a lucrative business. Father worked at the bench with him until he left home to make a place in the world for himself. He disliked a trade and always looked forward to owning a farm with horses and cattle. He used to say "they will grow while I work and rest." When he left home, he had but the simple clothes he wore and cloth for a coat which Aunt Almira made for him.

The family were not living in Vermont at this time but had gone across the lake into New York and settled in Chestertown. Here he worked for farmers or any thing he might find to do for two years when he started for Wisconsin, by way of the Erie Canal and the Lakes. He stopped in Kenosha County where he rented land on shares and worked by the month for farmers. He attended school winters, determined to get enough knowledge to be able to attend to his own business. He told us children how embarrassing it was to sit in classes with those so much younger. He was fortunate in having a teacher who was understanding and gave him outside help. He never ceased to be grateful to her.

From Kenosha County, he went farther north up to Winnebago County where he filed on a piece of land at a place called Nekima. Maps do not show such a place now. It was near Oshkosh. Here he built a little house and made ready to bring a bride. In the winter of 1848, he returned to New York, where in Horicon, he married May 29, 1849, Lydia B. Page. She was a sister of William C. Page, who later settled in Money Creek village.

Shortly after their marriage, they returned to the new home. Not long after, her parents followed them and settled near.

They had a short life together. She was evidently a frail girl, unused to pioneering and became a victim of tuberculosis. Following several months of illness, in July 1854, the young

wife died, leaving him with two small children, Vester, four and Alice, two years old.

That fall, Oct. 29, 1854, father and mother were married at her father's home in Fond du Lac. Ours was a happy home. In childhood and through life, we children knew no difference in our relationship to each other. At mother's death, brother Vester said to me-"She has been a good mother to me. My own mother could not have been more kind or just."

Father wanted more land and decided to go farther west, where he could take up a Govt. claim. Some of mother's family had already gone on as far as La Crosse and to Winona Co., Minn. This probably influenced them in their destination.

Since father had been in Wisconsin, the Johnsons and Uncle Vester Corey's family had come on from New York and were living near him. They decided to go on with him. They were going by wagons and oxen, of which father had three yokes. In the company were father with his two children, the Johnsons with four and Uncle Vester had three, fifteen persons in all. They waited until the snow and frost were gone, to make traveling easier. It was in May, 1855 when they started out.

Their first stop was La Crosse, where Uncle Charles Colman had a shingle mill, run by an old blind horse. He saw a future for the lumber business and tried to persuade father to put in his money and help develop the industry. But father still wanted that stock farm and decided to move on.

Time proved that Uncle Charles was right for from this small beginning, he built up one of the largest lumber companies in this part of the country and he became one of La Crosse's most wealthy and influential men. Here he and his three sons spent their lives, and have now passed into history.

Our travelers must have crossed the river here on a ferry, then on to Ridgeway, where mother's uncle and aunt, Daniel Clark and his wife, Phebe Place, were living. Here they again rested a few days while the men looked the country over. Father decided the valley would be best for stock raising.

It was on the morning of July 12, 1855, Mother's birthday, they left Ridgeway and started for the valley. I have often had the place where they came down the hill pointed out. It is just at the right of the present road. Since the hill was steep and no brake on the wagon, it would be impossible for the oxen to hold the wagon steady, so father cut a pole which he put in the upper back wheel. On this mother sat, helping the oxen to hold the wagon back so it would not get out of control. They made a safe



landing and certainly with primitive methods- father leading the oxen, mother dragging behind, with Vester and Alice trailing along.

They followed the valley down to a place a short distance below where Hamden now lives. Here on the right bank of the creek, they made some rude sheds with poles and wild hay. As soon as the families were made as comfortable as possible, the men felt they wanted to look about them a bit more. They took the front end of one of the wagons on which they tied a few necessities and with one yoke of oxen they went some miles farther west. On returning, father was entirely satisfied with the present location and filed on three hundred and twenty acres of land. Uncle Sylvester did the same, settling just up the valley from father, on the farm your father once owned. Uncle David Johnson did not take so kindly to the valley and went a little farther west, where he took up a claim at what is now known as Fremont Corners. Here he remained a year or more, then came back and filed on the land now owned by Jimmie Strain.

Wild hay was growing abundantly and the men put up enough to winter the stock for the coming winter, then built a log house about two hundred feet on up from where the present granary stands. Both families were to winter there but father had to return to Wisconsin to close some business and mother took the two children and spent the time father was gone, with her sister in La Crosse.

Brother Vester, told me this story. While there were no settlers near where the families were located, two men were living on a claim, near the Morrison place. Since they were the first there, they decided to keep others out and control as much of the land as they wished. When word reached them that there were settlers in the upper valley, they came up and ordered the men to leave at once. They did considerable of blustering but failed to show any right or title to the land. Father was not a large man, but he was a determined one and refused to be intimidated- in fact, he was the one to order these two strangers to move on which they did. They were reported to have told others, that there were two hard looking men in the upper valley.

I have no memory of who the first settlers were farther down towards Money Creek but I think that Otis Morrison was one of these who came next in our community. The Vances were the first in the lower valley also the Robinsons. Some of the first settlers did not remain long. That is the usual history of new settlements.

In August and Sept. of 1862, the Indians of western Minn. became warlike, then bolder and began massacring the settlers. One of the most terrible of such was at New Ulm, north of Mankato. Volunteers were called for and four men from Wiscoy township responded to one from Capt. Buck of Winona. Hiram Boynton, of Boynton

Corners, John Alderson, father and Lemuel Hill, a young man who was working for him at that time. Father and Lem rode father's horses and the state furnished guns and ammunition. They rode at once to the scene of the murder but the Indians had gone. They helped to bury the dead and marched a little farther west, where they stood guard until the soldiers from Ft. Snelling could get there. They were gone from home about six weeks.

(Just recently a copy of a story in the Nov. 1940, issue of one of the daily papers from Portland, Oregon was sent me. It was by a woman who saw 38 of those Sioux Indians hanged for taking part in this tragedy. She was then ten years of age, and was living in Mankato.)

Excitement was intense through out the state and especially in the southeastern part as it was thought the Indians would try to get across the river into Wisconsin. Groups of men were gathered in various places. Uncle Vester Corey was with men at Lamotte. Uncle David Johnson was the only man left in our part of the valley and here gathered all of the near by women and children where they spent several terrifying days. Brother Vester was a little lad of twelve years, and when father left home, he told him to care for the stock. So those days, he would walk that mile down to the home place to do father's bidding.

Mother was also in deep trouble. Her first child, Etta, was almost three years old and a few days after father left home she was taken with an attack of diphtheria and died in a few days. Carrie was less than three months old and mother had not yet regained her strength. The severe strain caused a nervous reaction from which she never entirely recovered.

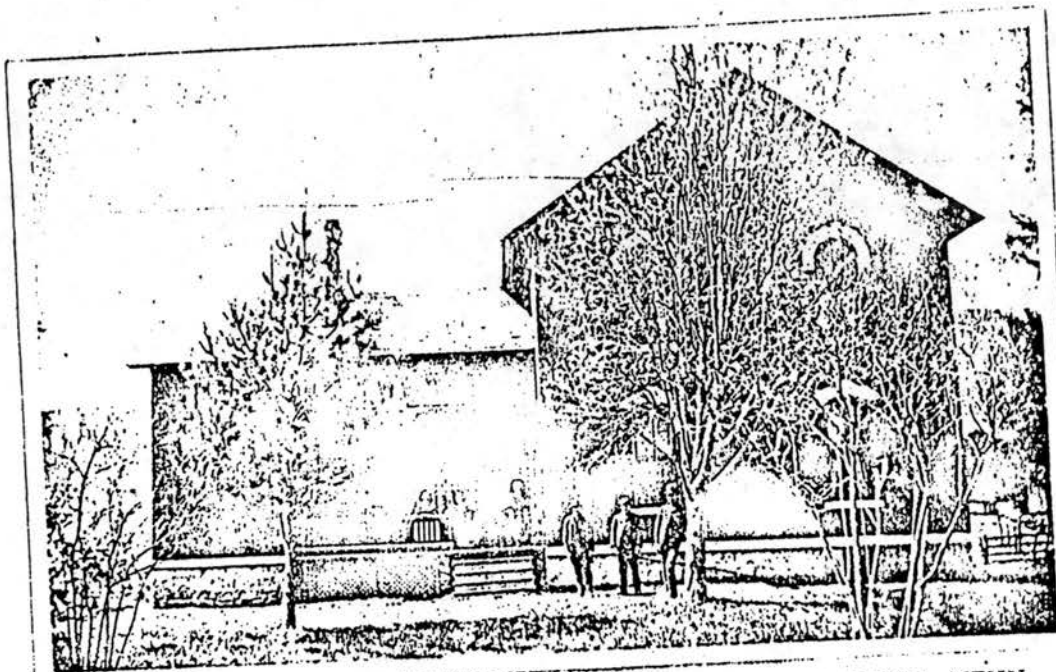
Towards the close of the Civil War, <sup>there</sup> was a call for more men and father felt he must enlist. While waiting at the Court House in Winona, he was approached by two of his friends, Matthew Norton and William Windom. When they learned of his intentions, they argued against it and urged him to stay at home where he could be as useful to the country as he would be in the army. So few men were left to care for home affairs. He returned home, promising he would wait for a time and another call was not made.

The first school was organized at the Boynton Corners. The school in Corey Valley was early enough so all of us attended there. As early as 1858, a Freewill Baptist church was also organized at the Corners, using the school house for a meeting place. Father was made deacon, which office he held through life. He took an active part in all religious, civic and school affairs. Was treasurer of the school board for many years, on the township board, Justice of the Peace, County Commissioner and in 1870-72 was a member of the State Legislature. He was a Charter member of the Masonic Lodge in Money Creek but did not affiliate with them in later years.

Father remained on the farm until he was past eighty years of age, and took an active part in the work. His mind was clear up to the end of life. Brother Clark did much of his business but always under father's instructions and according to his decisions.

When he left the farm, he moved to Winona, where he passed away April 23, 1911, following a short illness. He was buried in the family lot in Money Creek.

Corey Valley, Money Creek as well as the surrounding country was unique in being settled by large numbers of New Englanders, whose influence and traditions dominated the life of the place. Standards were high, men trusted each other, the statement that "their word was as good as their bond" was true in this community. It is not an extravagant statement to say that the immediate neighborhood and village, held some of the best souls who have inherited the earth. Clean, simple, honest folks, whose lives and influence still is felt in the country.



COREY HOME, WISCOY, WINONA COUNTY, MINN.

The house was nearly enough finished so the the family moved in to it in the fall of 1869. It was the first brick house in the valley and the most pretentious for years. The first home was a log house about three hundred feet from this location. In the old log house all of the children were born. This is now the home of a grandson of Hamden A. Corey and his namesake. Recently he tore down the lean-to and made many improvements on the old house.

*This house still stands today and is owned by  
Rose Corey widow of James (Gene) Corey.*

Minnesota State Fair  
CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

DEADLINE: July 1

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Roger John Engler

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Roger J. Engler

ADDRESS RR#2 Box 266 Winona MN 55987  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 454-2196

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

SECTION 23 TOWNSHIP Wilson COUNTY Winona

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 200

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 29 September 1898

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-23 TWP-106 RANGE-007 40AC NE 1/4 NW 1/4  
SECT-14 TWP-106 RANGE-007 40AC SE 1/4 SW 1/4  
SECT-14 TWP-106 RANGE-007 40AC SW 1/4 SE 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner		
Next Owner <u>Carl and Mary Marg</u>	<u>29 Sept. 1898 - 1935</u>	<u>Parents of Carolyn</u>
Next Owner <u>Benard and Carolyn Engler</u>	<u>1935 - 1969</u>	<u>Parents of Arnold</u>
Next Owner <u>Arnold and Mary Engler</u>	<u>1969 - 1991</u>	<u>Parents of Roger</u>
Next Owner <u>Roger J Engler</u>	<u>1991 - 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      ☐ 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.

Roger Engler  
(signature of present owner)

6/16/98  
(date)

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Patrick Highland

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

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

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

DID HE/SHE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? unknown  
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? 1885?

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Dairy farm. Farm is 200 acres today.

Minnesota State Fair  
CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

DEADLINE: July 1

sent out 6/16  
Rec'd 5/10

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM RICHARD A. FISCHER

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE RICHARD ALLYN FISCHER

ADDRESS Rt 1 Box 1 LEWISTON MN 55952  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 523-2505

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

SECTION 13 TOWNSHIP UTICA COUNTY WITONNA

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 97.5

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 11/15/1880

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

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

S 1/2 SW 1/4 TWP 106 Range 9

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Peter FISCHER</u>	<u>1880</u> <u>1901</u>	<u>Father</u> <del>step brother</del>
Next Owner <u>William FISCHER</u>	<u>1901</u> - <u>1946</u>	<u>Father</u> <del>GRAND FATHER</del>
Next Owner <u>ALVIN FISCHER</u>	<u>1946</u> <u>1951</u>	<u>Husband</u> <del>FATHER</del>
Next Owner <u>AMALIA FISCHER</u>	<u>1951</u> - <u>1976</u>	<u>wife</u> <del>Mother</del>
Next Owner <u>RICHARD FISCHER</u>	<u>1976</u> -	<u>son</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.

[Signature]  
(signature of present owner)

5-8-97  
(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? CHARLES BEISE

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160 ACRES

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? ?

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? GERMANY

DID HE/SHE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? None  
IF SO, PLEASE LIST \_\_\_\_\_

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? YES

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

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

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? CORN LIVESTOCK MILK EGGS

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

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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 Arvid J. Hermanson

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Arvid + Rose Hermanson

ADDRESS RRI, Box 138 Utica MN 55979  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 875-2343

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

SECTION 28 TOWNSHIP Fremont COUNTY Winona

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 120

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>, 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.) R 03.000, 2050

Section 28 Twp-105 Range-009  
80 Ac in N 1/2 SW 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>John Hermanson</u>	<u>1893 to 1918</u>	<u>Father</u>
Next Owner <u>Martin Hermanson</u>	<u>1918 to 1984</u>	<u>Son of John</u>
Next Owner <u>Arvid Hermanson</u>	<u>1984 to Present</u>	<u>Son of Martin</u>
Next Owner		
Next Owner		

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

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

Arvid J. Hermanson  
(signature of present owner)

7-1-98  
(date)

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

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

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

120

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

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

Norway

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

No

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

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

Yes

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

House - a Summer Kitchen, barn, Granary, sheds

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

before 1893

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

wheat, corn, Timothy Seed, Hay,

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

Minnesota State Fair  
CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Ordell Jacobson

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Ordell and Leann Jacobson

ADDRESS Route 1 Box 37B Rushford Mn 55921  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 864-2741

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 31 TOWNSHIP Hart COUNTY Winona

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 312

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY May 13, 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.) W 1/2 NE 1/4, E 1/2 NW 1/4, SE 1/4 NW 1/4, NW 1/4 SW 1/4, NW 1/4 + N 40 ac. of N 1/2 SW 1/4, Sect 31 Twp 105 R. 8. 40 ac. in SW 1/4 SE 1/4 Sect 30 Twp 105 R. 8. 22.9 ac. S 1/4 of S 1/4 Sect 31 Twp 105 R. 8.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Rnute Bartilson</u>	<u>1856 - 1888</u>	<u>Father to Lars</u>
Next Owner <u>Lars Bartilson</u>	<u>1888 - 1933</u>	<u>Father of Gilmer</u>
Next Owner <u>Gilmer Bartelson</u>	<u>1933 - 1977</u>	<u>uncle to Ordell</u>
Next Owner <u>Ordell Jacobson</u>	<u>1977 - Present</u>	
Next Owner		

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Check those that apply:

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

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

Ordell Jacobson  
(signature of present owner)

6-9-98  
(date)

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

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

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

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? 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? 1938

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn, Hay, Beef, Dairy

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

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Minnesota State Fair  
CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

DEADLINE: JUNE 15

sent out 6/18

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Cyril D. Kronebusch

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

ADDRESS RR 1 Box 113 Altura MN 55910  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 689-2607

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

SECTION 24 & 25 TOWNSHIP 108 COUNTY 10 Winona

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1873

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

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

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>John Kronebusch</u>	<u>1873 - 1925</u>	<u>Father</u>
Next Owner <u>Edward Kronebusch</u>	<u>1925 - 1965</u>	<u>Father</u>
Next Owner <u>Cyril &amp; Mary Kronebusch</u>	<u>1965 - PRESENT</u>	
Next Owner		
Next Owner		

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Check those that apply:

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

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

Cyril Kronebusch  
(signature of present owner)

6/16/97  
(date)

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And two trees

FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Franziska Hollerith (no relation)

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? Cyril was told by his Grandfather 25¢/acre

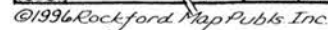
DID HE/SHE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING? \_\_\_\_\_  
IF SO, PLEASE LIST \_\_\_\_\_

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDING STILL STANDING OR IN USE? Not original

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Originally cash crops; portion of  
 ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: farm was changed to dairy

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:**

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Winona County, Minn.



