



## Century Farm Applications

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Deadline: April 1, 2009

MINNESOTA FARM BUREAU  
SESQUICENTENNIAL FARM APPLICATION - 2009

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Woodvale Farm, LLC

NAME TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Woodvale Farm, LLC

ADDRESS 54058 Garland Lane Lake Crystal MN 56055  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 345-8715 Darlene J Woods

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE —

SECTION 29, 30, 31 TOWNSHIP South Bend COUNTY Blue Earth

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 164.35

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1856

HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? yes  
IF SO, WHEN 1958

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc) Lt 6 Ex Beg NW Cor Lt 6  
E 1018' SW 255' W 379.9' W to Sec Line N to Beg 029 108 27 55.050 A; → page 2

PROOF OF 150 YEARS OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP FROM - TO	RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
First owner <u>Isaac Woods</u>	<u>1856 - 1878</u>	<u>Husband + Father</u>
Next owner <u>Margaret + Walter A Woods</u>	<u>1878 - 1891</u>	<u>Mother</u>
Next owner <u>Walter A Woods</u>	<u>1891 - 1903</u>	<u>Husband</u>
Next owner <u>Margaret E Woods (Life)</u> <u>(Estate)</u>	<u>1903 - 1931</u>	<u>Mother</u>
Next owner <u>Grace L + David E Woods</u>	<u>1931 - 1935</u>	<u>Sister (see page 2)</u>

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

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

Darlene J Woods, treasurer  
(signature of present owner)

3-27-09  
(date)

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased Assigned by U.S. Government

How many acres were in the original parcel 146.45

What was the cost of the land per acre Land Grant - no cost was listed

Where was the first family owner born Llanidloes, Montgomeryshire, Wales

Did he/she engage in any trades or occupations other than farming yes.

If so, please list Per. oral history, worked at Jefferson Furnace, OH  
and owned stock in company.

Was this a homestead yes

Is the original home, any portion of it, or any other original buildings still standing no

When was the present home built 1873

What were the farm's major crops or products Corn, oats, beans, rye, wheat, barley, cream, eggs  
pigs, cattle

Additional comments: Succession of Ownership Continued:

David E Woods 1935-1959 Husband

Hilda E Woods (life Estate) 1959- 2005 Mother

Woodvale Farm, LLC 2005- present

Partners are: Margaret J Schreyer, Mary L Schweim,

Doris E Woods, Darlene J Woods

Legal Description Continued: E2 of S4 EX Comm 1378.55' SW of E4 Cor

NE 105' to Beg SW 105' SE 158.76' E to Sec Line N to Beg 030 108 27 79.70 A;

Government Lot 6 031 108 27 029.600 A

Mail application to:  
Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation  
Sesquicentennial Farms  
PO Box 64370  
St Paul, MN 55164



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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Gerald and Genelle Schimmelpfennig  
NAME TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Gerald and Genelle Schimmelpfennig  
ADDRESS 13945 122nd St Norwood P.A. MN. 55368  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)  
PHONE NUMBER area code (952) 467-2983 - cell phone 952-457-1156  
ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE same  
SECTION 7 TOWNSHIP Benton COUNTY Carver  
NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 80  
DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1856  
HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? yes IF SO, WHEN 1958  
LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc) West 1/2 of S.E.  
quarter of section 7, Twp 115 Range 25  
PROOF OF 150 YEARS OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP FROM - TO	RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
First owner <u>Johann Schimmelpfennig</u>	<u>1856-1891</u>	<u>Father</u>
Next owner <u>Christian + Mary Schimmelpfennig</u>	<u>1891-1927</u>	<u>Father</u>
Next owner <u>Hilbert + Anna Schimmelpfennig</u>	<u>1927-1963</u>	<u>Father</u>
Next owner <u>Gerald + Genelle Schimmelpfennig</u>	<u>1963 - Present</u>	
Next owner		

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Homestead

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

Gerald Schimmelpfennig  
(signature of present owner)  
Genelle Schimmelpfennig

3-20-09  
(date)



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From whom was the farm purchased Land Grant - ~~the~~ Homestead

How many acres were in the original parcel 160

What was the cost of the land per acre Homestead - Land Grant

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 1858 - ~~(not a homestead - applied for in 1862)~~

Is the original home, any portion of it, or any other original buildings still standing yes house + 1 out building

When was the present home built About 1858-59, Added on late 1880's, and continues to be lived in

What were the farm's major crops or products corn, grain, milking cows, hay land

Additional comments: Our farm - house, barn, machine shed, summer kitchen were placed on the National Reg. of Hist. Places in 1976.

Three buildings remain and are used today. An interesting note: Johann and Albertine originally built their 1st log house in 1856. (This was before Minnesota became a state.) When the land was then surveyed in 1858 and lots were given to property he was told he had to move his log home. It was 1/2 on his neighbor's property. He decided he would move it, and he thought was the center of his property - it was to be on anyone's land again.

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That is why our driveway is 1/2 mile long. we feel the home today was built in about 1858. The home 1st built we feel was moved and use as the 1st barn. These buildings remain on our farm today.



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Gerald Schimmelpfennig  
(signature of present owner)

3-20-09  
(date)

Genelle Schimmelpfennig

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From whom was the farm purchased Land Grant - ~~the~~ Homesteaded

How many acres were in the original parcel 160

What was the cost of the land per acre Homesteaded - Land Grant

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PATRICIA ANN HEUSINKVELD (Farm manager and  
and Personal Representative)

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM DALE SETH HEUSINKVELD

NAME TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE PATRICIA ANN HEUSINKVELD, DALE SETH HEUSINKVELD

ADDRESS 23356 County 20 Preston MN 55965  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 765-4590

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE

SECTION 5-101-11 TOWNSHIP BRISTOL COUNTY FILLMORE

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 137 1/2 1856 Mortgage on Oct, 23, \$60,00

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1860 Patent

HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? Yes IF SO, WHEN 1960

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc) E 1/2 SW 1/4 Sec 5-101-11  
except for 2.55 acres, more or less. (This is the church parking lot.)

PROOF OF 150 YEARS OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP FROM - TO	RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
First owner JOHN SHOOK and Susanna Shook,	1856-1907 (Patent Entry 1860)	Father
Next owner John Henry Fillmore SHOOK	1908-1913	SON
Next owner E. HEUSINKVELD, MARY MAURELLA SHOOK HEUSINKVELD	1924-1968	SON-IN LAW of J. H. F. SHOOK
Next owner Leland C. HEUSINKVELD, PATRICIA ANN HEUSINKVELD	1968- 2008	Son of ED HEUSINKVELD
Next owner DALE SETH HEUSINKVELD	2008	Son of Leland and Patricia,

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☐ Original Deed ☐ County Land Record ☐ Other

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Patricia Ann Heusinkveld  
(signature of present owner)

March 23, 2009  
(date)



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From whom was the farm purchased A County road divides the farm and there are two abstracts: Mortgage \$60.00, Oct. 23, 1856, & PATENT - 1856

How many acres were in the original parcel 160

What was the cost of the land per acre not known

Where was the first family owner born Pennsylvania

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, any portion of it, or any other original buildings still standing NO

When was the present home built 1908

What were the farm's major crops or products Hay, wheat, oats, corn, dairy cattle, hogs, chickens

Additional comments: there is the date 1891 painted on the foundation of the barn. The farm is called BREEZY POINT FARM of Prairie Queen, which is the name of the rural school District, #60.

John and Susanna Shook were charter members in the Church of the Brethren started in 1856. They lived on the land of their farm from 1856 until it was patented in 1860 and more to 1907.

Notice the relationship to the next owner changes to the female side of the family in 1924.

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Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation  
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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Glenn and Maureen Ruble

NAME TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Maureen and Glenn Ruble

ADDRESS 72778 Co Rd 46 Albert Lea MN 56007  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 373-1808

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE Same

SECTION 12, 13, 11, 02, 01 TOWNSHIP Pickens Lake COUNTY Freeborn

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 325 AC

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY March 4, 1857

HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? yes IF SO, WHEN 1960

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc) Sect. - 02 Twp 102 Range - 022;  
Sect. - 13 Twp 102 Range - 022 (several parcels); Sect. 11 Twp 102 Range 22;  
Sect. - 01 Twp 102 Range - 022;  
PROOF OF 150 YEARS OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP FROM - TO	RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
First owner <u>John Ruble</u>	<u>1857 - 1886</u>	<u>Father</u>
Next owner <u>Fred Ruble</u>	<u>1886 - 1954</u>	<u>Father</u>
Next owner <u>Clifford A. Ruble</u>	<u>1954 - 1964</u>	<u>Father</u>
Next owner <u>Glenn F. Ruble</u>	<u>1964 - Present</u>	<u>Father</u>
Next owner		

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

Glenn F. Ruble  
(signature of present owner)

March 29, 2009  
(date)



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From whom was the farm purchased United States by James Buchanan

How many acres were in the original parcel 160 Acres

What was the cost of the land per acre unsure

Where was the first family owner born Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

Did he/she engage in any trades or occupations other than farming Agricultural Implement

If so, please list Business and Blacksmithing

Was this a homestead yes

Is the original home, any portion of it, or any other original buildings still standing No

When was the present home built about 1890

What were the farm's major crops or products Corn and alfalfa

Additional comments: see attached

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PO Box 64370  
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## **The John Ruble History**

The Ruble family moved from Pennsylvania to Wayne Co., Ohio and from there to Beloit, Wisconsin. George S. Ruble read advertisements about Minnesota that said it would become very prominent in farming and manufacturing circles and in June 1854 he left Wisconsin to look for a location in Minnesota where he could build his town. He arrived in Albert Lea and found only one other family situated here so he 'slept under a Tree and made his plans'. He returned to Wisconsin to get his family and returned with three brothers. Only one of the brothers chose to stay and that was John D. Ruble who is our Great-grandfather. George is credited with establishing the County seat of Freeborn; he also chose the name of Albert Lea for his city. He was the first Sheriff and was elected Coroner. He was an entrepreneur where John was a farmer.