On witness whereof, the parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Witness my hand and seal in presence of  
Johann Winter

Henry Schinckel

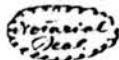
Christine Schinckel

John Hayes

State of Minnesota  
County of Winona

I, John Hayes a Notary Public and for said county, in the state aforesaid, do hereby certify that Henry Schinckel and Christine his wife personally known to me as the real persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing deed appeared before me this day in person, and acknowledged that they executed and delivered the said deed as their free and voluntary act, for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

Given under my hand and official seal, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty nine.



John Hayes

Notary Public

Filed, March 10<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1874 at 2 o'clock P.M.

Winona County, D.D.

Franciska Hollerith  
To  
John Kramersbusch

This indentured, made the eleventh day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-three between Franciska Hollerith, Regina Kramersbusch and Richard Kramersbusch her husband, Emma Kramersbusch and Julius Kramersbusch her husband and Bertha Hayes and Albert Hayes her husband all of the city, county and State of New York, and George C. Hollerith, Frances Hollerith and Hermann Hollerith, infants under the age of twenty one years by Franciska Hollerith their guardian (the said Franciska Hollerith being the widow and the said Regina Kramersbusch, Emma Kramersbusch, Bertha Hayes, George C. Hollerith, Frances Hollerith and Hermann Hollerith being the only surviving children of George Hollerith deceased) and John Kramersbusch of Oak Ridge, Winona County, Minnesota, party of the second part, witnesses, that the said parties of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of Five dollars, lawful money of the United States of America, to them in hand paid by the said party of the second part, at or before the executing and delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, aliened, remised, released, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, alien, remise, release, convey and confirm, unto the said party of the second part, and to his heirs and assigns for ever, all that certain tract, piece, or parcels of land situate, lying and being in the county of Winona and State of Minnesota and described as follows:

The east one half (1/2) of the South West one quarter (1/4) of section Twenty four (24) Township one hundred and eight (108) Range Ten (10) Together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging or in any way appertaining, and the revenues and revenues, remainders and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof: And also all the estate, right, title, interest, courtesy and right by the courtesy, property, possession, claims and demands whatsoever, as well in law as in equity, of the said parties of the first part, of in or to the above described premises, and every part and parcel thereof, with the appurtenances. To have and to hold all and singular the above said



Flones and Survised premises, Together with the appurtenances unto the said party of the second part, his heirs or assigns, for ever.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of

John A. DeLeon  
Henry Ed. Threin

Franciska Holzerith (seal)

Regina Hofferberg (seal)

Richard G. Hofferberg (seal)

Anna Hoffmann (seal)

Julius Hoffmann (seal)

Reatha Meyer (seal)

Albert Meyer (seal)

George E. Holzerith (seal)

by Franciska Holzerith, guardian

Frances Holzerith (seal)

by Franciska Holzerith, guardian

Herman Holzerith (seal)

by Franciska Holzerith, guardian

State of New York }  
City & County of New York }

On this thirteenth day of December A. D. 1873 before me personally Franciska Holzerith, Regina Hofferberg, Richard G. Hofferberg, Anna Hoffmann, Julius Hoffmann, Reatha Meyer and Albert Meyer to me known to the same individuals described in and who executed the foregoing conveyance and acknowledged that they executed the same. And the said Regina Hofferberg, Anna Hoffmann and Reatha Meyer on a private examination by me made separate and apart from their respective husbands Richard G. Hofferberg, Julius Hoffmann and Albert Meyer aforesaid, acknowledged that they executed the same freely and without any fear or compulsion of their said husbands.

And at the same time before me personally came Franciska Holzerith, Guardian of George E. Holzerith, Frances and Herman Holzerith to me known to be the same individual described in and who, as such guardian, executed said conveyance and acknowledged that she executed the same as such guardian and for the purposes therein mentioned.

*(Seal)*

John A. DeLeon  
Notary Public, New York City & C.

Filed, March 11th A. D. 1874 at 3th o'clock P. M.

### Warranty Deed.

Franciska Holzerith  
To  
John Kronenbusch

This indenture made this eleventh day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy three, between Franciska Holzerith of the city, county and

State of New York, sole executrix of the last will and testament of George Holzerith, late of Buffalo, Erie county, New York deceased, party of the first part and John Kronenbusch of Oak Ridge, Winona county, Minnesota party of the second part, Witnesseth, that the said party of the first part, by virtue of the power and authority to her given in and by the said last will and Testament, and for and in consideration of the sum of Six hundred and eighty dollars, lawful money of the United States of America, to her in hand paid, at or before the making and delivery of these presents, by the said party



of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and the said party of the second part, his heirs, executors and administrators, forever released and discharged from the same, by these presents has granted, bargained, sold, aliened, released, conveyed and confirmed, and by these presents does grant, bargain, sell, alien, release, convey and confirm, unto the said part of the second part, his heirs and assigns forever, all that certain tract, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the County of Winona and State of Minnesota and described as follows:

The east one half (1/2) of South east one quarter (1/4) of section Twenty four (24) Township one hundred and eight (108) Range Ten (10)

Together with all and singular the edifices, buildings, rights, minerals, privileges, advantages, hereditaments and appurtenances to the same, belonging or in anywise appertaining; and the revenues and revenues, remainders and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof. And also, all the estates, right, title, interest, claim and demand whatsoever, both in law and equity, which the said Testator had in his life time and at the time of his decease and which the said party of the first part has by virtue of the said last will and Testament, or otherwise of his own to the same, and every part and parcel thereof, with the appurtenances, to have and to hold the said premises above mentioned and described, and hereby granted and conveyed, or intended so to be, with the appurtenances, unto the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns, to his and their only proper use, benefit and behoof forever.

And the party of the first part does covenant, grant, protect and agree to and with the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns, that the said party of the second part his heirs and assigns shall and lawfully may from time to time and at all times forever hereafter peaceably and quietly have, hold, use, occupy, possess and enjoy, all and singular the said hereditaments and premises hereby granted and conveyed, or intended so to be, with their and every of their appurtenances, and receive and take the rents, issues and profits thereof, to and for his and their own use and benefit, without any lawful suit, hindrance, molestation, interruption or denial whatsoever of, from or by her, the said party of the first part her successors or assigns; or of, from or by any other person or persons whomsoever lawfully claiming, or who shall or may lawfully claim hereafter, by, from or under her or theirs or by, from or under her or their right, title, interest or estate; and that free and clear, and free and cleanly discharged, acquitted and exonerated, or otherwise well and sufficiently saved, defended, kept harmless and indemnified by her the said party of the first part her successors and assigns, of, from and against all and all manner of former and other gifts, grants, bargains, sales, mortgages, judgments, and all other charges and incumbrances whatsoever had, made, committed, executed or done by her the said party of the first part, or by, through or with her acts, deeds, errors, omissions, agreement or privities.

In witness whereof, the said parties to these presents have hereunto interchangeably set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Sealed and delivered in the presence of  
John C. Robertson  
Henry Robertson

Franciska Holtenith  
Sole executrix of George Holtenith deceased.

State of New York  
City and County of New York

On this thirtieth day of December A.D. 1873 before me personally came Francis Holtenith  
Sole executrix of George Holtenith deceased To

we known to be the individual described in and who, as sole executor in executed the foregoing conveyance and acknowledged that they executed the same as such executor and for the purpose therein mentioned.

Notarial  
Seal

John A. Botsford

Notary Public, New York City & Co.

Filed, March 11<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1874 at St. Paul, Minn.

### Warranty, Deed.

Albert D. Custer/ et al }  
To }  
J. R. Warner }  
N. Custer his wife of the county of Otsego and  
State of Minnesota parties of the first part, and J. R. Warner of the county  
of Winona and 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 thousand eight hundred dollars, in hand paid by the said party of the second  
part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and the said party of the second  
part forever released and discharged therefrom has granted, bargained, aliened,  
and confirmed, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, remise, release, alien  
and confirm unto the said party of the second part, and to his heirs and assigns  
forever, all the following described lot, piece or parcel of land, situated in the  
county of Winona and State of Minnesota and known and described as  
follows, to-wit:

Block forty nine (49) in the city of Saint Charles, Minnesota  
also a piece of land commencing at the south west corner of the south east  
quarter of the North west quarter of section 29 running thence North twenty  
nine (29) rods thence West eighty rods (80) thence South twenty rods (20) to the  
railroad, thence along the line of the railroad to the place of beginning, all  
in Town one hundred and six (106) North of Range Ten (10) West. Together with  
all and singular, the hereditaments and appurtenances thereto belonging, or  
in anywise appertaining, and the revenues and revenues, remainders and  
remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof; and all the estate, right title,  
interest, claim or demand whatsoever, of the said party of the first part, without  
his law or equity, of, in and to the above bargained premises, with the heredita-  
ments and appurtenances.

To have and to hold the said premises above bargained and described, with the  
appurtenances, unto the said party of the second part, his heirs and assigns forever.  
And the said Albert D. Custer party of the first part, for himself his heirs, executors  
and administrators, do covenant, grant, bargain and agree, to and with the said  
part of the second part his heirs and assigns that, at the time of the convey-  
ing and delivery of these presents, he is well seized of the premises above conveyed  
as of a good, true, perfect, absolute and indefeasible estate of inheritance in  
law, in fee simple, and has good right, full power and lawful authority to  
grant, bargain, sell and convey the same in manner and form aforesaid; and  
that the same are free and clear from all former mortgages, grants, bargains,  
sales, liens, taxes, encumbrances and circumstances of what kind or nature  
so ever, except the taxes for 1873 and a mortgage given by Albert D. Custer  
his wife on the second day of Dec. 1872 to one Judge Holden for the sum of \$1500  
payable in two years, said mortgage constituting a part of the purchase price of



Tibesar.

Frank Kramer  
 Lewis Baertsch  
 Witnesses as to Henry P. & Josephine  
 Kronebusch.

W.E. Arnot

HeLen Johnson  
 Witnesses as to Louis & Lena  
 Kronebusch, and Mary & Michael  
 Koenig.

Anna Tibesar (seal)  
 Teofil Tibesar (seal)  
 Henry P. Kronebusch (seal)  
 Josephine Kronebusch (seal)  
 Louis Kronebusch Seal)  
 Lena Kronebusch (seal)  
 Mary Koenig (seal)  
 Michael Koenig (seal)

*Rev Stamp \$12.00  
 E.K. May 1-1925*

State of Minnesota (  
 County of Winona (ss.

On this 17th day of March, A.D. 1925, before me, a Notary Public within and for said county, personally appeared Josephine Kronebusch, a widow, Kate Schlink and John H. Schlink, her husband, John B. Kronebusch and Virginia Kronebusch, his wife, Leonard Kronebusch and Adeline Kronebusch, his wife, Rose Guinther and John Guinther, her husband, and Alois Kronebusch, a single man, to me known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and severally acknowledged that they executed the same as their free act and deed.

D. E. Tawney D. E. TAWNEY  
 Notary Public, Winona county, Minn.  
 My commission expires Jan. 18, 1926.

(Notarial seal)  
 State of Minnesota (  
 County of Winona (ss.

On this 30th day of March A.D. 1925, before me, a Notary Public within and for said county, personally appeared Anna Tibesar and Teofil Tibesar, her husband, to me known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and severally acknowledged that they executed the same as their free act and deed.

M. J. McGrath M. J. McGRATH  
 Notary Public, Winona county, Minn.  
 My commission expires Apr. 27, 1928.

(Notarial seal)  
 State of Minnesota (  
 County of Wabasha (ss.

On this 14 day of April, A.D. 1925, before me, a Notary Public within and for said county personally appeared Maggie Tibesar and Edward Tibesar, her husband, to me known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and severally acknowledged that they executed the same as their free act and deed.

John Costello Notary Public, Wabasha Co.,  
 Minnesota.  
 My commission expires Sept. 1, 1927.

(Notarial seal)  
 State of North Dakota (  
 County of Lamoure (ss.

On this 4 day of April, A.D. 1925, before me, a Notary Public within and for said county, personally appeared Henry P. Kronebusch and Josephine Kronebusch, his wife, to me known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and severally acknowledged that they executed the same as their free act and deed.

Frank Kramer Notary Public, Lamoure Co.,  
 N. Dakota My commission expires Nov. 20,  
 1926.

(Notarial seal)  
 State of Montana (to  
 County of Pondera (ss.

On this 8th day of April, A.D. 1925, before me, a Notary Public within and for said county, personally appeared Louis Kronebusch and Lena Kronebusch, his wife, and Mary Koenig and Michael Koenig, her husband, to me known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and severally acknowledged that they executed the same as their free act and deed.

W.E. Arnot Notary Public for the state of  
 Montana.  
 My commission expires Aug. 30-1927  
 Residing at Conrad Montana

(Notarial seal)  
 Filed May 1 A.D. 1925 at 3 1/2 o'clock P.M.



Doc. # 206610

This Indenture, Made this 1st day of November, 19 65,  
between Edward Kronebusch and Julia Kronebusch, his wife,

of the County of Winona and State of Minnesota, parties  
of the first part, and Cyril Kronebusch and Mary T. Kronebusch, husband and wife,  
Winona and State of Minnesota, parties of the second part,

Witnesseth, That the said parties of the first part, in consideration of the sum of  
Twenty-one Thousand and No/100-----(\$21,000.00)-----DOLLARS,  
to them in hand paid by the said parties of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowl-  
edged, do hereby Grant, Bargain, Sell, and Convey unto the said parties of the second part as joint  
tenants and not as tenants in common, their assigns, the survivor of said parties, and the heirs and  
assigns of the survivor, Forever, all the tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of  
Winona and State of Minnesota, described as follows, to-wit:

The Southeast Quarter (SE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section Twenty-four (24), and the  
Northeast Quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$ ) of Section Twenty-five (25), all in Township  
One Hundred Eight (108) North, Range Ten (10) West of the Fifth  
Principal Meridian.



State deed tax \$23.10  
U. S. Stamps 23.10



To Have and to Hold the Same, Together with all the hereditaments and appurtenances there-  
unto belong in and to in anywise appertaining, to the said parties of the second part, their assigns, the sur-  
vivor of said parties, and the heirs and assigns of the survivor, Forever, the said parties of the second part  
taking as joint tenants and not as tenants in common.

And the said parties of the first part, for themselves, their heirs, executors and administrators do  
covenant with the said parties of the second part, their assigns, the survivor of said parties, and the heirs  
and assigns of the survivor, that they are well seized in fee of the lands and premises aforesaid and  
have good right to sell and convey the same in manner and form aforesaid, and that the same are  
free from all incumbrances.

And the above bargained and granted lands and premises, in the quiet and peaceable possession of the  
said parties of the second part, their assigns, the survivor of said parties, and the heirs and assigns of the  
survivor, against all persons lawfully claiming or to claim the whole or any part thereof, subject to  
remedies, if any, heretofore mentioned, the said parties of the first part will Warrant and  
Defend.

In Testimony Whereof, The said parties of the first part have hereunto set their  
hands, the day and year first above written.

In Presence of

Alton E. Berg  
Karl H. Johnson

Edward Kronebusch  
Julia Kronebusch

Doc. No. 206610

## WARRANTY DEED

Individual to Joint Tenants

Edward Kronebusch, et ux

TO  
Cyril Kronebusch, et al  
Mary T. Kronebusch, et alOFFICE OF REGISTER OF DEEDS  
State of Minnesota.

County of WINONA

I hereby certify that the within Deed  
was filed in this office for record on the  
29th day of November  
19 65, at 3:10 o'clock A. M.,  
and was duly recorded in Book 262  
of Deeds, page 615

*Rollie A. Juss*  
Register of Deeds

By \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy

Taxes for the year 19 65 on the lands  
described within, paid this 29th  
day of November, 19 65

*Leona M. Carlson*  
County Treasurer  
By \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy

Taxes paid and transfer entered this  
day of NOV 29 1965  
RICHARD S. HOOVER  
WINONA COUNTY AUDITOR  
By *Alan J. Kozick*, Deputy

Recording Fee \$1.50

B.K.

State of Minnesota,

County of WINONA

On this

1st

Notary Public

day of

November

19 65,

Edward Kronebusch and Julia Kronebusch, his wife,  
to me known to be the person s

described in, and who executed the foregoing instrument,  
and acknowledged that he executed the same as

their

(See Note)

free act and deed

(See Note)

*Alton E. Bergh*  
Notary Public,  
Winona

Winona

County, Minn.

My commission expires January 29,

1968

NOTE: The blank lines marked "See Note" are for use when the instrument is executed by an attorney in fact.