When John moved to Albert Lea, in 1856, he was 29 years of age, and married to Henrietta. He chose a piece of land, 160 acres just 2 miles west of what is now Broadway St., the main business street in downtown Albert Lea. According to the census of 1860 John Ruble was listed as having real estate valued at \$8,000. Pickerel Lake Twp, where John lived had 292 acres under cultivation. Of this amount, John Ruble had 100 acres under cultivation, 5 horses and 2 oxen. Eventually John owned 600 acres. John and his wife, Henrietta, were known for their hospitality. The first school was taught in their log house with 16 scholars present and school was held there until 1865. The first religious services were held at their home in the year 1861. Henrietta was one of the original eighteen members who constituted the organization of the Presbyterian church of Albert Lea. The history books say John and Henrietta were much loved and highly respected in their community.

John Ruble died in 1884 at the age of 57 years.

John and Henrietta had ten children. Fred S. Ruble, was born in 1865. In 1886 he purchased 200 acres from his mother, Henrietta. He established his farm site about one fourth mile east of his parents farm site. He built a new set of buildings including a very modern barn. Fred raised Shorthorn cattle until 1908 when he and another man brought the first registered Holsteins into Freeborn County. Fred Ruble was instrumental in starting the Freeborn county Holstein Breeders Association in 1917. In 1939 the Freeborn County Association was selected for having the best Holstein extension program in the state. He also was one of the first men to organize the DHIA, Dairy Herd Improvement Association.

Fred Ruble died in 1929 at the age of 64 years.

Fred and Parthena had four children. Clifford A. Ruble, born in 1900, was the youngest son who continued the tradition of Dairy farming and continued to improve his herd of Registered Holstein cattle. Clifford purchased the farm following his mother's death in 1954.

Clifford died in 1958 at the age of 57 years.

Clifford, and his wife Dagmar, had five children. Glenn F. Ruble, a son, born in 1935, and wife, Maureen, purchased the farm from Glenn's mother, Dagmar, in 1964. Glenn continued to improve the herd of Registered Holstein cattle, showing at many shows and the Fair circuit in late summer. Glenn sold the Dairy herd in 1986 but continued to farm the land until 1996. Glenn and Maureen have three children. Kimberly (Mike) Gooden, G. Douglas Ruble, and Peter F. Ruble. Daughter, Kim, and husband, Mike, farm the Ruble farmland, as well as their own farm. Doug lives in one of the two houses on the Ruble farm, works off the farm but utilizes the farm building site with a few Shorthorn cattle, horses, goats, chickens, ducks and even two Llamas. Doug has three children ages 17, 15, and 13 who are active in 4-H and FFA and enjoy showing their animals at various cattle shows as well as at the County and State Fairs. They enjoy the benefits of growing up on a farm. Doug and Pam's children are the sixth generation of Rubles on this land chosen so many years ago by John D. Ruble.

Compiled and written by Maureen Ruble - 2009

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Thomas & Ruth Comstock

NAME TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Thomas - Ruth Comstock

of Farm ADDRESS 10745 Coll Blvd. W. Concord MN 55985  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 732 4734

ADDRESS OF <sup>OWNERS NOW</sup> ~~FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE~~ 623 ST. Paul Rd Zumbrota MN 55992

SECTION 23 TOWNSHIP 109 Cherry Grove COUNTY Goodhue

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY July 20, 1857

HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? yes  
IF SO, WHEN In 1940's

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc) SE 1/4 Sec 23-109-17  
NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 and S 1/2 of SE 1/4

PROOF OF 150 YEARS OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP FROM - TO	RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
First owner <u>Israel T. United States to Comstock</u>	<u>July 20 1857 - Aug 29-1881</u>	<u>Father to Thomas E</u>
Next owner <u>Thomas E. Comstock</u>	<u>Aug 29-1881 - May 7 1930</u>	<u>Father to Robley</u>
Next owner <u>Robley T. Comstock</u> wife <u>FRANCES Comstock</u>	<u>MAY 7, 1930 - Dec. 7 1972</u>	<u>FATHER to Thomas</u>
Next owner <u>Thomas Comstock</u> wife <u>Ruth Comstock</u>	<u>Dec 7-1972</u>	
Next owner		

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Thomas Comstock  
(signature of present owner)

3-14-2008  
(date)

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From whom was the farm purchased my Father and Mother

How many acres were in the original parcel 280?

What was the cost of the land per acre Rumor has it was preempted for 39¢ per acre.

Where was the first family owner born Conn. State of.

Did he/she engage in any trades or occupations other than farming yes

If so, please list Horse Livery (Buy & Selling)

Was this a homestead They used the word preempted

Is the original home, any portion of it, or any other original buildings still standing NO

When was the present home built 1971

What were the farm's major crops or products Corn Soybeans Hay, some Canning Crops.

Additional comments: Several families left Conn (State) by horse caravan

They got to Viroquo Wis - Fall of 1855 - ASKED where they could cross the Mississippi River - They were laughed at & you wait till it freezes over. They spent the winter at Viroquo, Wis. Between STARVING and freezing they made it. In Spring they crossed the river and STARTED looking for land.

June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1856 they settled by a Grove of Cherry Trees in the SW corner of Cherry Grove (later named) Twp. The farm was split up to settle estates. Robley & Frances purchased this parcel. Their Grand daughter has since purchased 40 acres of the original which includes a Cemetery on the land that was originally donated by the Comstock Family.

The Comstock's is the only family that stayed and farmed of the original Group.

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## Generations of farmers.

1 Israel Comstock "1803-1863"

2 Israel T. Comstock 1<sup>st</sup> over

3 Thomas E Comstock

4 Robby T. Comstock

5 Thomas Comstock

6 MARK Comstock

7 MARK has 2 daughters

Generation



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NAME TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE JUEL D. ESTREM

ADDRESS 40371 BOW TRAIL DENNISON MN 55018  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 789-6614

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE -

SECTION 3 TOWNSHIP HOLDEN COUNTY GOODHUE

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 60.5

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY JUNE 28, 1856

HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? YES  
IF SO, WHEN 1976

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc) PROP. ID R35,003,0300 IO# 35-0000-04300  
NE 1/4 OF NW 1/4 SEC. 3 TWP 110 RANGE 18 DOC# 399023

PROOF OF 150 YEARS OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP	RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT
First owner <u>ANFIN ESTREM</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
Next owner <u>KNUST ESTREM</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>HUSBAND</u>
Next owner <u>BELLA ESTREM</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>MOTHER</u>
Next owner <u>LEONARD ESTREM</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>GRAND FATHER</u>
Next owner <u>JUEL ESTREM</u>	<u>20</u>	

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(date)

purchased UNITED STATES

How many acres were in the original parcel 160

What was the cost of the land per acre

born NEAR VANG, VALDRES, 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, any portion of it, or any other original buildings still standing SOME STONE WORK  
(FOUNDATIONS)

When was the present home built 1907

What were the farm's major crops or products? MORGAN + HAMBLETONIAN HORSES - CHESTER WHITE  
HOGS - FEED CROPS - SOME DAIRY

Additional comments:



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MINNESOTA FARM BUREAU  
SESQUICENTENNIAL FARM APPLICATION - 2009

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM NORVAL & HERBERT HOVERSTAD

NAME TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS 39500 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave Dennison Mn 55018  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 789 6732

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

SECTION 33 TOWNSHIP Warsaw COUNTY Polk

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 238.55

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1850's

HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENT \_\_\_\_\_

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF LAND (from deed, abstract, tax st

Sec 33 11 18 NW 1/4 of SE 1/4

PROOF OF 150 YEARS OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWN FROM - TO
First owner <u>Anders Anderson Hoverstad</u>	<u>1860 -</u>
Next owner <u>Ingeborg Hoverstad</u>	<u>1908 -</u>
Next owner <u>Torger A Hoverstad</u>	<u>1924 -</u>
Next owner <u>Andrew T Hoverstad</u>	<u>1949 - 19</u>
Next owner <u>Norval G. Hoverstad</u> <u>Herbert H Hoverstad</u>	<u>1990 - Pre</u>

The above evidence of continuous family ownership is taken from

Check those that apply: **Please do not send originals or copies of**

- ☒ Abstract of Title ☐ Land Patent  
☐ Original Deed ☐ County Land Record

I hereby certify that the information listed above is correct to the b

Norval G. Hoverstad  
(signature of present owner)

(date)

LM (4/3) SD  
- Name on Cert? 4  
- Purchase Date? 1850's  
- White Pages: "Hoverstad"  
Kenyon, Mn 55946

Burn 1st  
1856 - Built House  
(sod)  
then  
16x24 Log House

Deeded 1860  
Homesteaded



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NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 238.55

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1850's

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

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc) 50 1/2 of NW 1/4

Sec 33 11 18 NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 155/100 ac Hwys  
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PROOF OF 150 YEARS OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP FROM - TO	RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
First owner <u>Anders Andersen Hovstad</u>	<u>1860 - 1908</u>	<u>Husband</u>
Next owner <u>Ingeborg Hovstad</u>	<u>1908 - 1924</u>	<u>Mother</u>
Next owner <u>Torges A Hovstad</u>	<u>1924 - 1949</u>	<u>Son</u>
Next owner <u>Andrew T Hovstad</u>	<u>1949 - 1989</u>	<u>Son</u>
Next owner <u>Norval H. Hovstad</u> <u>Herbert H Hovstad</u>	<u>1990 - Present</u>	<u>Son's</u>

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

Norval H. Hovstad  
(signature of present owner)

April 1 2009  
(date)

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased \_\_\_\_\_

How many acres were in the original parcel 160

What was the cost of the land per acre 1

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, any portion of it, or any other original buildings still standing Yes

When was the present home built \_\_\_\_\_

What were the farm's major crops or products Grain & livestock

Additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Robert Tate

NAME TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Robert & Kelly Tate

ADDRESS 4325 County Rd 24 Blvd Cannon Falls MN 55009  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 263-3172

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

SECTION 35 TOWNSHIP Stanton COUNTY Goodhue

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 174

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 8-19-1856

HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? Yes  
IF SO, WHEN 1976

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

S<sup>1/2</sup> of NW<sup>1/4</sup> Sec 35 T112-R18

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP FROM - TO	RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
First owner John (Elizabeth) Deline	8-19-1856 to 10-18-1886	
Next owner Cynthia (Alvin) Vanguildner	10-18-1886 to 3-9-1937	Daughter & Son-In-law
Next owner Ruth (John) Tate	3-9-1937 to 4-30-1954	Daughter & Son-In-law
Next owner Merle (Helen) Tate	4-30-1954 to 10-26-1995	Son & Daughter-In-law
Next owner Robert Tate	10-26-1995 to current	Grandson

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

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Robert Ceb  
(signature of present owner)

3-24-09  
(date)

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From whom was the farm purchased Original Homestead

How many acres were in the original parcel 140

What was the cost of the land per acre Homestead

Where was the first family owner born New York

Did he/she engage in any trades or occupations other than farming Carpentry

If so, please list \_\_\_\_\_

Was this a homestead Yes

Is the original home, any portion of it, or any other original buildings still standing Yes

When was the present home built 1864

What were the farm's major crops or products Corn & Soybeans

Additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_

The Farm was recognized as a century farm in 1976. Based on the application at that time the date of first ownership was reported as 7-16-1863. After I purchase the farm from my grandparent in 1995 we had the abstract updated and based on my research John Deline took title of it on August 19, 1856.

The original one room house is still here, which was a mono slope Limestone building; we are in the process of restoring this. My grandfather told me that they built that, then the barn, and then the "big house" which is the current house on the farm. Early pictures of that house, have information written on them that one wing was built and then the other later.

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MINNESOTA FARM BUREAU  
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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Rita Tollefsrud

NAME TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Rita Tollefsrud

ADDRESS 2847 Viola Heights Dr. NE Rockester Minn. 55906  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 289-1005

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE 162<sup>nd</sup> Ave 45777

SECTION 35 & 34 TOWNSHIP Minneka COUNTY Goodhue

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 125

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1854

HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? yes  
IF SO, WHEN 1954 & 1955

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc) Section 35  
Goodhue County Minneka Township

PROOF OF 150 YEARS OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP FROM - TO	RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
First owner <u>Honeland</u> <u>Christopher Tollefsrud</u>		
Next owner <u>Ludwig Tollefsrud</u>		son of Christopher
Next owner <u>Laurence Tollefsrud</u>	1952 - 1975	son of Ludwig
Next owner <u>Tollefsrud Brothers</u>	1975 - 1986	sons of Laurence
Next owner <u>Dave &amp; Rita Tollefsrud</u>	1986 - present time	son & daughter in law

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

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

Rita Tollefsrud  
(signature of present owner)

March 14, 2009  
(date)

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased Land Grant

How many acres were in the original parcel 150

What was the cost of the 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, any portion of it, or any other original buildings still standing \_\_\_\_\_

When was the present home built \_\_\_\_\_

What were the farm's major crops or products Corn, hay, oats, soy beans

Additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Paul Voxland

NAME TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Paul Voxland

ADDRESS 43025 County Road 115 Kenyon MN 55849  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code 507 288 2800

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

SECTION 24 + 19 TOWNSHIP Holmen & Wadena COUNTY Grant

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 65

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1855

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

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc) (Holmen) E 30 AC OF NE 1/4 NE 1/4

Sec 24 110 18 - (Wadena) 1/4 1155 FT of Lot 3 + 4 Sec 19 110 17 (There are conjointed)

PROOF OF 150 YEARS OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP FROM - TO	RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
First owner <u>Thorton Oaby</u>	<u>1855 - 1884</u>	<u>Father-in-law</u>
Next owner <u>Lars H. Voxland</u>	<u>1884 - 1937</u>	<u>Father</u>
Next owner <u>Morton Voxland</u>	<u>1937 - 1971</u>	<u>Father</u>
Next owner <u>Paul Voxland</u>	<u>1971 -</u>	
Next owner		

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

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Paul Voxland  
(signature of present owner)

3-16-09  
(date)

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From whom was the farm purchased United States of America

How many acres were in the original parcel 1018

What was the cost of the land per acre 6.25

Where was the first family owner born Norway

Did he/she engage in any trades or occupations other than farming no

If so, please list \_\_\_\_\_

Was this a homestead \_\_\_\_\_

Is the original home, any portion of it, or any other original buildings still standing no

When was the present home built \_\_\_\_\_

What were the farm's major crops or products corn, soybean - alfalfa

Additional comments: These two parcels are owned by the same person. The owner was a great farmer and a good man. He has a lot of land and a lot of money. He is a very successful farmer and a very successful businessman. He is a very successful farmer and a very successful businessman.

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM PAUL VOXLAND

NAME TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE PAUL VOXLAND

ADDRESS 43625 COUNTY 308 RD WENYON MN 55986  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 789-0810

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

SECTION 24 + 19 TOWNSHIP HORDEN WAWAMING COUNTY GOODHUE

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 65 A

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1855

HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? YES  
IF SO, WHEN 2005

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc) (HORDEN WAWAMING NE 1/4 OF NE 1/4 OF SEC 24 T19 R17)  
(WAWAMING) W 1/2 OF LOT 344 SEC 19 T19 R17

PROOF OF 150 YEARS OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP FROM - TO	RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
First owner <u>Thoren Olye</u>	<u>1855-1884</u>	<u>Father-in-law</u>
Next owner <u>Lara H. Voxland</u>	<u>1884-1937</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
Next owner <u>Manton H. Voxland</u>	<u>19-37-1971</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
Next owner <u>Paul R. Voxland</u>	<u>1971 -</u>	
Next owner		

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

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Paul Voxland  
(signature of present owner)

2-27-2009  
(date)

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From whom was the farm purchased United States

How many acres were in the original parcel 101 AC

What was the cost of the land per acre \$1.25

Where was the first family owner born NORWAY

Did he/she engage in any trades or occupations other than farming NO

If so, please list \_\_\_\_\_

Was this a homestead \_\_\_\_\_

Is the original home, any portion of it, or any other original buildings still standing NO

When was the present home built \_\_\_\_\_

What were the farm's major crops or products CORN, SOYBEANS, Alfalfa

Additional comments: This farm Taddy bought while USA was  
101 AC & was in 2 Trug conjoined. When my father  
Manton bought they are to be split on the border of  
heptahedron pits. Which now has been sold to  
non family but what I have & have is still in the  
family. I sit with a large 2000 10 AC parcel on  
the Linden Haller & I was able to go back to put  
the 40 back together & he sent it on the  
as yard I have no buddy with the farm  
Thank you Taddy

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Charlotte Happel Braniff & Larry Braniff

NAME TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Larry J. & Charlotte Happel Braniff

ADDRESS 8752 County 25 Houston, Minnesota 55943  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 896-3819

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

SECTION 20 TOWNSHIP Mound Prairie COUNTY Houston

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 217.