Minnesota State Fair  
**CENTURY FARM APPLICATION**

DEADLINE: July 1

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM EDWIN & JUDITH MAUS

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE EDWIN and JUDITH MAUS

ADDRESS RR1 Box 384 Minnesota City MN 55959  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)  
PHONE NUMBER area code ( 507 ) 689-2272

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

SECTION 24 TOWNSHIP Mount Vernon COUNTY Winona

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 340

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1895

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

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

SECTION 24, WEST 1/2 of NORTH EAST QUARTER MOUNT VERNON TWSP

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To 1895	Relationship to next owner distant relative
JOHN VALENTINE		
First Owner HENRY MAUSE	1895 - 1934	FATHER
Next Owner LESTER MAUS	1934 - 1973	FATHER
Next Owner EDWIN & JUDITH MAUS	1973 -	
Next Owner		
Next Owner		

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

Check those that apply:

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

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

Edwin L. Maus  
(signature of present owner)

6-18-98  
(date)

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? JOHN VALENTINE

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

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

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Kellogg

DID HE/SHE ENGAGE IN ANY TRADES OR OCCUPATIONS OTHER THAN FARMING?  
IF SO, PLEASE LIST Commercial Threshing with Steam Engine

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? about 1896 The barn in 1905

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Barley, Wheat, Corn, Hay

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: John Valentine had sold this land

a number of times, always getting it back.

When Henry paid it off, Valentine was mad

as it was a way of making money so the

story goes. A second piece of property was

bought from George Whitman in 1917. This

piece was originally purchased in 1857 from the

US Government and signed by President Buchanan.

Each son of Henry & Anna Maw had a chance

to run the farm before purchasing land of

their own. Pester, Edwin's dad bought the farm

from his mother in 1934 as he was the last

son to come on the farm. The youngest son

was given 160 acres off the farm in place of

forming the 500 acres it had grown to

by the 1930's.



Minnesota State Fair  
**CENTURY FARM APPLICATION**

**DEADLINE: JUNE 15**

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**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY**

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Frank Miller<sup>C.</sup> \* Diane (nee Miller) Goetz

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

ADDRESS R.R. 2 Box 3c. Lewiston mn 55952  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 523-3240

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same as above

SECTION 23, Tp 106, R 9 TOWNSHIP utica COUNTY winona

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160 (130 in 2<sup>nd</sup> adjoined farm)

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY august 24, 1880

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

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.) The North west Quarter (NW 1/4) of Section Twenty Three (23), Township 106, North of Range nine (9), west of the Fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) principal Meridian, winona co. minnesota.

**PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP**

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Franz Miller</u> * wife <u>Karoline (nee Neeb)</u>	<u>1880 - 1908</u>	<u>Father * mother</u>
Next Owner <u>Frank Miller</u> * wife <u>Malinda (nee Raddatz)</u>	<u>1908 - 1953</u>	<u>Father * mother</u>
Next Owner <u>Frank Jr. Verna * allyn Miller</u> (all siblings)	<u>1953 - 1994</u>	<u>Self * uncles * mother</u>
Next Owner <u>Frank Miller Jr. * Diane (nee Miller) Goetz</u>	<u>1994 - current</u>	<u>(to Diane)</u>
Next Owner		

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Check those that apply:

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

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

Diane M. Goetz  
(signature of present owner)

6-11-98  
(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Nicholas Decker

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$ 15.<sup>63</sup> 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 N/A

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? unknown.

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Dairy. Swine. Poultry. Corn. Hay. Straw/eats.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: all of Franz miller's children were born on the farm, in the house currently still standing. so were all of Frank miller sr. children. Verna miller's daughter Diane was raised on the farm. Nicholas Decker purchased the farm from Karoline Neeb's (Franz's wife) family who owned it since 1864. on Frank miller sr.'s death the 3 siblings living on the farm purchased the 'Eldest son's son's (Edward miller's) share of it. He lived on a nearby farm with his wife & children. In 1994, due to ill health of allyn, the farm land was rented out, and has been ever since. Since Frank miller sr.'s death in ~~1963~~<sup>1953</sup> the farm has operated under the name "miller Brother's".

Minnesota State Fair  
**CENTURY FARM APPLICATION**

**DEADLINE: JUNE 15**

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY**

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Eugene L. Marxhausen

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Eugene and Lois Marxhausen

ADDRESS Route 1 Box 52 Rollingstone Mn 55969  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 523-3645

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Route 1 Box 48

SECTION 26 TOWNSHIP Norton (107) COUNTY Winona

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 16 1/2

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Feb 29, 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.) N 1/2 of NE 1/4,  
N 1/2 NW 1/4, N 12' of S 1/2 of NE 1/4, N 12' of S 1/2 of NW 1/4

**PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP**

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Henry and Emma Marxhausen</u>	<u>1892 to 1917</u>	<u>Parents to Edward</u>
Next Owner <u>Edward and Lena Marxhausen</u>	<u>1917 to 1963</u>	<u>Parents to Lenhard</u>
Next Owner <u>Lenhard and Esther</u>	<u>1963 to 1990</u>	<u>Parents to Eugene</u>
Next Owner <u>Eugene and Lois</u>	<u>1990 to 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.

Eugene L. Marxhausen  
(signature of present owner)

June 14, 1998  
(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? from father - Lenhard

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?

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: \_\_\_\_\_

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



Minnesota State Fair  
**CENTURY FARM APPLICATION**

**DEADLINE: July 1**

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY**

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Raymond S. Pflughoeft

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Raymond & Elaine Pflughoeft

ADDRESS #1 Bo 130 Houston MN 55943  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 896-3984

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

SECTION 16 TOWNSHIP Pleasant Hill COUNTY Winona

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 80.5

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

Sect-16- Twp-105-Range-006

**PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP**

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner James Dodd Morcomb	<u>1863-1905</u>	Father of William
Next Owner William H. Morcomb	<u>1905-1931</u>	Father of Madeline
Next Owner Walter & Madeline(Morcomb) Pflughoeft	<u>1931-1975</u>	Mother of Raymond
Next Owner Raymond S. Pflughoeft	<u>1975-Present</u>	
Next Owner		

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Check those that apply:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Abstract of Title | <input type="checkbox"/> Court File in Registration Proceedings      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Patent       | <input type="checkbox"/> County land Record                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Original Deed     | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Autobiography of W.H. Morcomb</u> |

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

Raymond S. Pflughoeft  
(signature of present owner)

6-15-98  
(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? School Land

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

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

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Devonshire England

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

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? 1876

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Enclosed is a copy of the autobiography of  
William H. Morcomb. He kept a diary and wrote his autobiography in 1931

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF W.H. MORCOMB

Written in 1931

In writing of my early life and experiences as a pioneer of Minnesota, I will begin with a short history of my parents, who were English.

My father, James Dodd Morcomb, was born on the sixth day of October, 1824, in Devonshire, England, and when he was six years of age, came with his father and mother to Canada.

While crossing the ocean, his father was taken sick and died in Montreal, Canada, and was buried there.

My mother, Harriet Hull, was born on the sixth day of July, 1826, in Wiltshire, England, and came to Canada when she was twenty-one years old. Her father was killed in an accident when she was thirteen years old and she lived some of the time with her sister, Mary.

Father and mother first met near St. Thomas, Canada, and were married there, September 26, 1850.

Soon after they were married they came to Portage, Wisconsin. Not being able to find any houses for rent, they got rooms in a fort, called Fort Winnebago, where they lived for four or five years. The fort was about a mile from Portage at that time.

I was born in old Fort Winnebago, Columbia Co., Wisconsin, on November 29th, 1853, and lived in the Fort about two years. We then moved to a house that my father bought, on what at that time, 1855, was called "the Flats", located between the Wisconsin River and the Fox River. These rivers were about a mile apart, and Portage City is now located on the Wisconsin River and the "Flats" today are the suburbs.

My brothers, Wallis and George were born in this home, Wallis was born September 8, 1856, and George was born May 8, 1859. We lived here about four years.

The spring after I was six years old, we moved to a farm three miles north of Portage.

Here, my brother John was born on September 9, 1862. While living on this farm, I first tried to learn to swim in the Fox River and was twice pulled out by older boys in time to save my life.

Wild duck were very plentiful and Father kept us well supplied with them. The Indians were also plentiful, and much to my Mother's discomfort, would watch her through the windows, while she went about her housework. She kept the door locked when Father was away from home to keep them from walking in.

We had a good school here, and a large one. Sometimes as many as ninety scholars were enrolled under one teacher. I did not miss many days during the school term of three months in summer and four months in winter.

The year of 1863, Father decided to go West, and on the seventeenth day of March 1863, we started for Minnesota. Father had a good horse team at this time, but when he decided to go west, he traded his horses for oxen. He bought a new wagon, and I drove a big yoke on it with a load of goods, and Father drove the other yoke of oxen on a covered wagon that we carried our provisions, our beds, and a stove in. The weather was pretty good for that time of year.

We also had several cows and some young stock. Mother and Wallis drove Them.

Our neighbors came and helped us to get started, and all wished us good luck. The year before, 1862, in October, there had been an Indian massacre at New Ulm, MN, in which over a thousand white people had lost their lives,



so our neighbors thought we were running a big chance in going to Minn.

The roads were pretty good. We laid over one day at New Lisbon, Wisconsin, on account of snow, and on top of the Dividing Ridge in Wisc., we stayed two days because of a bad snow storm. We also stayed over one day at Bangor, Wisc., where I lost my pet dog, Fido. When we drove into Bangor it was evening, and quite dark. The road ran close beside the railroad track. A train came along and the headlights on the engine scared Fido, and he took down the track ahead of the train--and that was the last I ever saw of my dog, Fido.

We camped that night, near the home of a man named Darting, who was very good to us. We stayed here all day hoping my dog would come back again--but he didn't come.

The next morning we started on. As we were about sixteen miles from LaCross, Wisc. We camped that night where North LaCross now is. The streets of LaCross were a regular sand bed, six to eight inches deep. This was the twenty seventh day of March. On the morning of the 28th of March, we crossed the Mississippi River on the ferry boat, to LaCrescent, Minn. Here we met a man by the name of Briggs, who also had a covered wagon. His wife and three children were with him.

The road from LaCrescent upon what is now known as the South Ridge was not very good, so my father and Mr. Briggs decided to put all three yoke of oxen on one wagon to pull it up the hill and on to the Ridge. It took them all day to get three wagons on top of the Ridge, where we all camped for the night. This was our first night in Minn.

March 29, 1863, after our first night in Minn., we started on. We had our two wagons, and our power was a yoke of oxen on each wagon. We slept in the covered wagon, and had our meals there. Father still drove the

covered wagon and I drove the other one. George cared for baby John, while Mother and Wallis helped with the cattle.

We drove up the South Ridge until we came to a tavern, called The Goose and Duck Tavern, kept by a man named John Emmons. We got here about noon, and that night we camped at the home of a man named William Lemon. This farm is located about one-half mile east of the Cooper Tavern. The Cooper Tavern was owned by Joseph Cooper, and was where the Burbank Stage Coach Line used to keep their extra horses, and where drivers and passengers got their meals, when driving over the Ridge from LaCrosse, Wisc. to Winona, Minn.

I have seen as many as nine coaches a day, each way, over this Ridge, in spring and fall, when the steam boats could not run on the Mississippi River. Hundreds of soldiers also stopped here on their way South, as the Civil War was on in full blast at this time.

We camped at the William Lemon farm for two days while Father went over near where Nodine, Minn. is now, to see an old acquaintance, who lived in Fort Winnebago, Wisc. when we did, and whose name was William Sloan.

On April the first we broke camp at the Lemon Farm and started West. The roads were very dry and dusty. We had gone about a mile when we were hailed by a man by the name of Hazelton, who lived across the road from where the Pleasant Hill Town Hall is now located. He wanted to know how far west we were going, and if we were looking for land. Father told him that he was looking for land but did not know how far west he might have to go to get it. Mr. Hazelton then told Father that there was eighty acres of wild land joining his farm on the North, and that the roads we were on ran across the corner of this "eighty". He said it had always been known as his claim, but that there was not any better piece of land in Minn. He said the eighty acres

was school land and had not been put in the market, that when it was we could not buy it for less than five dollars per acre, and we might have to pay more as it would be sold to the highest bidder by the State.

Father looked the land over and thought there was too much timber on it, so we went on west, following the old stage road through where Ridgeway is now located, and on through where Witoka is now, to a place called Old Centerville. We stayed here Easter Sunday and was here about a week. Father looked over the country around there and got the prices on a few claims. The best government land had been taken up before we got there. While we were here Father walked to Winona and back. Winona was a pretty small place at that time.

Father and Mother talked over the proposition that Mr. Hazelton had made and decided they would go back to the eighty acres that he had offered them.

On April 8, 1863, we went back and camped on our eighty, and here we stayed. For a short time we lived in the wagon, while we were living this way we came very near losing everything by a prairie fire.

A few days later, Father got a man named Elder Smith, who owned the land east of our eighty, to take his horses and go to Winona and bring out a load of lumber, from which they built a shack 12' by 12' with the earth for a floor. We lived in this shack all summer. This same spring we rented some land from Elder Smith and put in a garden and a few acres of grain. I went to school too. The cattle we had all run at large, and we had great times hunting them up.

Father cut quite a lot of wild hay that summer of the Ridge north of where the Mike Gallagher farm now is, and I hauled it home with the oxen.

Mother and I unloaded and stocked it. Father mowed and raked the hay by hand. One day while Father and I were eating our dinner, three deer, a doe and two fawns, came quite near us. They took a good long look at us and then ran away.

That fall I hauled logs down to a sawmill at New Hartford, and hauled the lumber back, enough to build a house, and slabs to build a shed for our stock. The logs were fastened to the wagon. One end of the log was swung up under the back axel of the wagon, and the rest of it dragged on the ground. I think that was the hardest work I ever done.

That winter, we children all had the scarlet fever, and were pretty sick. It was a very cold winter with deep snow. Father walked all the way to Winona, about sixteen miles, and got Dr. Putch to come out to see us. He did--gave us some medicine, and we all got well. There were lots of children that died with scarlet fever and diptheria that winter, near where we lived.

In October of this same fall of 1863 a man rode up to our house, on a horse at full gallop, and handed a paper to Father, saying that he had been drafted for the war and to report at Rochester, Minn. for examination. The Civil War was on, and trouble was everywhere.

Father left for Rochester, about sixty miles away, and we had no word from him from the time he left until he got home. Father was exempted, and he and a neighbor named John Lockwood walked all the way home. They got home in the night. We were sure all glad to see him, as you bet we were worried. At that time mail came once a week, and we had not heard of telephones.

Our school house was built of logs and was about 14' by 18', and had five windows. There were four desks, and the teacher had a little desk. The first teacher I had in Minn. was Helen Smith, and the rest were as follows: William Murray, Emily Hazelton, William Murray, Elizabeth Clark, Charles Kidder, Abby Kneeland, Charles Kidder, and Aleck Searles. Mr. Searles got sick and a Mr. Tinker finished the term for him.



While going to school to Emily Hazelton, I received a bad whipping. Of course, I didn't deserve it, but it hurt just the same. My pants legs were rolled up above my knees, and by the time I went home, big red welts were showing from my knees down. Mother took one look at my legs, asked me a few questions, grabbed her sunbonnet, and went to interview my teacher. I don't know what she said, but I do know Miss Hazelton did not whip me again.

In the new school house my teachers were Mr. Linns, Web Emily for two terms, and Ellis Harter a short term. At that time we never had over three months school in summer and four months in winter. We had women teachers for summer and men teachers for winter.

1864 until 1872, were busy times. Harvesting and haying were all done by hand. Times were very hard. Labor was high. Three dollars per day and board for harvest help. As soon as I was old enough to swing a cradle, Father and I cradled the grain while Mother, Wallis, and George did the raking and binding.

Mother and I also made a good many trips to Winona with the oxen, to sell our butter and eggs. One trip I remember well. The water was so high it came up to the wagon box as we drove thru where Mankato Avenue is now located.

Fencing our land was quite a problem in those days, as the cattle were allowed to run at large. We had our place all fenced at this time. The fence was made of rails, split from logs, and built about five rails high, stake and rider style. It took a good fence to keep the cattle out of the grain and corn fields.

I stayed at home until the summer of 1872. Before that time Father had traded off two yoke of oxen for a team of horses. Then he bought another yoke of oxen.

In the spring of 1872, after the crops were all in, I took the oxen and went to work for Mike Fay. I was to have one dollar per day for driving

a breaking team, and Father was to get one dollar per day for the use of his yoke of oxen. Mr. Fay was short of money when I got thru with the job, so Father took a mare and colt as payment for the work I had done, and gave me the colt. The first horse I ever owned.

I worked at home in harvest that year. About this time Father bought a mower, a Buckeye, and a reaper, so we did not have so much cradling to do by hand.

We used to have some fine times hunting and fishing. One time, Father said if we would shock five acres of corn, we could go hunting the rest of the week. The next morning Wallis, George, and I were in the cornfield when the sun came up. We cut the corn in less than two days, and went to the Root River. The Cooper boys went with us. We took one of our horses and one of Mr. Cooper's. The first night we camped on the South Fork of the Root River in Houston County. We had just got nicely settled for the night, when Mr. Cooper's horse got loose and started for home, and we sure had some time catching him again.

On the 18th of November 1872, E. J. Hesselgrove, Rollin Norton, and I started for LaCrosse, Wisc., to hire out to work in the pineries. At this time there were big sawmills in LaCrosse, and cutting logs for the mills during the winters, gave work to lots of men.