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY May 8, 1856

HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? Yes IF SO, WHEN 195

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc) the NE 1/4 NE 1/4 except east 1 1/2 rods, thereof, the SE 1/4 NE 1/4, the SW 1/4 NE 1/4, the S 1/2 NW 1/4 NE 1/4 and the S 1/2 NW 1/4 all in Sec. 20, Twp. 104 N. of Range 5 West, containing 219.25 acres  
PROOF OF 150 YEARS OWNERSHIP more or less

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP FROM - TO	RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
First owner <u>Jacob Happel</u> <small>owner in 1876 or before</small>	from 1856 to 1886	Husband of Magdalina Happel
<u>Magdalina Happel</u>	from 1886 to 1892	Mother of Charles J. Happel
Next owner <u>Charles Jacob H</u>	from 1892 to 1938	Husband of Minnie Happel
<u>Minnie Happel</u>	from 1938 to 1955	Mother of Wesley C. Happel
Next owner <u>Wesley Charles Happel</u> <small>next owner</small>	from 1955 to 1992	Husband of Stella E. Happel
<u>Stella E. Happel</u>	from 1992 to 2004	Mother of Charlotte Happel Braniff
Next owner <u>Charlotte H. and Larry J. Braniff</u>	from 2004 to the present time.	
Next owner		

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

Charlotte Happel Braniff  
(signature of present owner)

April 17, 2009  
(date)

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From whom was the farm purchased The U.S. Gov't., H.P. Eberhard, Daniel Harlos and Walter Beardsley.

How many acres were in the original parcel 40 acres

What was the cost of the land per acre \$1.25 per acre

Where was the first family owner born Germany

Did he/she engage in any trades or occupations other than farming No

If so, please list \_\_\_\_\_

Was this a homestead No

Is the original home, any portion of it, or any other original buildings still standing No

When was the present home built 1913

What were the farm's major crops or products 1856 to 1978 Dairy cattle, hogs, chickens 1856 to the present Corn, wheat, oats  
[1960-Beef cattle to the present time] soybeans, barley, hay & pasture

Additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
These additional comments may already be written on the 1956 application for Century Farm status. I thought that I would report this any way. In 1942ca. Electricity was installed for the 1913 farm house, the 1903 barn and hoghouse/corncrib combination. (The house had gas lights from 1913-1992)  
In 1948ca. the wood furnace which heated water for the radiators in the rooms of the house was replaced by a "Timkin" oil burning boiler furnace. In 1980ca. the outdoor electric wiring and also the telephone wiring outdoors was buried in the ground leading to the house, barn and hog house. In 1965ca. an Electric furnace was added to alternate heating the radiators during very cold weather heating demand called dual heat cost rate. Then in 1998 both the oil furnace and electric furnace were removed and a large "Burnham" boiler furnace for the water heated radiators using L.P. gas replaced the oil and electric. Also back in 1965 when dual heating was electric with oil wall base board electric heaters were installed in 4 bed rooms and the kitchen to supplement heating.  
In 1856 to now the farm address was just Houston Minn. Then Rural Route 2, Houston, Minn. Next Rural Route 2, Box 143 Houston, Minn. Next a zip code added 55943 Finally 55952 County 25 Houston, Minn.

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55943 to the present.



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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, any portion of it, or any other original buildings still standing No

When was the present home built 1913

What were the farm's major crops or products (1856 to 1978) Dairy cattle, hogs, chickens (1856 to the present) corn, wheat, oats, soybeans, barley, hay & pasture  
(1960 - Beef cattle to the present time)

Additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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MINNESOTA FARM BUREAU  
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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Harlan L Johnsrud

NAME TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Harlan L Johnsrud

ADDRESS 1911 6th Ave N.W. Austin Minn. 55912  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code 507 437-6996

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE 16585-Co #27 Spring Grove Minn.

SECTION 20-29 TOWNSHIP Wilmington COUNTY Houston Co.

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 59.04

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY May 5, 1855 <sup>about</sup>

HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? yes IF SO, WHEN 1955

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc) sect 29-twp 101-Range-006 36.13 ac N 5/16 N 1/2 NW 1/4

PROOF OF 150 YEARS OWNERSHIP sect 20-twp 101-Range 006 22.91 ac SW 1/4 SW 1/4

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP FROM - TO	RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
First owner <u>Abel P Johnsrud</u>	<u>May 5, 1855 to</u> <u>May 17, 1886</u>	<u>Father</u>
Next owner <u>Claus H Johnsrud</u>	<u>May 17, 1886 to</u> <u>Sept 30, 1938</u>	<u>Father</u>
Next owner <u>Harold M Johnsrud</u>	<u>Sept 30, 1938 to</u> <u>July 27, 1990</u>	<u>Father</u>
Next owner <u>Harlan L Johnsrud</u>	<u>July 27, 1990 to</u> <u>Present</u>	
Next owner		

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

Harlan L Johnsrud  
(signature of present owner)

3-19-09  
(date)



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From whom was the farm purchased General Land office - United States  
Brownsville Minn.

How many acres were in the original parcel 120 (137 were added)

What was the cost of the land per acre \$1.50

Where was the first family owner born Norway, Oppland Norway

Did he/she engage in any trades or occupations other than farming no

If so, please list \_\_\_\_\_

Was this a homestead No, it was purchased prior to the Homestead Act

Is the original home, any portion of it, or any other original buildings still standing yes - see notes below

When was the present home built 1897 - Brick House Barn 1893

What were the farm's major crops or products Corn - Soybeans - Alfalfa - Beef

Additional comments: The farm now would be a hobby farm. The old  
loghouse, chicken house, hog house, wood shed & ice  
house are no longer there. The brick house, barn, grainery,  
machine shed, garage for model T are still there.  
My cousin lives there and uses the  
buildings & pastures. I rent the land out to the  
neighbor & I have the old farm acct. book with entries  
from the late 1800's & early 1900's. It is very interesting  
The Johnson name is on the side of the hill in  
cement and has been there since about 1920. It is  
located near the driveway & is visible from the  
road.

Mail application to:  
Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation  
Sesquicentennial Farms  
PO Box 64370  
St Paul, MN 55164



Deadline: April 1, 2009

MINNESOTA FARM BUREAU  
SESQUICENTENNIAL FARM APPLICATION - 2009

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Shirley Skree  
NAME TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Shirley Skree  
ADDRESS 15279 Skree Drive, Caledonia MN 55921-8670  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)  
PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 896-3709

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

SECTION 21 TOWNSHIP Sheldon COUNTY Houston

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 147.92 { Oct. 3, 1855 - Original Entry  
Feb. 1, 1858 - Patent  
- 120 acres  
Aug. 21, 1856 - Additional 40 acres

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY \_\_\_\_\_  
HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? Yes IF SO, WHEN 1976

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc) S 1/2 NE 1/4 + E 1/2 SE 1/4,  
less 7 acres sold in 1862 because it was on the W. side of the main  
road - MN Hwy. 76, and about 5 acres lost to road right-of-way in 1982 when  
PROOF OF 150 YEARS OWNERSHIP a new bridge across Badger Creek was built on  
MN Hwy 76.

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP FROM - TO	RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
First owner <u>Mikkel + Haegge Sennes</u>	<u>1855 - 1893</u>	<u>Uncle + Aunt</u>
Next owner <u>Gunder + Gurine Skree</u>	<u>1893 - 1924</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Next owner <u>Anton + Mary Skree</u>	<u>1924 - 1960</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Next owner <u>Darrel + Shirley Skree</u>	<u>1960 - 1999</u>	<u>Husband (d. 1999)</u>
Next owner <u>Shirley Skree (Widow)</u>	<u>1999 - Present</u>	

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

Shirley Skree  
(signature of present owner)

3-11-09  
(date)

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased US Govt. - 120 acres + John Murphy - 40 acres

How many acres were in the original parcel 160

What was the cost of the land per acre I assume the standard \$1.25 per acre for the 120 from U.S. Gov't. and \$100.00 for 40 acres from John Murphy.

Where was the first family owner born Vraadal, Telemark, Norway

Did he/she engage in any trades or occupations other than farming Yes

If so, please list Mikkel did blacksmithing + also made shoes from

Was this a homestead No leather he tanned himself.

Is the original home, any portion of it, or any other original buildings still standing Yes - Blacksmith Shop (see below)

When was the present home built 1898-1900 by Gunder O. Skree

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Additional comments: Oats, wheat (in the early years)

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Shirley Skree  
(signature of present owner)

3-11-09  
(date)



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## Darrel and Shirley Skree Farm

Badger Valley, Section 21,  
Sheldon Township, Houston County

In June of 1853, three Norwegian families became the first European settlers of Badger Valley in Sheldon Township, Houston County, Minnesota. Among them were Mikkelsen Sennes (Sinnes in Norway) (1827-1904) and his wife, Hæge Halvorsdatter Bjørnstad (1805-1905), from Vrådal, a small parish in the mountains of West Telemark. They had made the long slow journey westward from the Koshkonong Settlement in Dane County near Madison, Wisconsin, which had been their home since arriving in America in 1849.

The major Norwegian settlements in Wisconsin served as "mother colonies" in which the immigrants could become familiar with American farming practices, gain some acquaintance with the English language, and accumulate capital for future migration. They were quite crowded at this time but the Winnebago Indians had been removed (in 1848) from southeastern Minnesota and the land was being opened up for settlement, so the immigrants moved farther west to the frontier. After crossing the Mississippi River by ferry at La Crosse, Wisconsin they proceeded up the old Territorial Road across South Ridge. It followed the ridge to avoid the rivers, streams and marshes in the valley below. After about 20 miles they turned south traveling down through Looney Valley and crossing the Root River near the embryonic village of Houston.