My brother Wallis took us as far as LaCrescent with our first team of horses that we had owned in Minn., and we stayed all night at the hotel. There was quite a lot of snow on the ground, so we went in a sleigh.

The next morning, November 19, we started for LaCrosse on foot. When we got to the Mississippi River there was the largest field of ice I ever saw slowly floating down the river. We had to wait for over an hour before we could cross the river on the ferry boat.

We tried to hire out to Charles Colman but could not agree on the wages, so we went on to Sparta, Wisc., by train. We stayed in Sparta all night and in the morning we got tickets to Humbird. After reaching Humbird by train, we walked to Neilsville, Wisc. the same day. There were eleven of us together by this time. Lots of farmer boys worked in the woods during the winters at this time.

When we got about half way to Neilsville, we met a man who told us that there was a camp about five miles from the road that we were on that wanted men, so we started walking through the woods, and over windfalls to the camp. Wisconsin had big pine forests at this time, and this windfall, as it was called then, was caused by a cyclone or tornado, that had gone thru there a few years before and blew down trees on a strip a mile wide and four or five miles wide. We found it hard traveling and were glad to reach the camp a little after noon. They got us up a good dinner, which we all enjoyed after our long walk. The foreman said we could go to work in the morning.

After the foreman left to look after the men already working for him, we went out to look around. The camp was located in a big windfall. There was hardly a tree standing as far as we could see. Some of the boys who had worked in the woods before, said they would not stay there as it would be worse than working on the prairie in Minn., so we all walked back to the road and on to Neilsville, Wisc.

Some of us reached Neilsville about eight o'clock that night, and some of us didn't get in till eleven. Neilsville was a pretty small town at this time, a few stores, five or six hotels, and four or five saloons. At that time there were saloons or road houses all along the road that we had traveled on--which might have been the reason why some of us reached Neilsville so much sooner than the others--but I think it was because we had walked so far that day.

We hired out to Al Brown and Free Lindsey, who were operating nine camps with from fifty to sixty men in each camp, that night. We were to get twenty-six dollars per month, and our board. We stayed all night at a hotel.

The next morning we left for our winter home. The camp was about forty miles from Neilsville and we walked most the way. About noon we reached the Brown and Lindsey farm. We got our dinner here. That night, just dark, we reached the camp near where Greenwood is now.

We got a big surprise. We had been expecting to find a big camp. But there wasn't any, they were just starting to build one. They had a few boards stuck up to keep off the rain and snow. That night for supper we had some cold biscuits, cold beef, and strong tea. Our beds were made of pine boughs and a little hay, and we were given some blankets. This was the 20th of November.

About daylight they called us to breakfast, we got up and walked out to the table--a big pine stump. There was almost a quarter of beef all ready roasted, lying on it, also a big knife. Those that wanted beef, cut off a chunk, got a cold, hard biscuit and a cup of strong tea, and I ate my first breakfast in the "Woods". We all stood up as there didn't seem to be any nice, upholstered dining room chairs waiting for us.

After breakfast the Boss said, "Where is that ox teamster?" Rollin Norton had told the Boss that I could drive one yoke of oxen or four, so he told me to take a yoke of big white oxen they had there, and go out to the main road that I had to follow. This company we were working for had nine camps scattered around through the woods.

I was at this camp three days, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. On Saturday I was taken awful sick. The "Grub" had gotten the best of me. Sunday, the 25th of November, our tote team came in with a load of provisions for the



camp and the foreman, Rome Brown a brother of the man we had hired out to, sent four of us boys, Rollin Norton, two others, and myself to another camp north of Greenwood. Ed Hesselgrave stayed at our first camp.

The tote team could not get within five or six miles of this second camp, so we were left at the home of a settler by the name of Dave Hall. We spent the night with him. That night for supper I ate my first venison, and I ate so much I was pretty sick again.

The next morning after breakfast, we started our walk for camp and got there about noon. There was no road. We just followed a trail that had been blazed on the trees. We seen three deer, the first I had seen in Clark Co., Wisc.

This camp was all completed, and was large enough to hold fifty or sixty men. Soon after we got there the foreman showed us our bunks where we were to sleep. Rollin Norton and I bunked together all winter.

The next morning, long before it was daylight, we were all called to breakfast. After it was light enough to see we were sent into the woods to build roads. I was still awful sick, but Rollin helped me all he could. We had to go quite a ways from camp to work and carried our dinners, and the boys let me look after the fire and keep our dinners warm.

We were about ten days building the roads and I got to feeling well again. We lived good here. For the first six weeks we had venison every day and it was sure good. We had a good cook. Our foreman, Eb Turner, was a great hunter and kept the camp well supplied with venison, as deer were very plentiful at this time.

My next job was swamping. A swamper was a man who helped the skidder load logs onto a crotch or go-devil, as it was called, and also helped clear out the road. I worked for a skidder who drove a yoke of oxen and hauled

the logs from where they were cut down to the skidways. From the skidways the horse teams and two yoke of oxen hauled the logs to the Black River. Rollin Norton got a horse team to drive about this time, which he drove all winter.

I had been working about ten days when the man who was driving the skidding team and whose name was Jim Stafford, got peeved at the way things were going and quit. After Jim had gone back to camp I kept right on driving the oxen. all the rest of the winter and that is the way I got to be a skid teamster. We went along about the same way all winter. The snow was very deep and some times the cold was severe. I did not lose a day all winter and was well and strong.

This was a hard winter on horses, many of them having the epizootic. The disease was very bad in Winona County, too.

Several of the boys and I went deer hunting, one moonlight night. Five deer came walking down the logging road. We waited until they were quite near and we all took a shot at them, and away they ran. We thought we were poor hunters so we went home but a few days afterwards some Indians found a dead deer near where we were shooting so we must have got one after all.

I also had the mumps while working at this camp but I wasn't sick and worked every day. Some of the other boys were pretty sick with them.

About the 20th of March 1873, there was a warm spell and it took off most of the snow. Rollin Norton was taken very sick at this time. We did not know what was the matter with him, but we thought he would not get any better in the camp. When a tote team came the next time, we put Rollin in the sleigh. He was still pretty sick, so I went with him, and took him to Neilsville. Here we found Ed Hesselgrave. The camp where he had been had broken up because of the thaw. Rollin was some better so we decided to go home.

When I went to get my wages the Boys would not give them to me. He said I would have to wait for my pay until the camp broke up. He had quite a lot of logs that he wanted to put in the river. At that time the logs were hauled to the river and rolled in from a high landing. We could unload the logs from the sleighs onto the ice but after the thaw we could not drive onto the ice.

I had hired out to go on the drive before, so I decided to go back to camp. I didn't have any money so Rollin and Ed each gave ten dollars. It made me almost sick to see them go home. I wanted to go, too. We were staying at the Rosman House in Neilsville at this time.

The next morning after the boys had left for home, I got up expecting to go back to camp. As I came into the bar-room a man who was standing there, a stranger, said to me, "Young man, you have got the measles, they are all over your forehead, now." He also told me what to do for them. He said, "You get a bottle of whiskey and go to bed and stay there for three or four days"-- I did so. I went to the drugstore and got the whiskey, came back to the hotel and went to bed. That was the first that I knew what had been the matter with Rollin Norton. He had had the measles--and it had rained all the way from the camp to Neilsville the day we brought him out--but he had lived through it--and soaked me with them, besides.

I was in bed for three days, and stayed at the Rossman House for three weeks before I was able to go home. The measles settled in my throat and I could not speak out loud. I guess I took cold going after the whiskey while I was all broke out with the measles. It was a cold, stormy day and the last of March.

While I was sick several of the boys came to see me, and also Mr. A. Brown the man I had been working for all winter. He seemed to feel awful bad to see me so sick. I could hardly talk to him, as my throat was so sore. Mr. Brown gave me my time check for my work during the winter. Mr. Rossman was awful

good to me, too, while I was there and only charged me \$4.50 per week for room and board, and they had had to wait on me quite a lot, besides.

Sometime in April I started for home. The nearest railroad station at that time was at Black River Falls. There was a stage running from Neilsville to the Falls, so I paid my fare to the Falls. It was twenty-eight miles. We got to the Falls at noon and stopped at a hotel called the Halfway House, for dinner. After dinner our stage driver got into a game of Poker. This was on a Saturday and if we missed the train we would have to wait over until Monday, as there were no trains running on Sunday at that time, through Black River Falls.

There were several passengers besides myself that were going through on the stage and we all wanted the driver to hurry up, but he said there was plenty of time. After a while we got him started, but when we got about half a mile from the station, we seen our train pull out. We were a sore bunch as we had to wait over till Monday.

The Falls was a small place at this time. I also bought me a suit of underwear in this town, which was badly needed.

Monday morning we went east on the train to Elroy. Had to change cars there at that time. Took the North Western for Winona, where we arrived about noon.

While in Winona I met Mr. Fay, the man I had worked for. I rode out to the Cooper Tavern with him and walked from home. I got home about nine in the evening. The roads from Winona to the Tavern were in bad shape. There were great pitchholes in the road caused by the deep snow. Mr. Fay was using a sleigh at this time about the 20th of April, 1873.

When I reached home that night I had a lot of "company" with me. Mother was very glad to see me, but didn't like "the company" so she insisted that



I take a bath and--well, get rid of them. I did, and I was sure glad to get home, again.

I had not been back very long when my brother, Wallis, left home. Something went wrong. I do not remember now just what was his reason, I wasn't home when he left. Mother felt pretty bad about his leaving. When I got home she said he had left and did not have any money with him so I said I would go and see if I could get him to come back, or give him some money.

I took the horses, Bill and Charley, and a double buggy we had at that time and started out. I didn't know just where to go to find him. Went down the South Ridge to the Cary School house and then down into Pine Creek Valley. When I was about three miles below New Hartford, I met a man by the name of McNasser, who said he had tried to hire a boy, who looked like the boy I discribed, but they could not agree on the wages. I drove on until I reached LaCrescent. There I went into a store to inquire if they had seen a boy looking like the discription I gave of him, and the man said, yes. He had just hired out to a man by the name of Bratin, who lived just a little way from the store. I went to the place and there he was. Wallis was sixteen years old at this time.

We had a long talk but he did not want to go home with me, but would let me know where he went. I gave him some money, ten dollars, and went to the hotel. It was dark by this time. I put the horses in the barn and stayed all night. Wallis and I were both home for harvest that summer.

We had a reaper for that harvest. Father cradled the grain around the trees and stumps and I drove the reaper. We had lots of dead trees and stumps at that time, standing in the cultivated fields.

I was home all summer and went to school in the winter of 1873 and 1874.

We had settled on the east end of the eighty acres when we first went onto the land in the spring of 1863, and we had often talked of moving to the

west end, but Mother did not want to move there unless we could buy a piece of land of John Lockwood that he was living on at that time, in a double log house. This land, ten acres joined us, north of the road.

In the spring of 1874, Mr. Lockwood decided to build a new house on the other side of the road. This place is now owned by a Mr. Stender. When we heard that Mr. Lockwood was going to build a new house, Father and I went to see if he would sell the ten acres. He said he would be glad to sell it, and that we could have it for two hundred and fifty dollars. This included the doublelog house. Father said he would take it, and would pay him the cash as soon as we sold our fat cattle. We were fattening four head at that time.

Soon after midnight on the first day of April, I started from home leading a fat steer. He was all ready sold to a butcher in Winona and I had to deliver him. That was the kind of motor truck we used in 1874. I hadn't got more than a mile from home when it began to snow and kept it up till noon. About eight inches of snow fell during this time. I walked all the way to Winona that day and walked back to about one mile east of Witoka, where I stayed all night with Aleck Serles, and old school teacher of mine. Before this there had been no snow and every one was getting ready for their springs work.

We had a busy summer, moving and building a barn and a shed. We had no drilled wells at this time. Almost all the water we used was hauled from the valley in barrels.

Sometime in October, Mr. Lockwood had a big dance and party in their new house and we were all invited. Father and Mother were there. Rollin Norton and I were together. We thought we would have some fun, so we went over to our house and I dressed up in some of my Mother's clothes. Rollin helped me to dress and she kept some packed in a trunk, and we used those. After Rollin had me all fixed up--I wore a hat and a shawl--he took me back to the dance.

He introduced me to Mrs. Lockwood as his girl and I sat and talked with her for quite a while and she never caught on as to who I was. I didn't try to dance any, and did not get near my Mother, so she did not recognize her clothes, but no one ever figured out who I was. Mother found out soon after that someone had been into her trunk, pulling things around, but she never knew who it was for a long, long while after. Rollin and I sure enjoyed ourselves that night.

In November Walt Hill, Shell Hill, and I left for the woods. We went on the Green Bay railroad from Winona to Black River station. There was some excitement when we got there. A man had been killed a short time before we arrived. He was only a little ways from the station. I helped the sheriff to lift the man into his wagon. I never found out for sure who murdered the man but some thought that his partner had done it.

We walked from Black River station to Neilsville. When we reached there the weather was quite warm and we had to stay there two weeks before we got a chance to hire out. Then I hired out to a man named Hy Counts, to work on a skidway at twenty-six dollars per month. Walt Hill hired out to Bob Christy, an old logger, so one fine morning we started for the woods. The camp was located five miles west of Greenwood Wisconsin, and was an old logging camp that had not been used for sometime. We had to go to work and fix it up so we could live in it.

The foreman was Charles Hubbard and he was a brother-in-law of Hy Counts. There were only seven or eight men in this camp. My first job was repairing sleighs. The others were shopping down trees and skidding logs. There was no snow for hauling logs yet. The logs were to be hauled four and one half miles to the river. Mr. Counts was only intending to use a small crew at this time.

The foreman and I bunked together for a while, and then we built a small

house. The foreman then brought his wife to camp and they lived in the house. It was pretty wild here and we were a long ways from any other camp.

After we had been several weeks here and I had been working on the skidway loading logs, the Boss decided to put in a full crew, and the foreman Mr. Hubbard, said I could have any job I would like. So I told him I would like the job of chopping down the trees, if he thought I could. I was a pretty husky lad by this time, standing six feet two inches without my shoes and weighing close to two hundred pounds. The foreman said he thought I could, so then I commenced chopping and worked at it all the rest of the winter. I received thirty dollars per month, and was very proud of my job as it was one of the best jobs in the woods at that time.

An old chopper was bunking with me, named Charlie Rand. His home was at Onalaska, Wisc., and he had an uncle living at Pickwick, Minn., a short distance from my home, so we felt like old friends.

There were a big camp of Indians located near us. They were hunting and trapping. There were lots of deer, wolves, porcupine, and wild cats, also partridges, rabbits, and birds called ravens. A man named Mel Merrill caught several wildcats in traps.

We had an ox die, that winter and the boys took the carcass into the woods about thirty rods from camp. One day Mel and Charlie Rand started out to set some traps. As they got near the ox they could hear the ravens making a great fuss, the trees were full of them, so the boys knew there was something that was keeping the ravens away from the dead ox. They kept very quiet and crept up to where they could see the ox. Someone had cut into the side of the ox and there was a hole there, and when they got near enough they could see a big bird with his head in the hole in the side of the ox. He was so busy trying to get something to eat, that he didn't seem to notice anything.



The meat was frozen hard too. Mel took off his mittens and caught the bird by both wings. The bird sure put up some fight, but soon gave up and the boys brought him back to camp with them.

The bird proved to be an American Eagle, the emblem of our country, and the largest one I ever saw, measuring seven feet from the point of one wing to the other. We got a trap and fastened it to his leg and to a small chain so he could walk back and forth on the Deacon Seat, (a log hewed off smooth on one side), and after a while he got quite tame, and would walk along the Deacon Seat and take pieces of meat out of our hands, and then he would walk back to his place again.

I owned him for a while. We boys would sell him to each other for two dollars so most of us owned him at one time or another.

After I reached home I was telling the folks how we caught a wild eagle by hand, and Father said, "William, that sounds pretty big, catching a wild eagle by hand." That same spring, soon after I got home, a man named Sam Burkholker, and who worked in the same camp that I did, came to see me. He was on his way back to Iowa where he lived.

As I had left the camp before he did I asked him what they had done with the eagle, and he said they had taken him from the camp to Neilsville, behind six horses hitched to a sleigh. The eagle sat on a cross piece fastened to a high pole, fixed on the sleigh. I had Sam tell the folks all about it, so they found out I was not telling a big story-that time.

I had one close call to being badly hurt that winter, while working on a skidway. I had a Norwegian working with me that could not speak English. We were rolling a log up to the front of the skidway. We were both using cant-hooks. I was in front pulling the log toward me and he was back of it. When we got near the head block, I told him to block the log, and instead of doing

so, he gave it another shove toward me. I was also pulling the log towards myself, and over it came on top of me, knocking me down and falling on to my legs. I fell into a low place and that saved my legs from being smashed. I sure thought that they were. The boy was badly scared and ran all the way to camp for help and he was soon back with ten or more men.

They lifted the log off my legs but it was some time before I was able to stand up, but they soon got all right again.

Late in March we got all the logs out on the land Mr. Counts had, so the foreman gave me my time. He said he was afraid the cash for the work was going to be short, and "First come, first served," so I started to leave camp with the "tote" team. On the way out we met Mr. Counts coming in, and he said he had bought some more timber and he wanted me to go back with him, and I told him that I had started out and I didn't want to go back. Anyway it was getting late and warm and the snow was likely to go at any time, so I went on to Neilsville, got my money, and paid my bills for board and room that I owed while waiting for a job. I stayed at the Rossman House.

This had not been such a bad winter. The snow had not been so deep. We had lived pretty good most of the time. Had had a fine Christmas dinner, but on New Years there was nothing in camp to eat but "beans and apple sass". I also had to manage to keep some cleaner, "didn't have as much 'company' as I had the winter before. One of the men used to go to his home every week and I took my extra clothes out and his wife did my washing. I also went to his home for dinner one Sunday.

This had been a pretty wild camp. Once some of the boys got drunk and had a big fight. The next day several of them got their walking papers.

One night two of the boys, Mike McCabe and a man called "Black Jack" got into a row. Each one of them had a big knife and they flourished them in

front of each other's faces, but neither man dared to make a pass at the other one, so no one got hurt, although it looked pretty dangerous while it lasted.

I left Neilsville for Winona about April the first, and I reached home just as the folks were eating dinner. Before I left Neilsville I had gotten a haircut and a shave, but I had left my mustache and chin whiskers on, and had them dyed black, and as I was very fair, they sure changed my looks. I had a gourd stick with me so when I reached home I knocked on the door with it, and I heard my mother say, "That is William's knock", and she jumped up from the table and opened the door. When she seen me standing there, she stepped back, and when I saw that she did not know me, I had to laugh. Then she knew who I was, but I sure fooled her, alright. I was awful glad to get home. The folks were well and living in the double log house.

A week before I left the camp, I had frozen one of my big toes and I had to wear an overshoe on that foot for some time after I got home. There were a lot of dances after I got home, but I could not dance any because of my toe being so sore. But after it was well, Mother got up a big dance for me and all the neighbors were invited. We had some time, that night.

In 1873, we organized our baseball team. The rules had been changed until they were about the same as they are now. The boys chose me for Captian and Manager, and we played for three years, 1873, 1874, 1875.

The following boys were in the nine:

Wallace Morcomb-----	First Baseman
Al Cooper-----	Third Baseman
Al Sinclair-----	Second Baseman
Newton Lockwood-----	Right Fielder
Ruel Stinson-----	Left Fielder
Willard Lockwood-----	Short Stop
Alfred Lockwood-----	Pitcher

I was catcher and captian. We put up some great games. I changed the boys around some, but most of the time they played in their first positions.

I worked at home this summer, 1875, until the 8th of August, when I went to work on a threshing machine, for Walt Hill.

The colt my Father had given to me was now three years old and big enough to drive, but I had no mate for him. Father gave me a yoke of four year old steers and told me if I did not want to keep them, I could trade them for a mate for my colt. Ruel Stinson had a colt about the size and color of mine, so we traded. This was in the summer before I went to work for Walt.

When Walt Hill saw my team, he said they were too small, but if I would get a larger team he would give me sixty-five dollars per month to work on the machine. He said there was a man by the name of Alf Thomas who had a good team, and that I could trade with him. I went and looked the team over. Thomas said he would trade with me for one hundred and fifty dollars to boot. He said he would take my note for the amount, if my Father would sign it. Father and I went up to old Centerville to look the team over again. When we got there, Mr. Thomas had gone over to Homer Ridge. Father and I drove over there, and met Mr. Thomas on the road. They were sure one swell team and I was proud of them. I drove my team on the reaper, during harvest that summer, and was ready to go to work on the threshing machine, August the 8th where I worked until November the 20th.

There were lots of dances that fall and winter, and Wallace and I did not miss very many of them. There was also a "singing school" held each week at the school house. It was at the "singing school" that I got acquainted with the girl who later became my wife.

Wallace and I were both home during the winter of 1875 and 1876. Had a big time as there were lots of parties and dances.

In the spring of 1876, my parents decided to build a new house. Quite early in the spring we started to dig the cellar. The frost wasn't out of the ground, yet.



We were sure busy hauling rock, sand, and lumber. A short time before this, father had bought forty acres of land that joined his farm, in the north. This land had been owned by a man named Uncle Bill Murray. He was a school teacher, and had taught the first school I went to in the winter of 1863.

Building the house gave us all plenty of work. Walt Hill wanted me to work for him on the threshing machine that fall, but father said he would give me the same wages that Mr. Hill would, if I would stay home and work for him, so I stayed home.

On October the 1st, 1876, I was united in marriage to Eliza P. Clark, whose folks were pioners too, having come to Minnesota from Fond du lac, Wis. before we came. Willard Lockwood and Emma Moon were married at the same time. We all stood up together and were married in a house that stood then where Ridgeway, Minn. is now.

That fall I rented the farm of Mrs. Clark, or Grandma Clark, as she was better known. This farm was situated across the road from where Wm. Gady now lives, and consisted of eighty acres.

I had no money at this time. My worldly goods consisted of my black team, Kit and Fan, a harness and an old wagon, but I had a lot of determination--needed it, too.

Father gave me a cow, two pigs, and a few chickens, and Ma and I moved in with Grandma Clark, and began life together. That fall I did almost all of my ploughing.

The spring of 1877, I started out to buy some grain for seed. I did not have a cent of money. I bought the grain from Sardis Northrup. Paid him one dollar and forty-two cents per bushel for wheat, and fifty cents per bushel for oats, and gave him my note for same at ten per cent interest, until paid. In the fall, I sold the wheat at ninety cents per bushel, and paid the note.

I did not get all the seed wheat that I had needed from Mr. Northrup, so I bought the rest from Wm. Campbell, who lived in Cedar Valley, at one dollar and thirty-five cents per bushel. I got a fairly good crop that first year.

We were without money. Our cow and chickens did not supply us with what milk, butter, and eggs we needed. We were badly in need of some groceries. So I went to Pickwick, a small town about seven miles from us to see if I could get two dollars and fifty cents worth of groceries. Mr. Suffrins, who kept the store would not let me have them, unless I got an order from my father. I came home without my groceries.

Mabel was born, June 21st, 1877, on this farm. About this time my father and mother went to Winona, and when they came home, they brought us three or four dollars worth of groceries. I never knew how they found out we were so hard up, but we were sure thankful for what they did for us.

I got the farm all plowed that fall, but I did not like renting. Father told me he would help me get a piece of land of my own, if I could find some I thought I could pay for. I heard there was a piece of land, one hundred and twenty five dollars, but the owner, Mr. Fraley, wanted cash.

Ma and I talked it over, and I went to Winona to see if I could find a man who would let me have the money. Went all over town trying to find a man that would make me any kind of a proposition. At last I found one, Mr. O. C. Tucker, who said he would let me have the money, if I could get my father to put in forty acres of land as security, and pay him twelve per cent interest on the money. I went home feeling pretty blue.

A few days later I went to see my father and mother, and had a talk with them about the land. I think they were afraid I would not be able to make good. I had been doing a lot of thinking, so I said to my father.

"You buy the land in your name and then you will not be running any risk, and I will get to work and break up the wild land, pay the taxes, and if anything should happen to me, you would have the farm."

They decided to do that. About the first of Jan. 1878, we went to Winona to fix up the papers on the farm. Mr. Tucker took a mortgage on the one hundred and twenty acres and on father's forty acres and paid over the \$925. Then I bought the 120 acres from father. I had five years to make good and I agreed to pay interest at the rate of twelve per cent for five years. Ma and I went to work to make good.

Father had the logs from a house that he had torn down, on the Murray forty, so he told me I could have them. I was sure glad to get them for my house, and we moved them over on our farm. The land I had bought was wild land, thickly covered with oak timber. We cleared off a spot and father and the boys helped me to put up the logs for the house. I traded the only cow we had for the lumber, to put a roof on the log house.

I still had my horse team, but I thought that if I had oxen I could work at a better advantage breaking up the wild land. I heard of a man by the name of James Eldridge, who lived on Homer Ridge, that wanted to trade a yoke of oxen and \$200 to boot for Kit and Fan, the harness, neckyoke, and whiffletrees. I never made a trade in my life, that I felt so badly over, as Ma and I both thought so much of that black team.

I drove the oxen, Star and Dime home, and two notes of one hundred dollars each in my pocket. We gave one of the notes to Mr. Tucker to help pay our first years interest on the farm, and the other to Phillip Brown for another yoke of four year old oxen. They were not very large. I heard of a Mr. Campbell in Money Creek who had a large yoke of oxen that were very poor, and that he wanted to trade with me, so we traded. I let the oxen run on grass until I was ready

to go to breaking and they gained so much I hardly knew they were the same ones. This was a good trade for me.

The winters of 1877 and 1878 were not very cold and no snow to speak of, so I did a lot of grubbing and worked at getting the land ready to break through the months of January, February, and March. I had also bought a cow from John Tripp for \$25, with the money Ma had received as her share in her father's estate. Her mother was still living. We named our cow Nellie.

In April, 1878, Ma, I, and Mabel who was about ten months old at the time, moved from Grandma Clark's place over to our log house in the "woods". We had our oxen team, Star and Dime, our one cow, Nellie, and old wagon, and all our household goods in the wagon box. We also had a few chickens, one little pig and lots of ambition.

I hired another yoke of oxen from Arthur Frothingham, so I had three good yoke of oxen to start breaking the land with and I started in June. Had to hire some help, so I gave George Wodward my watch to work for me a little while to drive the oxen on the big breaking plow. My brother, George, helped me, too, and I broke up forty-five acres. My brother, John, helped me, too, and we got through about the 4th of July.

We moved to my fathers and lived there during the haying and harvesting and I worked for my father, as I had no grain of my own to harvest that year. We had a swarm of bees, and while we were gone harvesting, some one took them.

I had quite a lot of work to do to get my land ready for winter wheat. George helped me a lot. I paid him one dollar per day. I also worked out when ever I could. Got two dollars a day for myself and team, and board at that time.

That fall I traded one yoke of oxen to Henry Stinson for a span of horses, Mage and Frank. They were three years old, and I bought a new wagon from O. C. Tucker, for \$67. Mr. Tucker took a chattel mortgage on my horses, harness and



wagon to secure the payment of \$117. Interest at twelve per cent. I had to give Mr. Stimson \$50 to boot on the trade for the horses.

I put in a little more than twenty acres of winter wheat that first fall. During the winter of 1878 and 1879 I hauled quite a lot of railroad ties and piling to Houston, Minn. Put them in, in the name of Fields and Briggs, buyers. Houston was twelve miles from my home. I would fasten the ties so that the horse called Mage could pull them, and then we would start for Houston. I walked most all the way. Made the trip in one day. We did not have much spare cash. I didn't have very good shoes, and wrapped my feet in old sacks to keep them warm. Ma made my mittens from old grain sacks, too.

The railroad company did not pay for the ties until June, 1879, but I could get our groceries, and feed for the horses and cow on the account. I had sold my yoke of oxen, Star and Dime, late in the fall to John Myers for \$100.

The spring of 1879 I put the balance of the forty-five acres to spring wheat, corn, and oats. All my harvesting was done by hand. We threshed out a little more than six hundred bushels of grain and this gave us a little start.

During the fall of 1879, I worked quite a bit for Al Jenkinson. He paid me two dollars a day for ploughing.

I cut and hauled some cord wood to Winona during the winter, and this bought our groceries and a few necessary articles of clothing.

George was born May the 9th, 1880, and about this time I bought another cow, from H. A. Corey for \$27. Bought her on time with the chance to pay for her when I had the money to spare.

Did my harvesting by hand this year of 1880.

The team of horses I had bought of Henry Stimson did not match very well, Mage was a lot faster than Frank. I heard there was a man in Looney Valley that had a big yoke of oxen and wanted to trade them for a horse. I went and seen

Mr. Gilbert Henderson and told him I wanted to trade, and why, and told him he could have either one of the horses for the oxen. He looked them over and took Frank. This was late in the fall of 1880.

I hauled cord wood to Winona during the winter so we got along pretty well. I kept the oxen all winter and sold them in the spring to George Harris and Allie Bourne, who wanted them to break with that summer. I didn't get any cash, but got their notes, and they signed over a chattel mortgage to me, that they had on twenty acres of winter wheat belonging to a man named Tom Gordon. He lived near Nodine. I had some time getting this money.

The winter of 1880 and 81 the legislature passed a bill to not allow stock to run at large any longer. Before this cattle and horses ran where they pleased. I did not have any water on my farm. All the water we used was hauled from the spring in the valley in barrels. This spring was a mile and a quarter from the house. There was a man, Nather Dakota, who owned the forty acres of land in section eight, that joined me on the north. This land had a good spring of water on it at this time. I went to see him and asked him if he would sell the forty acres. He said he would, and I could have it for the sum of \$20 and pay the back taxes, which were a little over \$12. I told him I would take it, and I bought it on the 22nd day of March, 1881. Sam Hamilton let me have the \$12 and fifty cents to pay the taxes, so I got my deed and put it on record. I gave Mr. Dakota my note for the ten dollars, and he took a truck wagon that I had for the other ten dollars.

At the end of the five years, when my contract was due, Mr. Tucker released my father on the mortgage and took me for it, on the farm. I only had to pay seven per cent interest after the first five years were up. I had paid him \$117 before this.

In the spring of 1882, I had to have a mate for Mage. I heard that a man

by the name of Howe had a horse for sale and I went to see him. He lived in Pickwick, Minn. He said he was an agent for farm machinery and that he had got the horse from a man named Grover, who lived in Looney Valley that had bought a reaper from him. He said I could have the horse for one hundred and twenty dollars, and could have two or three years to pay for him in, by paying ten per cent interest, so I bought him. He was a fine looking horse, a little larger than Mage, and they called him Bill. He proved to be a great horse, but a wild "son of a gun" when I bought him. It was while currying him that I learned to be a "Fluent Speaker."

I hauled lots of cord wood to Winona during this winter of 1882 and '83.

Maud was born March 26th, 1883.

Late in the spring I bought a team of horses from Dr. H. B. Train, Puss and Flora, but I did not keep them long. I sold them to John Ingram. John raised a span of colts from them, and I bought the colts. We called them Clyde and Fanny. After they were old enough to drive, Ma drove them a lot all around. She used to drive them to Winona every week to sell our butter.

In the fall of 1884 Wallis and I bought a second hand J. C. Case threshing machine for fifty dollars. We threshed together for three years and then I sold my share to Wallis for fifty dollars, and took my pay in threshing. I worked for Wallis, on the machine for the fall of 1887.

Willie was born August 30th, 1885.

From 1883 to 1890 I hauled lots of cordwood to Winona every winter with the horses, Mage and Bill. One week making a trip every day, and the next about every other day from my farm to Winona.

About this time, 1888, Charles Kidder died and Mrs. Kidder wanted me to buy the forty acres of her land which lay across the road from our house. She wanted to know what I would give her and I told her six hundred dollars, but if she could get any more for it, to take it. She wanted me to make it a standing offer,

and I did. In a few days she came back and said I could have the forty acres for \$600.

After buying this land off Mrs. Kidder it put me in debt to O. C. Tucker for \$1525, but time were getting better with us, and we soon began paying him off.

Earl was born January 3rd, 1891, and Cecil was born January 1st, 1893.

In the year of 1894 we built our first frame building, a granary 16x24, two stories high, set on stone piers. Our old buildings, house, barn, and chicken house, were all of logs, and our hay barn was built with post. Ervin Clark and I built the granary. He was just starting to be a carpenter, and this was his first job. He always said that was the job that gave him his start, and that I was the one that helped him.

Before this our old granary was built low on the ground. We had quite a bunch of cattle running loose in the yard. One night, late in the spring we did put the cattle in their shed, but left them in the yard. During the night, a wind storm came up, and the wind blew the granary door open. There was quite a lot of ground feed in the granary, and some of the cattle got in and ate a lot of it. We lost three of our best cows. Quite a loss at that time.

We got along fine during the years of 1895 and 1896. The children were old enough to help a lot, and George took a mans place, so I did not have to hire so much.

June the 28th, 1896, Mabel was united in marriage to Albert E. House of Hokah, Minn.

Madeline was born October, 16th, 1896.

The winters of 1898 and 1899 we spent in getting ready to build a barn, 40x60. We hauled seventy loads of rock on the wagon and seventy loads on the sleigh, 140 loads of rock. We dug the basement of the barn in the early winter of 1898. The barn was finished in the year of 1899. The neighbors all insisted on having a big dance in it, and people came for miles around and all had a fine time. A man named Brown did the mason work, and Wm. Kibble and George Figge did the carpenter work on the barn.

All these years we had been hauling water from the spring, at first in barrels, and later in tanks.