They kept heading south, fording the South Fork branch of the Root River with their oxen and wagons before continuing up through the broad beautiful valley which lay before them. This small band of Norwegian pioneers consisted of three members of the Sinnes family of Vrådal, their spouses and children. When they had gone about four miles from old Houston, they climbed to the top of the bluff on the east side of the valley. They could easily see all the land above and below them and it was from this vantage point that they selected their respective claims, for which they would pay the US government \$1.25 per acre.

Mikkel took the claim farthest toward the opposite bluff, which when it was surveyed proved to be in section 21 of Sheldon Township. His brother, Ånund Sanden, took a claim of 160 acres next to the hill in section 16. Mikkel's sister, Hæge, and her husband, Ånund Veum, also took 160 acres in section 16. Each of the three farms was one and a half miles apart and I have heard that the reason for this was that it was their intention to one day own the entire valley between themselves. Little did they realize how soon the other Norwegian immigrants would come pouring in. Mikkel and Hæge's claim was also 160 acres and they built a small log house on the southern edge of their nice piece of bench land, which contained about 75 acres of level fields. The hill to the east above this first house, where they started their new life in Minnesota, is still called *Hægesbakkji* (Hæge's hill) by our family.

All of the things needed to start a new life in the wilderness had to be brought along by the settlers in their wagons. Among them was a variety of tools, Hæge's blue painted



## P.2 - Darrel + Shirley Skree Farm

spinning wheel, and a large rosemåled trunk which had belonged to Mikkel's father and was marked with the initials MAS (Mikkel Aanund Son) and dated 1804. It was no doubt filled with many precious necessities, clothing and household items. (A color photograph of Mikkel's trunk can be seen on page 66 of Nils Ellingsgard's book *Norwegian Rose Painting in America* which was published in 1993 by Vesterheim Museum in Decorah, Iowa and *Universitetsforlaget* in Oslo.)

When the northern half of their claim was "jumped" by a neighbor two years later, Mikkel and Hæge moved their farmstead to the other side of Little Badger Creek (which runs through their farm from east to west) and acquired more acreage to the south, bringing the farm up to 120 acres. The land in Houston County was surveyed in 1852, 53, and 54, but the Badger people were not able to register their claims until the summer of 1855. The neighbor made it up to the land office a month before Mikkel did and that's how he came out ahead. Mikkel bought 40 more acres in 1856 and sold seven in 1862 bringing the farm to 153 acres.

On their new homesite Mikkel built a small log *smie* (blacksmith shop) with a three-sided stone forge in one corner and a large bellows for forcing air into the fire. Here he did blacksmith work and also made shoes, using a process he had learned in the "old country." In the early years the blacksmith shop served as their home and they slept in the small loft under the roof. Hæge often complained of the smoke from the forge, which hung in a cloud under the roof. (Their blacksmith shop, complete with forge, bellows, anvil and tools, can now be seen at Vesterheim Museum in Decorah, Iowa where it was moved in 1971.) Mikkel was also a carpenter and he built the first schoolhouse in Badger (Dist. 23) and also helped raise the first mill ever built in the township, that of Brown's, at Sheldon.

Mikkel and Hæge began their lifetime together in 1827, the year Mikkel was born. Hæge, then 22 years old, helped her first cousin, Torbjørg Ormtveit Sinnes, deliver her youngest child, a boy named Mikkel. She apparently liked what she saw because she said: "*Dette her skal bli mannen min. Eg skal vente for han,*" ("This shall be my man. I will wait for him") and so she did—for the next 21 years! The two were married in 1848 and their daughter Torbjørg was born in 1849. (I heard this story many times while growing up and it is the oldest oral tradition that is still being passed down in my family. Years later I found that it was also written in the No. 17 issue of *Telesoga*, a Norwegian language periodical printed in 1913.)

Mikkel and Hæge's daughter died in infancy while they were still in Wisconsin and they didn't have any more children, but they had a number of hired hands, including three nephews. They adopted one of Hæge's grand nephews who later ran a second hand store and restaurant in Houston, going by the name Olaus H. Sennes. He was a colorful character, as were Mikkel and Hæge, and there are many stories about him and his store. Mikkel and Hæge helped raise their nephew, Gunder Skree, who lived just down the valley and when they became too old to work the farm they called on Gunder and his wife, Gurine, to come and take over the farm and take care of them.

## P.3 - Darrel + Shirley Skree Farm

The Ole and Sigrid (Sinnes) Skree family came to Badger in 1854 from Fyresdal, Telemark, Norway, when their son Gunder was only three years old, settling in Section 16, Sheldon Twp. In 1874 Gunder married Gurine Anfinson, who lived just a bit farther down the road, and they pioneered in Clay County, Minnesota for seven years before returning to Badger.

Soon after moving onto the Sennes farm in 1894, Gunder built a new frame barn, large four-square frame house and various outbuildings, to replace the log structures Mikkell had built. Some years later he had to add another bay onto the machine shed to accommodate his new Model T Ford Touring car. As well as being a prosperous farmer specializing in the breeding of Shorthorn cattle and Duroc-Jersey swine, Gunder was also an avid hunter and trapper and he once accidentally caught a bald eagle with a seven-foot wingspan in one of his animal traps.

Gunder was very involved in church and civic affairs, serving on the Badger School Board as treasurer, and on various church committees. He and his family were lifelong members of the Houston Lutheran Stone Church, which was organized in 1855. The church edifice was built of limestone by the pioneer members from 1864-1866 and Gunder's father, Ole Halvorson Skree, was in charge of overseeing the work in the quarry and keeping track of the hours each member put in. He didn't live to see the completed structure as death cut short his labors in November of 1864. Gurine's father, Anfin Anfinson, donated the stone for the church since the quarry was located on his land. All of the people mentioned in this article, who are deceased, are buried in the Stone Church Cemetery.

Gunder was known for his precise and methodical ways and in later years for his thick, luxurious beard, which he kept perfectly trimmed. Gurine was typical of many of the pioneer mothers, being a hard worker who was universally loved by all who knew her. I was told that her grandchildren actually fought over who would get to stay with her.

Gunder and Gurine's son, Anton, married his neighbor, Mary Kragness, on Valentine's Day 1917 and took over the farm. Having grown up in a rather prosperous period they would now be faced with the daunting task of raising their own family during the trying times of World War I and II and the Great Depression. Their children are Gifford, Genevieve, Darrel, Robert (who died in infancy) and JoAnn (Mrs. John Carlson). Both sons served in WW II, Gifford in England and Darrel in the Philippines.

When Darrel married his next-door neighbor, Shirley Carlson, on September 23, 1950, he in turn took over the family farm and continued the dairy and hog operations. Their children are Jeffrey, James, Douglas and Debra (twins), and Gary. There are now seven grandchildren and one great-grandson, Carter Daniel Skree, who represents the seventh generation of the Skree family in America. He is our "sesquicentennial baby" having been born in May of 2008!

Many changes have taken place over the last 156 years and we are now the only farm in all of Badger Valley that has been in the family from the start. Construction of the new

## P.4 - Darrel + Shirley Skree Farm

Badger Creek Bridge in 1982 took away some land, bringing the farm to its present 148 acres. Darrel Skree passed away in 1999 and his wife Shirley just celebrated her 80<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 31, 2008.

*Submitted by Jim Skree  
15279 Skree Drive  
Caledonia, MN 55921  
507-896-3709*

### Darrel and Shirley Skree Farm

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*Submitted by Jim Skree  
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Caledonia, MN 55921  
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To whom it may concern,

I have written these two articles concerning the history of the Darrel and Shirley Skree farm, settled in 1853 in Badger Valley, Section 21, Sheldon Township, Houston County. The first article is more in depth and the second is a brief overview.

I have also prepared copies of old photos of the farm and its inhabitants complete with captions, and if you would like them for inclusion in any displays that may be planned in conjunction with the 150 Year Farm Recognition, I would be happy to supply them.

Thank you very much,  
Sincerely,



Jim Skree

March 11, 2009



Deadline: April 1, 2009

MINNESOTA FARM BUREAU  
SESQUICENTENNIAL FARM APPLICATION - 2009

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM MARYANN HARTY & Jerome HARTY

NAME TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE MARYANN HARTY & Jerome HARTY

ADDRESS 1824 W. Welco Dr St Peter MN 56082  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 934-9377

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE 28321-470th St. Madison Lake, MN <sup>56063</sup>

SECTION 9 & 10 TOWNSHIP 109 COUNTY Le Sueur

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 113

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 11-6-1856

HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? Yes IF SO, WHEN 1994-?