In the spring of 1901, we decided to have a well drilled. I let the contract to John Welch and Auton Bowers of LaCrescent, to do the job. They had good luck and on the 9th day of May, George's 21st birthday, they raised the wind mill tower. It was a great relief to us, to have all the water we could use, without hauling it in barrels and tanks.

Elvira, our youngest child was born December 29th, 1900.

December 30th, 1901, Maud was united in marriage to James Kerrigan of Pleasant Hill Township. George was united in marriage to Edna Hellelgrave, March 12th, 1902, she was also a resident of Pleasant Hill Township.

In the spring of 1904, I bought a house from Willard Lockwood and moved it on to our place where our log house had stood and built on an addition to it. We remodeled it quite a lot. We tore the log house down at this time. All our children, except Mabel (who was born on Grandma Clark's place) were born in our old log house.

A few years before this, there had been a lot of talk among the farmers about building a creamery. There were quite a number being built over the state, and they were a great success. It was getting to be almost impossible to market our homemade butter. We had a lot of meetings. Eugene Logan, Dan Burke, John Burry, Warner Gleason, Frank Sinclair, two other men and myself were the committee to get things started.

Dan Burke was the first president of our organization. At one of the meetings, Mr. Burke resigned saying he was too old. He nominated me for the office and I was elected president and manager of the Ridgeway Creamery Co. We had quite a time over getting some of the farmers to sign up for a creamery. Eugene Logan and I drove all over that Town of Pleasant Hill to get signers.



At last we got thirty signers, so we decided to go ahead and build the creamery.

The first thing we had to have was money, so we directors went to Winona, Minn. We went to the Winona Deposit Bank and borrowed \$4000, the directors all signed a joint note for the money.

Eugene Logan gave us the site for the new creamery, so we got busy on the foundation in November, 1901.

The first milk was brought to the creamery the 1st day of May, 1902. We got along fine. We had to have \$1000 more to finish the building and pay for the machinery.

Martin Keopsill was our first buttermaker. We did the hauling of the butter to Winona in wagons, where it was loaded into refrigerator cars and shipped to eastern points. Chicago took the most of our butter, and we received two dollars and fifty cents per trip for the hauling. We hauled the butter for about three years and during the last year we received three dollars per trip.

I was on the creamery board from the year 1901 to February 1920 and was president and manager all the time except two years. We passed thru some very exciting times. Had a few law suits and won everyone we had, and when we moved to Winona in 1919 the creamery business was in good shape.

I held the office of president until the annual meeting in February, 1920. I had also served on the Town Board for a number of years, and on the school board. I was an officer in the Modern Woodman of America, and these kept me tied at home pretty closely for years.

All these years we had never had but one short trip, so we thought we would take a vacation. Ma had two sisters living in Oklahoma who had long wanted us to come and see them. Ma's sister Mary said she would go with us. We decided that we would go, so in the fall of 1904 we started. Mary, Ma, Vi, and I bought our tickets from Winona to Foss, Oklahome, on the Burlington Route.

It was sure some trip for us. Vi was not four years old until the 29th of Dec. It was quite warm while we were there. We seen lots of cotton growing and lots of cotton gins. We were there about four weeks. I had a lot of sport shooting quail and rabbits. We seen our first jackrabbits and prairie dogs, while on this trip. When we got back to LaCrosse, Wisc., the ground was covered with snow and I caught such a cold, it lasted me all winter. Ma, Mary, and Vi stood it fine. We went through St. Louis, and over the Ozark Mountains in Missouri on our trip. Mabel and Albert looked after our home while we were gone. After this trip we settled down to work for a few more years.

My father passed away in March of 1905.

In the fall of 1906, Frank Nelson, who had worked for me a lot and was now at Obden, Utah, wrote me that there was a carload of horses there, and that we could buy them very cheap, and he thought we could make some money on them. I sent Frank the money by telegraph, to pay for the horses as he was afraid the men would not hold them for us very long. We got the horses and made good on them. Would have done better if we had not lost two of the best ones. I kept two of them for our own use, Colonel and Doll, and had them a long time.

At the time Ma and I were married they used to hold a Clark Family reunion every year at Grandma Clarks. After her death there were no more held until June 20th, 1905. This one was held at the home of Dan Clark on June 20, 1905, in which seventy-five relatives and nineteen others were present. Total 194.

On June 20, 1906 the second reunion was held at Dan Clarks home. Relatives present--ninety-two, other--sixteen. Total 108.

The next reunion was held at our home in Section 17, Town of Pleasant Hill, on June 20, 1907. Relatives present--102, Others--24. Total 126.

June 20, 1908, we held another one, in which 77 relatives and fifteen others were present. Total 192.

June 20, 1909, they held another at our home. Relatives present--75, others--9. Total 84.

We missed the year of 1910, but on June 20, 1911, we held the last one at our home. Relatives and others present--93.

My mother passed away July 30, 1911. Willie was united in marriage to Emma Walling of Winona, August 2, 1911. Earl was united in marriage to Mary Frappier of Pleasant Hill Township, November 3, 1911.

Ma and I took a trip to Sterling, Idaho, in May, 1915. Mabel and Albert had gone out to Idaho to work for Frank Nelson, and Mabel was taken sick, so we went to see her. We had a nice trip and got home in June. The weather was fine almost all the time we were there. When we got there, we found Mabel lots better. Going out there, the train we were on run through a herd of sheep and killed quite a number of them. We stayed all night in Pocatello, Idaho, and Albert and Mabel met us at Black Foot. We were at Sterling and Aberdeen and also took a trip out into the Snake River desert.

The farm Frank Nelson was on was almost as level as a floor and was watered by irrigation. The water was taken from the Snake River, and the big ditch was about 30 miles long. Farming by irrigation is altogether different than the way we farm in Minnesota. Their main crops were: potatoes, sugar beets, alfalfa, and some small grains. There were lots of sheep, some cattle, hogs, and horses. The soil of Franks farm was volcanic ash. We sure had a fine trip and found everything all right when we reached home.

Cecil was united in marriage to Florence Brown of Witoka, Minn. November 27, 1917. In July, 1918, Cecil went to France. He had been drafted as a soldier in the World War which was raging at this time.

Madeline was united in marriage to Walter Pflughoeft of Pleasant Hill Township, Sept. 18, 1918. They rented our farm as we were living on the J.D. Morcomb homestead at this time. Part of which I had purchased when the estate

was settled. Earl was living on our farm at this time.

In June, 1919 we decided to move to Winona if we could find a home that suite us, so Ma and I went to Winona to find a house. We looked around quite a lot. At last we found a house at 528 East Broadway. It was owned by a Mr. Rexab, who was at that time in St. Paul. His wife told us what we could have it for and that we could move in right away if we wanted to. I told Mrs. Rexab that if they would take some Liberty Bonds that I had we would take the house. She said she would write to Mr. Rexab to come to Winona. She did, and in a few days we had the house bought, and soon after we moved to Winona. Mr. Rexab tried to get me to take the market price for the bonds, but I told him I had to have the face value, so the house and lot cost us three thousand dollars.

After we were settled in Winona, Ma's brother Asbury wanted us to go to Oklahoma with them and to drive through with our cars. We talked it over and decided to go to Oklahoma in the spring of 1920, as Uncle Asbury and his sister Libbie had been married at the same time, and the anniversary of their wedding would be the 27th of May, 1920. We intended to start early enough to get there by that date. We went to work on our cars and fixed them so we could sleep in them and camp wherever night overtook us.

On the 17th of May, 1920, we started from Winona for Oklahoma. Ma's sister, Hattie Klien and her husband lived near Custer, Okla. and her sister, Libbie Van Alstine and her husband lived at Stafford, Okla., where they were going to hold the wedding anniversary reunion. Stafford was to be our destination if we could find it, and get there in time. When we started out it was quite cool and the roads were not very good. We had a new car, but Asbury and Julia had an old one.

On our first day, just after we had passed through Chatfield, Minn., Asbury ran off the road, and if it hadn't been for a little tree about three inches through

he would have landed in a deep ditch. As it was, I had to get a team to pull him back into the road. Aunt Julia got quite a scare, and wanted to go back to Winona, but Uncle Asbury didn't want to hear anything about going back, so we went on. The road was very muddy where he ran off of it. From there on, I drove ahead and A. B. followed me. We found lots of poor roads.

We drove to Albert Lea, Minn. and across Iowa, going through Des Moines, The capital of that state. Through Missouri to St. Joe, thru to Kansas to Wichita, then to Enid, Okla. The roads were very bad, and how it did rain. We lost lots of time, and when the 27th of May came we were a long way from Stafford, but we kept on going.

At one place we had to cross the Canadian River, on a ferry boat. This was the 27th of May. We drove on to the ferry boat in our cars. They could not take us all the way across the river on account of low water, so we had to drive off the ferry into the river, and drive two or three hundred feet thru water to get to shore. The water was about twenty inches deep and looked deeper. They had a team and rope there to pull us out of the quicksand if we got stuck in it. Ma didn't like this part of the trip and was scared when we crossed the river. This was the afternoon of the 27th of May. We still had quite a ways to go before we reached Stafford and the roads were getting worse all the time. We had chains on the cars all day.

About six o'clock in the evening we reached Clinton, Okla., where Ma's neice Eva Falconer lived, but we didn't know it then. We stopped at the oil station for gas, and was going to Stafford, when a man came up and occosted us. It was Lafe Falconer, Eva's husband, and she was there almost as soon as he was. Eva had seen us drive by their house, and had sent Lafe to stop us. Stafford was ten miled beyond Clinton, and the roads were very bad, so they said that we had better stay with them all night. They didn't have to coax us much, as we were all so tired and glad to stop. We were surprised to find Eva living there, and we had no idea that Clinton



and Stafford were so near each other. We slept in beds that night for the first time since leaving Winona, and we did not get to Stafford on May 27th.

Oklahoma is quite a lot different than Minn. The soil is the color of brick, and they raise crops that we cannot raise in Minn. such as: cotton, broom corn, Kaffer corn and lots of alfalfa, also winter wheat, corn, and as stock, they raise cattle and hogs. Peaches, apples, and plums are some of the fruits. It was quite a change from Minnesota. It is very warm during the day, in the summer months, but the nights are quite cool. We had a good run going back to Winona, and reached home the last of June.

With the exception of our yearly trip to Brainerd to visit our son George who had made Brainerd his home since 1908, and our daughter, Mabel, who had come from Idaho to live at Brainerd in 1919, we lived pretty quietly in our home in Winona.

In June 1922, a man by the name of Fredrickson came to our home on Broadway and wanted to know if we would sell the property, as he wanted to buy a house and lot. I had never seen the man, and we had put no add in the paper, or offered to sell our house, but I told him we would sell it, and he could have it for \$5000.

He looked it over and said he would like to have his wife see it, and wanted me to hold it for him until he could get her there. In a short time they were back and looked the house over. He said he had some property on High Forest St. Winona, and if he could sell that, he would buy our house.

They went away, but in a short time they came back and said they had made up their minds to buy our house and he gave me twenty-five dollars to bind the bargain. They had just been married, he had three boys by a former marriage and she had two sons. They had been married about three weeks, when they bought our house, and wanted to move in right away, or as soon as we could get out. Ma and I started out to buy us a new home. In three days we had one. This home was located at 257 East 4th st. Winona, and was all modern throughout.

Elvira was united in marriage to Joseph Simon, August 12, 1922.

Minnesota State Fair  
CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

DEADLINE: July 1

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM STEPHEN AND SANDRA SIMON

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE STEPHEN AND SANDRA ~~SIMON~~ SIMON

ADDRESS R1 Box 216 ALTURA MN. 55910  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 534-2967

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

SECTION 3 & 4 TOWNSHIP ELBA COUNTY WINONA

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 61.5

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY JULY 14, 1897

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 04 TWP-107  
RANGE 010 N 1/2

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>JACOB SIMON</u>	<u>1897 - 1905</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
Next Owner <u>PETER SIMON</u>	<u>1905 - 1951</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
Next Owner <u>AMBROSE SIMON</u>	<u>1951 - 1977</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
Next Owner <u>STEPHEN SIMON</u>	<u>1977 - NOW</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.

Stephen Simon  
(signature of present owner)

6/30/97  
(date)

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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

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

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

DEADLINE: July 1

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Gary & Jim Sobeck

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Gary & Jim Sobeck

ADDRESS RR5 Box 17 Winona Mn 55987  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 454-2673

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

SECTION 18 TOWNSHIP Wilson COUNTY Winona  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 108

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY June 2, 1860

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 NE 1/4 & N 1/2 of SE 1/4 of Section 18 Tp. 106, Rg. 7 except  
12 acres Gene Marg

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Conrad Fakler</u>	<u>June 2, 1860 - 1909</u>	<u>Father of George Sr</u>
Next Owner <u>George Fakler Sr</u>	<u>1909 - 1941</u>	<u>Wife of George Sr</u>
Next Owner <del>Fakler</del> <u>Agnes Fakler Jr</u>	<u>1941 - 1949</u>	<u>Mother of George Jr</u>
Next Owner <u>George Fakler Jr</u>	<u>1949 - 1969</u>	<u>Father of Jerome</u>
Next Owner <u>Jerome Fakler</u>	<u>1969 - 1991</u>	<u>Father of Duane &amp; Sharon</u>
<u>Duane Fakler &amp; Sharon Hagen</u>	<u>1991 - 1996</u>	<u>Cousins of Gary &amp; Jim</u>

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

Check those that apply: Jim & Gary Sobeck 1990 - present

- (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.

Gary Sobeck - Jim Sobeck 6/25/98  
(signature of present owner) (date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Henry D Huff

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 120

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$3

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? unknown

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? unknown

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Conrad Fakler is our great, great grandfather. Over the years this 120 acre farm got divided into 4 plots. Now my brother & I own 3 of the 4 plots, 108 acres 12 acres & the building site we do not own.

In 1941 Eugene Sobeck bought 40 acres from Agnes Fakler then in 1994 sold it to Gary Sobeck

In 1996 Duane Fakler sold 40 acres to Gary & Jim Sobeck

& In 1996 Sharon Hager sold 28 acres to Gary & Jim Sobeck

In 1971 Jerome Fakler sold the building site & 12 acres to Gene Marg.

Agnes Fakler Sobeck is our grandmother



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**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY**

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Ruth Thompson and Thomas Rowekamp and ~~Thomas~~

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Irene Thompson and  
Ruth Thompson, Thomas Rowekamp

ADDRESS Rt 2, Box 17 Lewiston MN 55952  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 523-3544

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

SECTION 27 TOWNSHIP Utica (106) COUNTY Winona

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 240

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1877

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

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.) PRCL # R15.000.2080

Sect -27 Twp -106 Range -009

S 240 AC of W 1/2

**PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP**

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner John Thompson	<u>1877</u> - <u>1879</u>	Brother
Next Owner James Thompson	<u>1879</u> - <u>1910</u>	Uncle
Next Owner J. W. Thompson	<u>1910</u> - <u>1941</u>	Husband + Father
Next Owner Amanda, Alvin + Ralph Thompson	<u>1941</u> - <u>1962</u>	mother + Brother
Next Owner Alvin Thompson / <del>Ralph Thompson</del>	<u>1962</u> - <u>1987</u>	<del>Husband</del> Husband

- Irene Thompson, Thomas Rowekamp 1987 - 1988 - Mother  
- Ruth Thompson + ~~Thomas~~ 1988 - Present

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

Check those that apply:

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

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

Ruth Thompson Thomas Rowekamp  
(signature of present owner)

6/22/98  
(date)

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

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 330 we think - Farm is now 240

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

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Scotland

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? Original Home was moved and is now the home of Gary + Jody Heim - 1 mile east of our Farm - was moved there at the end of WWI.

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? ~~1917~~ 1917

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Diversified Crops Roan and Durham Cattle per the "History of Winona County" Book

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

From what we can tell my Great Grandfather <sup>John</sup> bought the land and then sold some to his Brother James Thompson. When my Grandfather married he bought our present farm from his Uncle (James) my Father got the farm after his brother + mother died - within a short amount of time <sup>from each other</sup> I was raised here and bought the farm from my mother in 1988.

The large frame barn is still standing that is on some of the first photographs that we have, along with the outhouse + windmill - both still in working condition. (we still pump most of our water with wind)

The original house was moved at the end of WWI - my dad <sup>always</sup> told us that the crew only got the house half way - Then celebrated for a week at Armisties - then came back and finished the move. Gary + Jody Heim just recently moved into + Remolded this home.

Our present home is about 79-80 yrs old and is pretty much unchanged from when first Built. ~~Remolded~~ All oak woodwork which has Never been Refresh - Still all original - 5 bedrooms, 10ft ceilings, large Kitchen, dining Room and Living Room.

Grandpa Thompson (J.W) built the granary - complete with <sup>internal</sup> elevator System. All still  
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original. The Farm Building Site is on a Rock ledge, a perfect place for Building since crops would not grow - People often comment about all the Rock.

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Russell J. Wirt & Family

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Russell J., Donna, J. Duane, Dennis, Doug Wirt

ADDRESS RR 1, Box 45 Lewiston MN 55952  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code ( 507 ) 523-3723

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

SECTION 19 TOWNSHIP Warren COUNTY Winona  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT own 650 & rent 550 for a total of 1200

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY October 11, 1855

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 18, Township 106, Range 008, 80 AC in E 1/2 NW 1/4 and

Section 18, Township 106, Range 008 40 AC in SE 1/4 SW 1/4

**PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP**

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner Christian F. Wirt	1855 - 1895	Owner
Next Owner Jacob Wirt	1895 - 1936	Son of Christian
Next Owner Elmer Wirt	1936 - 1960	Son of Jacob
Next Owner Russell J. Wirt	1960 - 1997	Son of Elmer
Next Owner Russell, Donna, J. Duane, Dennis & Doug	1997 - Present	Father & 3 Sons

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 | (X) 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.

Russell, Donna, J. Duane, Dennis & Doug Wirt 7-1-98  
(signature of present owner) (date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? The Government

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 120 (40 on Sec 18 and 80 on Sec 19)

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$1 +

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

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

IF SO, PLEASE LIST

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDING STILL STANDING OR IN USE? No The old milk house, barn & chicken coop

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1970

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Dairy, Chickens, Corn, wheat & hay

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM DUANE C. & NANCY A. BURKSTRAND

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE SAME

ADDRESS BOX 875 COKATO MN 55321  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (320) 286-5686 W- 320-543-3171

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE THERE IS NO ADDRESS

SECTION 22 TOWNSHIP STOCKHOLM COUNTY WRIGHT

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 50

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 2/21/1884

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

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

NORTH 5/8 OF EAST 1/2 OF SW 1/4, SEC. 22, TWP 11B, R. 28, WRIGHT CO.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>LEWIS JOHNSON</u>	<u>2/21/1884 - 9/3/43</u>	<u>FATHER OF ALBERT</u>
Next Owner <u>ALBERT L. JOHNSON</u>	<u>9/3/43 - 5/1/50</u>	<u>FATHER OF LOUIS</u>
Next Owner <u>LOUIS H. JOHNSON</u>	<u>5/1/50 - 3/15/93</u>	<u>UNCLE OF DUANE</u>
Next Owner <u>DUANE C &amp; NANCY A. BURKSTRAND</u>	<u>3/15/93 - 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.

Duane C. Burkstrand

(signature of present owner)

6/18/97

(date)

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

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 50

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? 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? THERE ISN'T ONE

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: ALBERT L. JOHNSON WAS BORN ON THIS PROPERTY.  
IN 1920 ALBERT L. JOHNSON BOUGHT 40 ACRES ADJOINING  
THIS PROPERTY AND 40 ACRES DIRECTLY ACROSS A GRAVEL ROAD.  
WHEN LEWIS JOHNSON DIED ALBERT'S MOTHER SOLD ~~THE~~ ALBERT  
THIS PROPERTY. SINCE ALBERT'S FARM HAD BETTER BUILDINGS ON  
IT HE LET THE BUILDINGS ON THE SUBJECT FARM DETERIORATE  
AND THEY WERE EVENTUALLY DESTROYED. THERE ARE NO  
BUILDINGS ON THE ORIGINAL 50 ACRES.

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Ed and Erva Hance

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Ed and Erva Hance

ADDRESS 2337 Co Rd 35W Buffalo MN 55313  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (612) 682-4711

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

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_ TOWNSHIP Chatham COUNTY Wright

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 80

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1897

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 27 Twp 120 Range 026

Sec 26 Twp 120 Range 026

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Joseph Hance</u>	<u>1897-1929</u>	<u>father</u>
Next Owner <u>Wilfred Hance</u>	<u>1929-1958</u>	<u>father</u>
Next Owner <u>Helen Hance</u> <u>Edward + Erva Hance</u>	<u>1958-1974</u> <u>76 - 98</u>	<u>Spouse</u> <u>Son</u>
Next Owner		
Next Owner		

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

Check those that apply:

( ) Abstract of Title

( ) Court File in Registration Proceedings

( ) Land Patent

( ) County land Record

( ) Original Deed

(X) Other: copy of - Contract for Deed

Filed April 22, 1897

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

Edward J. Hance  
(signature of present owner)

6-9-1998  
(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? mother

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? \_\_\_\_\_

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 ; home is 89 yrs old

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1909

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: dairy, chickens, pigs

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM

DAVID FLOYD HOOVER

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE

HOOVER FARM

ADDRESS

7839 JELLISON AVE SW HOWARD LAKE MN

55349

(street)

(city)

(state)

(zip)

PHONE NUMBER

area code (320) 543-2276

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION

09

TOWNSHIP

VICTOR-118

COUNTY

WRIGHT

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT

565

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY

1859

HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM?

IF SO, WHEN?

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

sect 09 TWP 118 Range 27  
SE SW EXC N 35 RDS

sect 09 TWP 118 Range 27  
N 35 RDS OF SE SW

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner JOSEPH HOOVER	1859 - 1913	FATHER
Next Owner WILLIAM HOOVER	1913 - 1950	FATHER
Next Owner FLOYD HOOVER	1950 - 1975	FATHER
Next Owner DAVID HOOVER	1975 to 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

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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David Hoover

(signature of present owner)

6/27/97

(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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~~Grandma~~ Grandma Jenny Hoover used to put food in a bucket and put it in the well pit to stay cool. Electricity was put in the house in 1938. Indoor plumbing was put in in 1944. Joseph Hoover was in the civil war and spent some time in the Andersonville prison. He was released and he came home to farm. Grandma Jenny taught school and went to Dutch Lake every day in her horse and buggy.



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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM ELAINE (MELIN) NORIN

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE ELAINE MELIN NORIN

ADDRESS 10235 KADLER AVE NE MONTICELLO MN 55362  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (612) 295-2019

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 10 TOWNSHIP 121 RANGE 24 COUNTY WRIGHT  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 59

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY MARCH 16, 1898

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

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc.) LOT 4 4E 5 1/2 OF LOT 3 EXCEPT TR DESC IN BK 220-300 (APPROXIMATELY 1 1/2 ACRES)

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner ALBERT MELIN & JUSTINA HIS WIFE	MAR. 16, 1898 TO	FATHER & MOTHER OF G. ROBERT MELIN
Next Owner G. ROBERT MELIN & GREBA JO HIS WIFE	APR. 24, 1958 TO	FATHER & MOTHER OF ELAINE (MELIN) NORIN
Next Owner ELAINE (MELIN) NORIN (FORMERLY ELAINE M. WALTON - DIVORCED SEP. 14, 1966. MARRIED	JAN. 9, 1963 TO PRESENT	
Next Owner CARL BERNARD NORIN JULY 13, 1968. CARL DIED DEC. 14, 1980)		
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.

Elaine Melin Norin

(signature of present owner)

July 16, 1997

(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? THE NETHERLANDS AMERICAN LAND COMPANY

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 60

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$ 10.00 (TOTAL PRICE SHOWN ON ABSTRACT IS \$600.00 - WHICH INCLUDES THE HOUSE)

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? YES

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? DATE UNKNOWN, BUT PRIOR TO MAR. 16, 1898  
WHEN ALBERT MELIN PURCHASED IT.

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? CORN, HAY (ALFALFA), MILK

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

[illegible]

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM GAYLORD D. PAVLIK + MARGARET M. PAVLIK

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE GAYLORD AND MARGE PAVLIK

ADDRESS 2353 DONNELLY DR NW, BUFFALO, MN 55313  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (320) 963-3312

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 3 TOWNSHIP 120 COUNTY WRIGHT

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 119.2

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY FEB 19, 1898

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

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

W 1/2 OF NE 1/4 AND NW 1/4 OF SE 1/4 SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 120,  
RANGE 26

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>JOSEPH PAVLIK + WIFE ANNA</u>	<u>1898 - 1932</u>	<u>FATHER OF JOSEPH</u>
Next Owner <u>JOSEPH PAVLIK + WIFE GLADYS</u>	<u>1932 - 1970</u>	<u>FATHER OF GAYLORD</u>
Next Owner <u>GAYLORD PAVLIK + WIFE MARGARET</u>	<u>1970 - PRESENT</u>	
Next Owner		
Next Owner		

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

Check those that apply:

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

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

Gaylord Paulik Margaret M. Paulik  
(signature of present owner)

2-23-98

(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? JOHN + PAUL PUNCOCHER

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 120

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$26.67

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS IN 1856

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? YES - PART WAS A HOMESTEAD & PART WAS RAILROAD PROPERTY

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDING STILL STANDING OR IN USE? ORIGINAL HOME STILL STANDING - 1932 DAIRY BARN STILL STANDING

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? OUR PRESENT HOME WAS BUILT IN 1970. THE ORIGINAL HOME WAS BUILT BEFORE MY GRAND PARENTS PURCHASED IN 1898.

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? DAIRY FARM - CATTLE & CORN & ALFALFA

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

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM HARVEY L. PETERSON

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE ~~HARVEY AND GLENDA~~ PETERSON  
KNAPPVIEW FARM

ADDRESS 338 QUINNELL AVE SW COKATO MN 55321  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (320) 286-5696

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 5 TOWNSHIP COKATO COUNTY WRIGHT

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 140

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.)  
SOUTH 1/2 of Northeast Quarter, Sec 5, TWP 119, Range 28

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner ALFRED J. MORIS	1896 - 1902	(PETERSON) ALFRED'S BROTHER-IN-LAW
Next Owner ALFRED PETERSON	1902 - 1932	FATHER OF THEODORE
Next Owner THEODORE A. PETERSON	1932 - 1977	FATHER OF HARVEY
Next Owner HARVEY L. PETERSON	1977 - present	
Next Owner		

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Check those that apply:

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

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

Harvey L. Peterson  
(signature of present owner)

4/14/97  
(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? INGEBORG BACKSTROM

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 80

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

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? 19

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? DAIRY, WHEAT, CORN, SOYBEANS, ALFALFA

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

INFORMATION CONCERNING THE HISTORY OF THIS FARM  
IS AVAILABLE AT THE COKATO HISTORICAL MUSEUM IN  
A MEMOIR BY THEODORE A. PETERSON.

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Robert T. Wurm

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Robert and Mary Wurm

ADDRESS 7684 75<sup>th</sup> St. n.w. Maple Lake Mn. 55358  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (320) 963-3776

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

SECTION 26 TOWNSHIP Columbia COUNTY WRIGHT

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 80

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1892 + 1898

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-26 Twp-121 Range-037  
NW SW + S1-2 W1-2 NW

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <i>Spelling changed to Wurm</i> <u>William + Lena Wurm</u> (1929)	<u>1892 - 1930</u>	<u>father + mother</u>
Next Owner <u>Anthony (Tony) + Anna Wurm</u>	<u>1930 - 1959</u>	<u>father + mother</u>
Next Owner <u>Robert + Mary Wurm</u>	<u>1959 - 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 T. Wurm  
(signature of present owner)

7-23-98  
(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Clinton Parker

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? ?

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? I think Germany

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? Early 1900's, Addition 1946

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: original House was a log house.  
Part was bought in 1892 & part in 1898

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**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY**

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM LAVONN & ROBERT ALLECKSON

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE ROBERT AND LAVONN ALLECKSON

ADDRESS RR 2 Box 103 MINNEOTA MN 56264  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 872-6491

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

SECTION 20 TOWNSHIP TYRO COUNTY YELLOW MEDICINE  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY FEBRUARY 26, 1897

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 of SECTION 20 in Township ONE HUNDRED FIFTEEN NORTH, of RANGE forty-two West of the Fifth Principle Meridian in MINNESOTA, CONTAINING ONE HUNDRED SIXTY ACRES.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>AUGUST &amp; MARIE NEHRING</u>	<u>FEB 26, 1897 - July 30, 1937</u>	<u>Husband</u>
Next Owner <u>MARIE NEHRING</u>	<u>July 30, 1937 - May 7, 1951</u>	<u>MOTHER</u>
Next Owner <u>NEHRING</u> <u>12 SONS &amp; DAUGHTERS</u>	<u>MAY 7, 1951 - NOV. 17, 1951</u>	<u>BROS. &amp; SISTERS</u>
Next Owner <u>LEONARD &amp; LEONA NEHRING</u>	<u>NOV. 17, 1951 - JAN 27, 1975</u>	<u>SON.</u>
Next Owner <u>MYRON NEHRING</u>	<u>JAN 27, 1975 - APR 15, 1975</u>	<u>BROTHER</u>
<u>ROBERT &amp; LAVONN ALLECKSON</u>	<u>APR 15, 1975 - 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 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.

Robert & Lavonn Alleckson

(signature of present owner)

6-27-97

(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? HOMESTEAD - United States

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160 ACRES

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? HOMESTEAD

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? GERMANY

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? YES

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

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

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? CORN Flax wheat BEANS

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Grandma + Grandpa Homesteaded this farm

Their first mortgage was \$500.00. The interest rate was 6 1/2 % . They built a 5 bedroom home, a barn, grainery, machine shed also a wash house. Grandma + Grandpa had no electricity, no running water, yet they raised 12 children, 5 boys, 7 girls.

Blessed with health and the grace of God, they saw their children reach adulthood. They spent their final years in Oklahoma. Bob + I have farmed this land for the past years and do so at present



PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

EDGAR & THELMA ANUNDSON  
(this name will appear on certificate)

7/19/94

ADDRESS Box 195 Route 1 GRANITE FALLS MN 56241  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (320) 269-7803  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE SAME AS ABOVE

SECTION 24 TOWNSHIP LISBON COUNTY YELLOW MEDICINE

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 159

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Dec. 15 1890

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement) NE 1/4 SECTION 24  
TWP 116, RANGE 41 EXCEPT 1 ACRE SOLD TO BERGEN LUTHERAN Church.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner: ANNA T. MORK	FROM 1890 TO 1939	GRAND MOTHER TO THELMA
next owner: ANNA T. MORK ESTATE	1939 1948	UNCLE & Aunts TO THELMA
next owner: EDGAR & THELMA ANUNDSON	1948 PRESENT	
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. DO NOT SEND RECORDS.

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

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

X

(signature of present owner)

DATE July 15, 1994

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS -  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? THEO. & ANNA MARIE STOLTENBERG

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

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

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? NORWAY

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

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

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

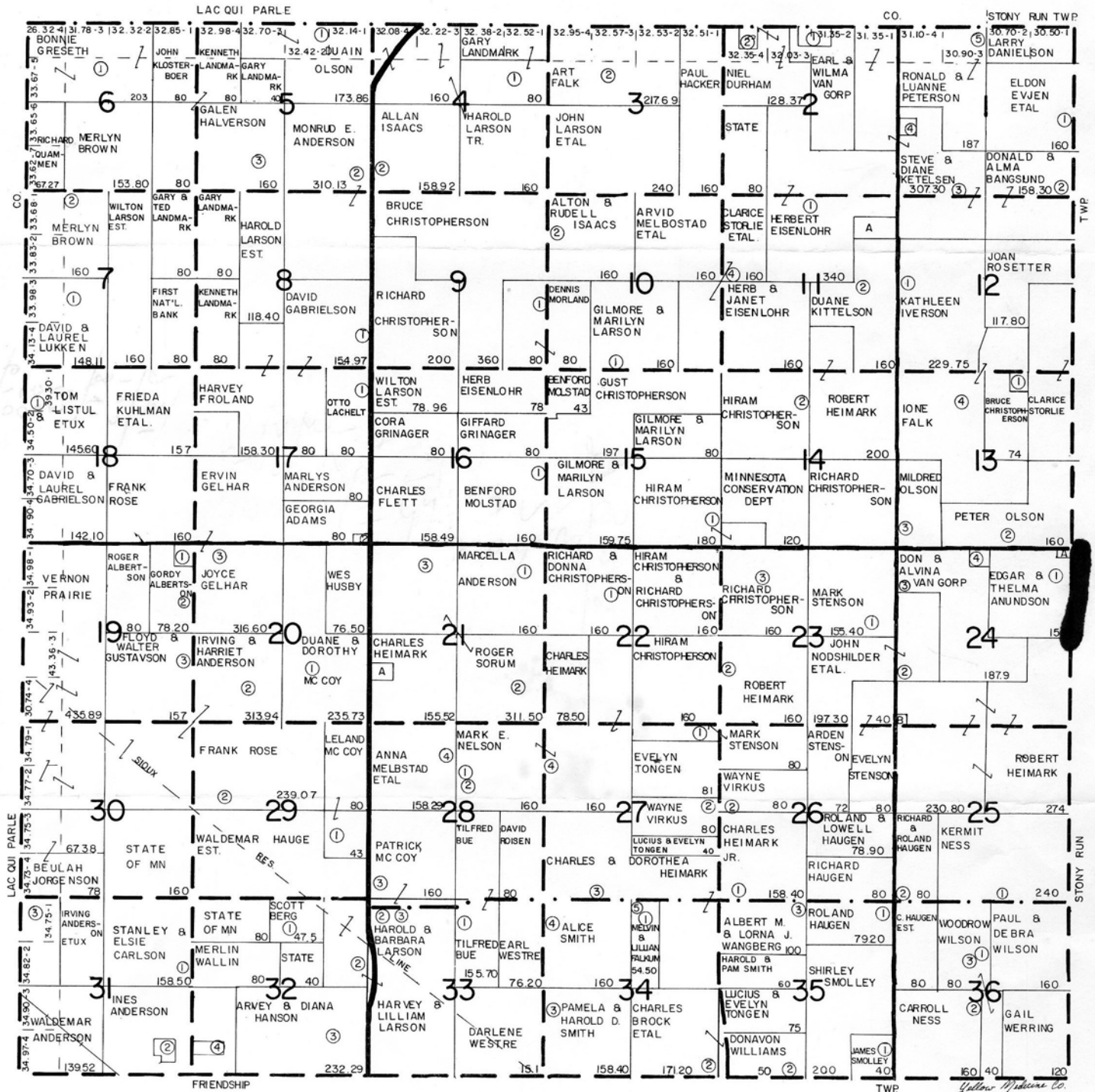
WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? \_\_\_\_\_

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1922

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:



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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Hannah Elvira Bloom

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Hannah Elvira Bloom Bengtson

ADDRESS 1820 - 42nd St. Moline, IL 61265

(street)

(city)

(state)

(zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (509) 797 5775

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE SEE NOTE

SECTION 10 TOWNSHIP Oshkosh COUNTY Yellow Medicine

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 80

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

SE 1/4 of Section 10 - North Eighty in Oshkosh Township Yellow Medicine Co.