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc) SE 1/4 of NE 1/4  
+ Lot 1 - SW 1/4 of NW 1/4

PROOF OF 150 YEARS OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP FROM - TO	RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
First owner <u>John Quirk</u>	<u>1856 - 1900</u>	<u>Father</u>
Next owner <u>John F &amp; Laura Quirk</u>	<u>1900 - 1950</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Next owner <u>Jerome Quirk</u>	<u>1950 - 1969</u>	<u>Brother</u>
Next owner <u>Chester &amp; Anna Quirk / Harty</u>	<u>1969 - 2006</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Next owner <u>Maryann Harty &amp; Jerome Harty</u>	<u>2006 - Present</u>	

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

Maryann Harty  
(signature of present owner)

3-23-09  
(date)



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From whom was the farm purchased Homestead

How many acres were in the original parcel 7

What was the cost of the land per acre \$2,500

Where was the first family owner born Ireland

Did he/she engage in any trades or occupations other than farming NO

If so, please list \_\_\_\_\_

Was this a homestead yes

Is the original home, any portion of it, or any other original buildings still standing NO

When was the present home built ?

What were the farm's major crops or products CORN - DAIRY - Hogs

Additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM L & R Anderson, LTD (Lorna, Ronald, Theodore Anderson, Martha Looft)NAME TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE L&R Anderson, LTDADDRESS 57948 State Line Street Lyle MN 55953  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)PHONE NUMBER area code (507)325-4625ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE 57948 State Line Street, Lyle, MN 55953SECTION 33, 34 TOWNSHIP Nevada COUNTY MowerNUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 160DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1858HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? YESIF SO, WHEN April 15, 1982LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc) W1/2SW1/4 E1/2SE1/4Township 101 Range 17W

## PROOF OF 150 YEARS OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP FROM - TO	RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
First owner Torjus Olson	1859 to 1898	Father
Next owner Tone Oline (Olson) Haugland	1898 to 1953	<del>Father</del> mother
Next owner Theodore R Haugland	1953 to 1989	Father
Next owner Lorna May (Haugland) Anderson	1989 to 1993	Partner in Family Partnership
Next owner L & R Anderson, LTD	1993 to Present	

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

Lorna M Haugland Anderson  
(signature of present owner)3-30-09  
(date)

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From whom was the farm purchased Homestead filed January 21, 1858

How many acres were in the original parcel 160

What was the cost of the land per acre Unknown

Where was the first family owner born Dalan, Telemark, Norway in 1825

Did he/she engage in any trades or occupations other than farming Yes

If so, please list Carpenter, Stone Cutter

Was this a homestead Yes

Is the original home, any portion of it, or any other original buildings still standing Kitchen of current house, Granary

When was the present home built Log portion of kitchen 1858, next addition 1884, many later additions

What were the farm's major crops or products Grains, livestock

Additional comments: The land has been managed and tilled only by Torjus Olson and his descendants.

This includes his daughter Tone Olena (Olson) Haugland; her three sons, Theodore Rudolph, Melvin, And Leonard; great grandson Ronald Haugland, great granddaughter Lorna (Haugland) Anderson; and Great great grandsons Bryce and Mark Haugland. Mark Haugland currently farms the land on shares And great great grandson Theodore (Ted) Anderson lives on the farm.

A family limited partnership, L & R Anderson, LTD, was formed in 1993 with partners: great daughter Lorna Anderson, spouse Ronald Anderson, and great great grandchildren Martha (Anderson) Looft And Ted Anderson.

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM John & Sue Nielsen

NAME TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE John & Sue Nielsen

ADDRESS 22308 790<sup>th</sup> Ave Albert Lea MN 56007  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code ( 507 ) 256-4145

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE 4416 20<sup>th</sup> Ave NW, Austin MN 55912

SECTION 30 TOWNSHIP Lansing COUNTY Mower

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 120

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY November 7, 1859

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

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc) The East half of the Southwest Quarter of Section 30, and that part of the East half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 31 lying north of the right-of-way of the Chicago, Mileaukee, St Paul and Pacific Railway, all in Township 103, Range 18.

PROOF OF 150 YEARS OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP FROM - TO	RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
First owner Jonas & Sophie Haney	1859-1909	Original owner
Next owner Charles & Lizzie Haney	1909-1923	Son of Jonas
Next owner Frank & Lillie Haney	1923-1939	Son of Jonas
Next owner Leonard & Vera Haney	1939-1976	Son of Frank
Next owner Agnes & Ralph Waters	1976-1995	Daughter of Leonard & Vera
Sue & John Nielsen	1995-2009	Daughter of Agnes & Ralph

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

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

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

Allen Nelson  
(signature of present owner)

3/30/09  
(date)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased United States  
How many acres were in the original parcel 120  
What was the cost of the land per acre \$200.00 Consideration

Where was the first family owner born On a farm in New Jersey in 1828

Did he/she engage in any trades or occupations other than farming Jonas Haney - From the age of 10-20 he followed canalling on the Delaware and Hudson rivers during the season. The 1<sup>st</sup> 7 years he drove a team on the tow path and the last 3 years he had charge of the canal boar. He then went to southern Kentucky and learned the carpenter trade of an uncle and two years later returned to Port Jarvis to work at his trade. Here he married Miss Sophie Miller in 1853. In 1856 with his wife and child he immigrated to Minnesota, spending the first summer building in Winona, and then coming to Lansing. Having received a letter of introduction to Lewis & Yates he came to Austin to see them. Mr. Haney worked at his trade in connection with opening up his farm.

Was this a homestead Yes

Is the original home, any portion of it, or any other original buildings still standing No

When was the present home built 1890 ?

What were the farm's major crops or products Corn & Soybeans

Additional comments:

A log cabin was on the southeast corner of the front lawn and then the house that is there was built sometime in the 1890's in sections..That house still stands today.

The barn went down in a tornado in May of 2001.

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St Paul, MN 55164

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**MINNESOTA FARM BUREAU  
SESQUICENTENNIAL FARM APPLICATION - 2009**

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM DENNIS & JANICE GULDAN

NAME TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE DENNIS & JANICE GULDAN

ADDRESS 46198 51st Ave New Ulm MN 56073  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 359-2543

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE SAME

SECTION 2 TOWNSHIP Courtland COUNTY Nicollet

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 289

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY - Homesteaded - 1858

HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? yes  
IF SO, WHEN 1993

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

Section 2, Twp 109 Range 30

**PROOF OF 150 YEARS OWNERSHIP**

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP FROM - TO	RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
First owner <u>+ Sophia Joseph Reinhart</u>	<u>1858 - 1889</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Next owner <u>MAXimillian + Emily Reinhart</u>	<u>1889 - 1893</u>	<u>Brother</u>
Next owner <u>Frank + Mary Reinhart</u>	<u>1893 - 1930</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Next owner <u>Frank + William Reinhart</u>	<u>1930 - 1974</u>	<u>Uncle</u>
Next owner <u>Dennis &amp; Delores Guldán</u>	<u>1974 - 1984</u>	<u>Parents</u>

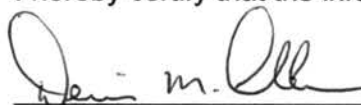
Denny + Janice Guldán 1984 - Present

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

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

  
(signature of present owner)

3/25/2009  
(date)



### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased Homesteaded

How many acres were in the original parcel 143.70

What was the cost of the land per acre \_\_\_\_\_

Where was the first family owner born Germany

Did he/she engage in any trades or occupations other than farming conducted a stagecoach service in ~~the~~ what is now Milwaukee, WI  
After being held up several times, Joseph quit the stagecoach line and moved  
If so, please list to rural Courtland.

Was this a homestead YES

Is the original home, any portion of it, or any other original buildings still standing unknown <sup>Many old buildings but dates of actual building unknown.</sup>

When was the present home built 1983

What were the farm's major crops or products grains

Additional comments: The original owners, Joe + Sophia were visited frequently by Dakota Indians who played with their children. They were kind to the Indians giving them food, clothing, toys. During the Sioux Uprising Joseph and his 5 sons fled to the Dakota House in New Ulm. Sophia stayed behind to take care of the farm. All ~~was~~ survived unharmed.

<sup>we have</sup> Interesting info includes a copy of a 1949 newspaper clipping with a family portrait from the 1800's of the Reinhardt family used as advertising for New Ulm's Schell's Beer.

Today, we (Dennis + Janice) continue to farm, but a little differently than the generations before us. We grow vegetables ~~and~~ for area farmers' markets and have started a CSA

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(Community Supported Agriculture) Component to our vegetable business.



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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM David William Flannery

NAME TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE David W. Flannery

ADDRESS 17335 321st Ave Hamburg mn 55339  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (952) 467-3127

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

SECTION 12 TOWNSHIP Washington Lake COUNTY Sibley

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 110

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY December 12, 1857

HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? Yes

IF SO, WHEN 1976 ?