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner		
<u>Peter &amp; Hannah Bengtson</u>	<u>1878 - 1936</u>	<u>Mother of Enfred</u>
Next Owner		
<u>Enfred &amp; Hulda Bengtson</u>	<u>1936 - 1960</u>	<u>Father of Hannah</u>
Next Owner		
<u>Hannah Elvira Bengtson Bloom</u>	<u>1960 - Present</u>	
Next Owner		
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 (X) Other: Yellow Medicine County History Book

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

Hannah Elvira Bengtson Bloom by Norm Monteford  
(signature of present owner)

6-29-1998

(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Homestead

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? Homestead

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Sweden

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? See Note

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Enfred Bengtson and daughter, Hannah Elvira Bengtson Bloom,  
measured land in the Oshkosh and surrounding townships, by walking with a  
chain measure and a wheel gauge, on a bicycle wheel. The family still has this.  
This farm has been farmed by family members for more than 100 years.

6/29/98

ATTN: Ken Giannini

We talked over the phone about this 180 acre farm, that it was divided between two brothers, and that this 80 had no buildings on it. This 80 has been kept in the family, where the other 80 with the building site was sold out of the family.

I have submitted this Century Farm application without the owner's knowledge, the information I have received is from her family. If it is accepted, we want to make it a surprise for her. So please send all correspondence to:

Norman Teigland  
RR 3 Box 163  
Canby, MN 56220  
Phone: 507-223-5770

If the application is accepted, please address the certificate to this address also, as the family would like to give it to her personally when she comes for a visit later this summer. Thank you!

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Jerome and Linda Bruns

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Jerome and Linda Bruns

ADDRESS RR 1 Box 26A Porter MN 56280  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 296-4645

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 35 TOWNSHIP Wergeland COUNTY Yellow Medicine

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 106.67

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1897

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 less South 800 feet Township 144 North Range 44 W

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
<u>John H. Bruns</u>		
First Owner John H. Bruns	<u>1897-1920</u>	Father of John J.
Next Owner John J. Bruns	<u>1920-1974</u>	Grandfather of Bruns Children
Next Owner Marilyn Petersen Sharleen Bruns Jorgenson <del>Jerome Bruns</del>	<u>1974-1983</u>	Siblings of Jerome
Next Owner Jerome E. Bruns	<u>1983-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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Jerome E. Bruns  
(signature of present owner)

June 19, 1998

(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Eastern Investment Company

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160 acres

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$26.00/acre

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Yes

IS THE ORIGINAL HOME, OR ANY PORTION OF IT, OR OTHER ORIGINAL BUILDING STILL STANDING OR IN USE? Yes, House, barn and hog house are originals still in use.

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

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Corn Wheat, Oats, Livestock

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

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PRESENT OWNER OF FARM DAVID GRESETH

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE David and Marlys Greseth

ADDRESS R 2, Box 210 Clarkfield MN 56223  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (320) 383-2267

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 2 TOWNSHIP Normania COUNTY Yellow Medicine  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 100

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Dec. 3, 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.)

N 1/2 NE 1/4 and N 1/2 SE 1/4 NE 1/4 Township 114 Range 41

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Andrew H. Jertson</u>	<u>1884 - 1917</u>	<u>Father of Lilian</u>
Next Owner <u>Lilian Anderson</u> <u>William Anderson</u>	<u>1917 - 1923</u>	<u>Daughter of Andrew</u>
Next Owner <u>Andrew H. Jertson</u>	<u>1923 - 1925</u>	<u>Father of Ida</u>
Next Owner <u>Ida Greseth</u> <u>George O. Greseth</u>	<u>1925 - 1967</u>	<u>Grandson of Ida &amp; George</u>
Next Owner <u>DAVID Greseth</u>	<u>1967 - 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.

David Greseth  
(signature of present owner)

6-16-1998  
(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Ole L. Harris owned farm 4 mo.

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 100 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? only farmed.  
IF SO, PLEASE LIST was a

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? Debatable

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1974

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

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

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

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PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER Wallace Hoffman  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS RRI Box 41 Minnesota Mn. 56264  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE  
PHONE NUMBER (507) 872-6687  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION NW 1/4 TOWNSHIP BURTON COUNTY YELLOW MED.

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY SEPT 3 1891

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

SECT 12 TWP-114 RANG-43 160 ACRES NW 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner:	FROM AUG 24 1891	
MICHAEL HOFFMAN	TO 1929	GRAND PA
next owner:		
HUBERT HOFFMAN	AUG 26 1929	UNCLE
next owner:		
WALLACE HOFFMAN	SEPT. 3 1971	
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.

Wallace Hoffman  
(signature of present owner)

DATE June 8 1998

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS -  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? HUBERT HOFFMAN

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$125.00

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? SPERMARY

WHERE DID HE LIVE PRIOR TO MOVING ONTO THE FARM? THE NEXT SECTION TO THE LAND

DID HE FARM THE LAND? YES

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? YES

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

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

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

*When I bought the land I raised wheat oats Flax Corn*

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**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY**

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Roselyn Jesme

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Novel + Roselyn Jesme

ADDRESS RR 2 Box 48 Carby Mn 56220  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 223-7195

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

SECTION 32 TOWNSHIP Florida COUNTY Yellow Medicine

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY May 26, 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.)  
South 1/2 of N 1/2 of Section 32 - 115 - 46

**PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP**

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>James Jesme</u>	<u>1894 - 1913</u>	<u>Father of Oscar</u>
Next Owner <u>Anna Jesme - widow</u>	<u>1913 - 1934</u>	<u>Mother of Oscar</u>
Next Owner <u>Oscar + Nora Jesme</u>	<u>1934 - 1969</u>	<u>Parents of Novel</u>
Next Owner <u>Novel + Roselyn Jesme</u>	<u>1969 - 1997</u>	<u>Son + daughter-in-law of Oscar + Anna</u>
Next Owner <u>Roselyn Jesme</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>(Novel deceased 1-16-97) Novel's wife</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.

Roselyn Jesme  
(signature of present owner)

June 24, 1997  
(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? *United States but Anna in Norway*

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? Early 1900's.

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS?

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

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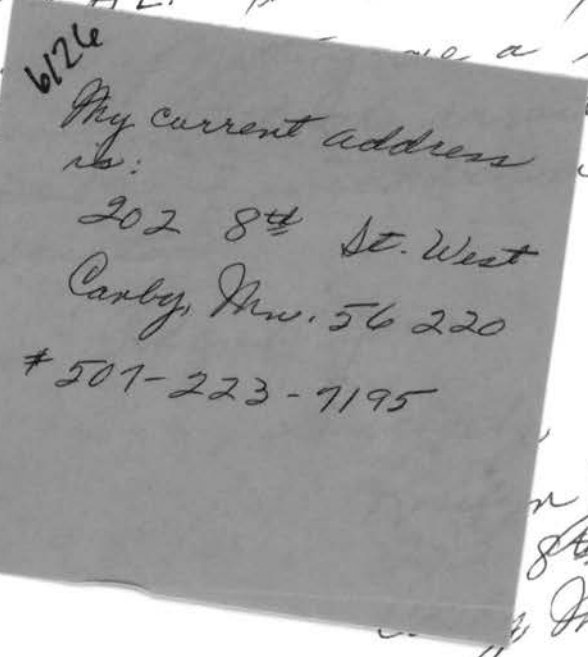


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July 16, 1997

Mrs. State Fair  
1265 Snelling Ave. N.  
St. Paul, Minn 55108

Dear Heidi,

Thanks for the Century Farm Award  
I received at the Yel. Med. Co. Fair  
last Sunday. I am pleased  
to be recognized. I send

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July 16, 1997

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Dear Heidi,

Thanks for the Century Farm Award  
I received at the Yel. Med. Co. Fair  
last Sunday evening. I was pleased  
to be recognized.

I was disappointed to see  
NORVAL's name was misspelled on  
the certificate. Sorry I didn't write  
more clearly. It is spelled NORVAL,  
not NOWAL. This is an excuseable  
error and if getting me a new  
certificate with the correct spelling  
is possible I would be most  
appreciative.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Roselyn Jesme  
202 8th St. W.

Carby, Minn 56220

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CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM VERYL A. JESSEN

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE VERYL A. JESSEN

ADDRESS RT 1 Box 46 Boyd Mn. 56218  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (320) 855-2497

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

SECTION 21 TOWNSHIP OMRO COUNTY Yellow M. Medicine

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 13 Feb - 1897

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.E. 1/4 of Sec. 21 Twp 115 Range 7.3

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Ludwig and Bertha FENSKE</u>	<u>1897 - 1945</u>	<u>father + mother</u>
Next Owner <u>Edward and Carrie Fenske</u>	<u>1945 - 1966</u>	<u>agent + uncle</u>
Next Owner <u>Veryl and Bernetta Jessen</u>	<u>1966 to 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.

Veryl A. Jessen  
(signature of present owner)

6/6/97  
(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? John L. Neuman in 1897

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$125

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? In 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, part of the house is still in use.

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? It was remodeled in 1976

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: During the last 100 years there have been at least 5 miles of tile installed. There were 80 acres in meadow and pasture until the tile was installed.

This was a dairy farm until 1978 when the herd was sold. The barn was bulldozed down and burned in 1996. The ground was leveled for the planting of evergreen trees.

There was a screen porch on the southwest corner of the original house. When this was remodeled, it was taken as part of the kitchen. A large family room, bathroom, utility room and single garage were added in 1976.

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT CENTURY FARM OWNER

Merlyn D. Laechelt MERLYN D. Laechelt  
(this name will appear on certificate)

ADDRESS Rt 1 Box 19 Boyd MINN 56218  
CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE NUMBER (320) 855-2556  
area code

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE same

SECTION 9 TOWNSHIP Tyro COUNTY Yellow Med

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 240 + 400 purchased by  
Merlyn & Alice in 1963

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1896

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

SW Quarter of Section 9  
Tyro Twp 115-42 Tyro townships

PROOF OF 100 YEARS CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
first owner:	FROM 10-8-1896	
<u>August Laechelt</u>	TO -	<u>Father</u>
next owner:	1-14-42	
<u>WALTER E Laechelt</u>	8-7-72	<u>SON</u>
next owner:	8-7-72	
<u>MERLYN D Laechelt</u>	present date	<u>SON</u>
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.

Merlyn D. Laechelt  
(signature of present owner)

DATE 1-30-97

PLEASE RETURN TO:

CENTURY FARMS -  
MINNESOTA STATE FAIR  
ST. PAUL MN 55108



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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Winona & St. Peter Railroad Co.

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160, 80 acres purchased in 1901

WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$65.00 per acre (\$1040.00 cost)

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Germany

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

DID HE FARM THE LAND? Yes

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? No original purchase

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1896

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

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Grandpa August & Wife Augusta purchased an adjoining 80 acres in 1901.

they moved the small home from this acreage and added to our house.

We have added a office, utility room & 3 car garage.

Our house and connected garage is 94 feet long from end to end.

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**CENTURY FARM APPLICATION**

**DEADLINE: July 1**

**PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY**

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Rosey Nomeland & children

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

ADDRESS RR 1, Box 99 Porter MN 56280  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 296-4600

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

SECTION 20 TOWNSHIP Laceyland COUNTY Yellow Medicine

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 255

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY Nov 26, 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.) Section 20, Twp 114, Range 44  
NE 1/4, less W 1/2 Acres & less N 1/2 of NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4, E 1/2 & SE 1/4, Sect 17,  
Twp 114, Range 44, SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4, Sect 21, Twp 114, Range 44,  
NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Krute Johnson</u>	<u>1881 - 1937</u>	<u>Father of Ole</u>
Next Owner <u>Ole S. Johnson</u>	<u>1937 - 1960</u>	<u>Sister of Ole</u>
Next Owner <u>Clara Nomeland &amp; obliq</u>	<u>1960 - 1967</u>	<u>Mother of Robert</u>
Next Owner <u>Robert &amp; Rosemarie Nomeland</u>	<u>1967 - present</u>	<u>Clara's son</u>
Next Owner		

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Check those that apply:

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

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

Robert & Rosemarie Nomeland  
(signature of present owner)  
(one of owners)

6/27/97  
(date)

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? part homestead, part from George Gorgego

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

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

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Norway

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? yes

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

WHEN WAS THE PRESENT HOME BUILT? 1940

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? CORN, small grain

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

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM DOUGLAS GREGOIRE

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE THE JOHN OLSON FARM

ADDRESS ROUTE 1 COTTONWOOD MN 56229  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 423-6344 5158

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 32 TOWNSHIP SANDNES COUNTY YELLOW MEDICINE

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1872

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 OF SECTION 32 TOWNSHIP 114 RANGE 40

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>JOHN OLSON</u>	<u>1872-1916</u>	<u>HUSBAND OF MATHILDA</u>
Next Owner <u>MATHILDA OLSON</u>	<u>1916-1943</u>	<u>MOTHER OF OSCAR</u>
Next Owner <u>OSCAR AND STELLA OLSON</u>	<u>1943-1972</u>	
Next Owner <u>THEODORE AND PEARL GREGOIRE</u>	<u>1972-1997</u>	<u>PARENTS OF DOUGLAS</u>
Next Owner <u>DOUGLAS GREGOIRE</u>	<u>1997-PRESENT</u>	

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

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

Douglas Gregoire  
(signature of present owner)

6/28/97  
(date)

SEND COPY OF CERTIFICATE TO OVER

John H. Olson  
1005 2nd St. NE Apt. 209  
Hopkins, MN 55343-8340  
Phone (612) 935-0313

← SON OF  
OSCAR OLSON

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? U.S. GOVERNMENT - HOMESTEAD ACT OF 1862

HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? 160

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

WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? SWEDEN

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

WAS THIS A HOMESTEAD? YES

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

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

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS?

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

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CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Myren K. & JoAnne L. Remmele

NAME AS YOU WISH IT TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Myren & JoAnne Remmele

ADDRESS RR1 Box 28 Echo MN 56237  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code 507 925-4240

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 18 TOWNSHIP Echo COUNTY Yellow Medicine

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 328

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1898

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 18 Twp 113 Rang 38 168.48 Acres  
22 1/4 NE 1/4 & Sec Lots 1, 2, & 3

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OWNERSHIP

Name	Years of Ownership From - To	Relationship to next owner
First Owner <u>Hugo E. Remmele</u>	<u>1898 - 1940</u>	<u>Father of Baldwin</u>
Next Owner <u>Baldwin E. Remmele</u>	<u>1940 - 1978</u>	<u>Father of Myren</u>
Next Owner <u>Myren K. Remmele</u>	<u>1978 - Present</u>	
Next Owner		
Next Owner		

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

JoAnne Remmele

(signature of present owner)

6-3-98

(date)

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## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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FROM WHOM WAS THE FARM PURCHASED? Land Co. / Railroad  
HOW MANY ACRES WERE IN THE ORIGINAL PARCEL? Grant Lots 1, 2, & 3 128.4 Acres  
WHAT WAS THE COST OF LAND PER ACRE? \$2600 / 128.4 = \$20.24 per Acre  
WHERE WAS THE FIRST FAMILY OWNER BORN? Sleepy Eye of Hermann Ingardt  
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? 1915

WHAT WERE THE FARM'S MAJOR CROPS OR PRODUCTS? Currently: Corn, beans, alfalfa, wheat,  
Earlier: milk, corn, Beef  
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

Dugo, Regmelle family lived in granary  
while present home was being build. As  
Curtis Lake, also known as Huston Lake, is  
nearby, lake sand was used to fill in  
the stone foundation. Indians from  
the Morton area provided labor.