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

S 1/2 of NW 1/4 and NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 Sec. 12 Twp 114 Range 26

PROOF OF 150 YEARS OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP FROM - TO	RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
First owner <u>Cornelius Flannery</u>	<u>Dec. 12, 1857 - Oct. 2, 1894</u>	<u>Husband to Bridget</u>
Next owner <u>Bridget Flannery</u>	<u>Oct 2, 1894 - Nov. 16, 1894</u>	<u>mother to Frank</u>
Next owner <u>Frank H. Flannery</u>	<u>Nov. 16, 1894 - Dec. 3, 1937</u>	<u>Father to Wm. Sr.</u>
Next owner <u>William F. Flannery Sr. / Hazel</u>	<u>Dec 3, 1937 - 1989</u>	<u>Father / mother to Wm. Jr</u>
Next owner <u>William F. Flannery Jr. / Sharon</u>	<u>1989 - Oct 2008</u>	<u>Father / mother to David</u>
<u>David W. Flannery</u>	<u>Oct. 2008 - present</u>	

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(☐) Original Deed      (☐) County Land Record      (☐) Other \_\_\_\_\_

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

Kimberly Flannery Hennen on behalf of David W. Flannery 3/30/09  
(signature of present owner) (date)

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased United States General Land Office to Cornelius Flannery

How many acres were in the original parcel 160

What was the cost of the land per acre \$1.00

Where was the first family owner born County Tipperary Ireland

Did he/she engage in any trades or occupations other than farming No

If so, please list \_\_\_\_\_

Was this a homestead Yes

Is the original home, any portion of it, or any other original buildings still standing No

When was the present home built 2007

What were the farm's major crops or products Corn, beans, alfalfa - dairy until approx. 1995

Additional comments: now crop farming with some livestock

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MINNESOTA FARM BUREAU  
**SESQUICENTENNIAL FARM APPLICATION – 2009**

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Brian J. & Peter A. Weber

NAME TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Brian, Bonnie, Anthoney & Ashlie Weber  
Peter, Shannon & Ryan Weber

ADDRESS 34664 Jessenland Rd Henderson MN 56044  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 964-2870

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

SECTION 9 TOWNSHIP Jessenland COUNTY Sibley

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 175.80

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1858

HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? Yes  
IF SO, WHEN 1976

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc) (W ½ of NE ¼),  
(SE ¼ of NW ¼); Lot 2; Also parcel of NE ¼ of NE ¼ Sec. 9 Twp 113 Range 26

**PROOF OF 150 YEARS OWNERSHIP**

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP FROM - TO	RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
First owner Anton Weber	1858 to 3-18-1899	Father
Next owner Henry Weber	3-18-1899 to 5-26-1923	Father
Next owner Aloysius A. Weber	5-26-1923 to 4-20-1959	Father
Next owner Allie J. Weber	4-20-1959 to 1-2-2006	Father
Next owner Brian J. & Peter A. Weber	1-2-2006	

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(x) Abstract of Title ( ) Land Patent ( ) Court File in Registration Proceedings  
( ) Original Deed (x) County Land Record (x) Other Henderson Then and Now  
1852-1994

Plat Book (1858) Abstract of Sliver of land

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

Peter A Weber

(signature of present owner)

3-22-09

(date)

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased \_\_\_\_\_ Homestead – US Government \_\_\_\_\_

How many acres were in the original parcel \_\_\_\_\_ 146.60 \_\_\_\_\_

What was the cost of the land per acre \_\_\_\_\_

Where was the first family owner born \_\_\_\_\_ Heuchlingen, Aalen, Wuerttemberg, 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, any portion of it, or any other original buildings still standing \_ No, except for a shop bench remains in the shop building on the present farm.

When was the present home built \_\_\_\_\_ 1959 \_\_\_\_\_

What were the farm's major crops or products \_ Corn, Wheat, Soybeans, Oats \_\_\_\_\_

Additional comments: \_ He received the homestead from the state for serving in the army(out of St. Paul) controlling the Indians. He was drafted for the Civil War, but health prevented him from going. He paid money not to go. He learned basket weaving in a military prison in Europe. He wore big shiny boots and wouldn't eat with the kids. The women served the meal. The women and kids ate separately. When he died things changed.

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MINNESOTA FARM BUREAU  
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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM Allen Willmsen

NAME TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Allen Willmsen

ADDRESS 318 Frenzel Dr. Arlington MN 55307  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 964-2455

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE 39700 State Hwy #19

SECTION 27 TOWNSHIP Arlington COUNTY Sibley

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 97

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1858

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

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

27, Twp. 113, Rge 27.

PROOF OF 150 YEARS OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP FROM - TO	RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
First owner <u>Christopher Fischer</u>		<u>Father-in-law</u>
Next owner <u>Peter Willmsen</u>		<u>Father</u>
Next owner <u>Herbert Willmsen</u>		<u>Father</u>
Next owner <u>Allen Willmsen</u>		
Next owner		

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(☐) Original Deed      (☒) County Land Record      (☐) Other \_\_\_\_\_

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

Allen Willmsen  
(signature of present owner)

3/16/09  
(date)



### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased Homesteaded 1858

How many acres were in the original parcel 146.51

What was the cost of the land per acre Homesteaded

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, any portion of it, or any other original buildings still standing No

When was the present home built 1907

What were the farm's major crops or products Wheat, corn, oats

Additional comments: Michael Stock (grandson of Allen Willmsen) purchased the building site (16.91 acres) in 2005.

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MINNESOTA FARM BUREAU  
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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM MARVIN AND Rita Meyer

NAME TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE Marvin and Rita Meyer

ADDRESS 425 South State Hwy 4 Meire Grove MN 56352  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code ( ) 320-987-3113

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

SECTION 20 TOWNSHIP Grove COUNTY Stearns

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 53

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

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

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

Sw 1/4 of NW 1/4 Sect 20 plus E 1/2 of NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Sec 19 T125N  
Grove Twp R 33W  
Stearns Co.

PROOF OF 150 YEARS OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP FROM - TO	RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
First owner <u>Henry John Meier</u>	<u>2 June 1858 - June 1875</u>	<u>Father</u>
Next owner <u>Paulina</u> <u>Herman Henry Meyer</u>	<u>June 1875 - May 1936</u>	<u>Father</u>
Next owner <u>Pauline</u> <u>Joseph W. Meyer</u>	<u>May 1936 - 1977</u>	<u>Father</u>
Next owner <u>LaVerne Meyer</u>	<u>1977 - 1987</u>	<u>1st Cousin</u>
Next owner <u>Aloys H. Meyer</u>	<u>1987 - 1993</u>	<u>Father</u>

present owner MARVIN + Rita MEYER

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

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

Marvin Meyer  
(signature of present owner)

31 Mar 2009  
(date)

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased Aloys H. MEYER / ARLENE C. Meyer (mother)

How many acres were in the original parcel \_\_\_\_\_

What was the cost of the land per acre \$1000/acre

Where was the first family owner born Holldorf, 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, any portion of it, or any other original buildings still standing Original Home is still used but has been added on to.

When was the present home built 1858

What were the farm's major crops or products Barley / wheat / grazing - woodland originally.

Additional comments: This is one of the two original farms homesteaded in the area. They were 2 brothers + their mother. The Father had traveled from Germany to earn enough money for family to come - but died before they came. They founded the city of Meire Grove (pronounced like their name, MEYER but misspelled).

This Farm purchased a herd of registered Holstein Dairy cattle from Germany. These may be the earliest reg. herd in the County or State. The house was remodeled in 1996, the 34x100 Dairy barn was refurbished from 2005-2008. The 4 buildings on the farm are the same ones for 70 yrs. The remaining acres of the farm are farmed by the current owner's (myself) brother, Karl Meyer who's farm is also a century farm in 2009.

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PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM James M Andrews & Sharon D Andrews

NAME TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE James M & Sharon D Andrews

ADDRESS 8563 W Hwy 14 Owatonna MN 55060  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 451-1871

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

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_ TOWNSHIP Meriden COUNTY Steele

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 193 acres

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY April 7, 1856

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

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc) West 1/2 of NE 1/2

and East 1/2 of NW 1/4, Section 8, Township 107, Range 21 West

PROOF OF 150 YEARS OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP FROM - TO	RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
First owner	<u>See attached sheet - relationships are shown to the</u> <u>current owner</u>	
Next owner		
Next owner		
Next owner		
Next owner		

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☒ Original Deed ☐ County Land Record ☒ Other Notes by my father  
to cover same information

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

James M Andrews  
(signature of present owner)

20 MAR 2009  
(date)

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased John Olson

How many acres were in the original parcel 160 acres

What was the cost of the land per acre \$3.75 per acre - \$600.00 for total acreage

Where was the first family owner born Columbus, Ohio

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, any portion of it, or any other original buildings still standing No

When was the present home built 1890's

What were the farm's major crops or products Corn, Hay, Small Grain, Dairy

Additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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14 November 2008

2008 Minnesota Sesquicentennial Farms

ANDREWS FARMS--- OWATONNA, MINNESOTA---STEELE COUNTY

Before 7 April 1856	John Olson (Original owner – no relations)
7 April 1856 to 2 May 1887	Thomas Arthur Andrews & Margaret Andrews (Great Grandfather & Great Great Grandmother)
2 May 1887 to 15 March 1893	Mary Ellen Andrews (Raymond) (Great Aunt)
15 March 1893 to 22 August 1921	James Watson Andrews & Arthur Thomas Andrews (Grandfather & Great Uncle)
22 August 1921 to 3 January 1951	Katherine J Andrews (Grandmother)
3 January 1951 to 8 January 1973	Harry Stanley Andrews & Lucille Andrews (Father& Mother)
8 January 1973 to 23 July 1975	Harry Stanley Andrews (Father)
23 July 1975 to present date	James MacArthur Andrews & Sharon Darlene Andrews (Present Owners)

Steele County

Meriden Township, sections 5 and 8

The original owners purchased 160 acres for \$600.00. The original owners were born in Columbus, Ohio and moved to St. Paul, Minnesota before coming to the farm in Meriden, Minnesota. The farm is now 193 Acres.

Deadline: April 1, 2009

MINNESOTA FARM BUREAU  
SESQUICENTENNIAL FARM APPLICATION - 2009

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM JAMES M & SHARON D ANDREWS

NAME TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE JAMES & SHARON ANDREWS

ADDRESS 8563 WEST HIGHWAY 14 OWATONNA MN 55060  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) 451-1871

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE SAME

SECTION 5 & 8 TOWNSHIP MERIDEN TOWNSHIP COUNTY STEELE

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 193

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 7 APRIL 1856

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

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc) 09-008-1300 W 1/2 OF NE 1/4  
09-008-4100 E 1/4 OF NW 1/4, 09-005-3203 SE 1/4 OF SW 1/4 OF BRANCH  
PROOF OF 150 YEARS OWNERSHIP # 6 OF J.D #1

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP FROM - TO	RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
First owner		
Next owner		
Next owner		SEE ATTACHED INFO
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.

James M. Andrews  
(signature of present owner)

6 DEC 2008  
(date)

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased JOHN OLSON (NO RELATIONS)

How many acres were in the original parcel 160 ACRES

What was the cost of the land per acre THE ORIGINAL 160 ACRES WAS PURCHASED FOR  $\frac{\$600.00}{160}$  <sup>9</sup>  $\$3.75$  <sub>TOTAL</sub>

Where was the first family owner born 20 FEB 1819 THOMAS ARTHUR ANDREWS  
EAST PALESTINE, COLUMBIANA, OHIO  
ORANGE MIDLOTHIAN, NORTH IRELAND, UNITED KINGDOM  
Did he/she engage in any trades or occupations other than farming BORN 19 MAR 1836 - MARGARET ANDREWS

If so, please list

Was this a homestead \_\_\_\_\_

Is the original home, any portion of it, or any other original buildings still standing

When was the present home built I BELIEVE ABOUT 1880 TO 1890

What were the farm's major crops or products CORN, SOYBEANS, OATS, WINTER WHEAT,  
RAY

Additional comments:

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**Mail application to:  
Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation  
Sesquicentennial Farms  
PO Box 64370  
St Paul, MN 55164**

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14 November 2008

2008 Minnesota Sesquicentennial Farms

ANDREWS FARMS--- OWATONNA, MINNESOTA---STEELE COUNTY

Before 7 April 1856	John Olson (Original owner – no relations)
7 April 1856 to 2 May 1887	Thomas Arthur Andrews & Margaret Andrews (Great Grandfather & Great Great Grandmother)
2 May 1887 to 15 March 1893	Mary Ellen Andrews (Raymond) (Great Aunt)
15 March 1893 to 22 August 1921	James Watson Andrews & Arthur Thomas Andrews (Grandfather & Great Uncle)
22 August 1921 to 3 January 1951	Katherine J Andrews (Grandmother)
3 January 1951 to 8 January 1973	Harry Stanley Andrews & Lucille Andrews (Father & Mother)
8 January 1973 to 23 July 1975	Harry Stanley Andrews (Father)
23 July 1975 to present date	James MacArthur Andrews & Sharon Darlene Andrews (Present Owners)

Steele County

Meriden Township, sections 5 and 8

The original owners purchased 160 acres for \$600.00. The original owners were born in Columbus, Ohio and moved to St. Paul, Minnesota before coming to the farm in Meriden, Minnesota. The farm is now 193 Acres.

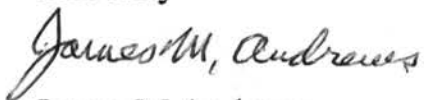
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Minnesota Department of Agricultural  
625 Robert Street North  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-2536

Dear Sirs

I original found this article in the Minnesota Farm Bureau Magazine after the fair. It had to do with 150 year old farms that had been under the same family name for that time. We should have been one of the above mentioned at the Minnesota State Fair. The enclosed article was later found and was notified my farther and mother for the 100 year, which was acknowledged by printing the names on the side of the grandstand ramp at that time. The Attached sheet gives us about 153 years on the same farm. I would like to be considered for this event.

Sincerely



James M Andrews

8563 WEST HIGHWAY 14  
OWATONNA, MN 55060



## **MDA recognizes 150-year-old Minnesota farms**

In honor of Minnesota's Sesquicentennial, the Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) recognized families that have retained ownership of their land for 150 years or more during a special ceremony at the 2008 Minnesota State Fair on August 25. This marks the first year acknowledging sesquicentennial farms in Minnesota.

Ninety sesquicentennial families registered their farms with the MDA earlier this year. During the ceremony, families were honored for their support of Minnesota agriculture with a certificate of recognition signed by Governor Tim Pawlenty and Commissioner Hugoson.

A display of sesquicentennial farms was located in the Sesqui-centennial Exhibit Tent on August 25 and at the Moo Booth the remaining days of the fair.

The sesquicentennial farm recognition program will become an annual event through a partnership with the Minnesota Farm Bureau.

For a list of farms receiving recognition at the State Fair ceremony, visit the MDA website at

[www.mda.state.mn.us](http://www.mda.state.mn.us).

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

CENTURY FARM APPLICATION

Name of Centennial Farm owner James M Andrews

Name(s) to appear on certificate James M & Sharon D Andrews

Address Route # 1 - Box 111, Owatonna, Minn 55060

Address of farm, if different from above Same

Section 6/6/ 5 & 8 Township Meriden County Steele

Number of acres in the farm at present 166

Date of original purchase by member of your family April 7, 1856

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

West 1/2 of NE 1/4 and East 1/2 of NW 1/4, Section 8, Township 107, Range 21 West

PROOF OF 100 YEARS OF CONTINUOUS FAMILY OWNERSHIP

NAME	DATES (YEARS) OF OWNERSHIP	BLOOD RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
Thomas A Andrews owner in 1876 or B4)	April 7, 56 to May 2, 1887 from to	Father
Mary (Andrews) Raymond next owner	May 2, 87 to March 15, 1893 from to	Brothers
James W & Arthur T next owner	March 15, 93 to Aug 22, 1921 from to	Wife of James WATSON ANDREWS
Katherine J Andrews next owner	Aug 22, 1921 to Jan 8, 1951 from to	Son
Harry S & Lucille next owner	Jan 3, 1951 to Jan 8, 1973 from to	Husband
Harry S Andrews next owner	Jan 8, 1973 to July 23, 1975 from to	Son
James M Andrews next owner	July 23, 1975 to present from to	

The above evidence of continuous family ownership of this farm since 1876 is taken from one or more of the following records. DO NOT SEND IN RECORDS, just indicate by check marks those which apply.

Abstract of Title (x)	Court file in Registration
Land Patent ( )	Proceedings (x)
Original Deed (x)	Other (please explain notes by my father
County Land Record ( )	to cover same informatio

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

James M Andrews

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Information you may be able to add to this form, while not essential to Century Farm certification, will be most valuable to future historians. The questions below are offered only as a guide, so please feel free to add any other data, especially family or pioneer stories concerning the farm and the area around it.

1. From whom was the farm purchased? From John Olson
2. How many acres were in the original parcel? 160
3. What was the cost of land per acre? 600.00 for the entire 160 acres
4. Where was the first owner born? Columbus, Ohio
5. Where did he live prior to moving onto the farm? St. Paul
6. Was this a homestead? Yes
7. Did the first owner farm the land? Yes
8. Did he engage in any trades or occupations other than farming?  
Do not believe so
9. Is the original home, or any portion of it or other original buildings, still standing or in use? Yes
10. When was the present home built? Unknown
11. What are the farm's major crops or products? Rented to the Owatonna Canning Co for raising vegetables
12. Local newspaper to be notified of Century Farm designation:  
Owatonna Peoples Press

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

This farm was recognized in 1958 for being a Minnesota Century Farm and being under the ownership of Harry S. Andrews and Lucille Andrews, by parents.

See attached Biography of Thomas Andrews.

Note: The last child born to Thomas Andrews was born on July 4, 1876 and was named to celebrate the occasion; Clarence Centennial Andrews

**Allen Sommerfeld**

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MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF  
**AGRICULTURE**  
web: [www.mda.state.mn.us](http://www.mda.state.mn.us)

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eived concerning a Sesquicentennial

farm. I did contact him and told him  
that I would be forwarding his information  
to you.

Thanks,

Allen

Karin,

I thought I'd pass this letter on to you that we received concerning a Sesqui-centennial farm. I did contact him and told him that I would be forwarding his information to you.

Thanks,

Allen



Deadline: April 1, 2009

MINNESOTA FARM BUREAU  
SESQUICENTENNIAL FARM APPLICATION – 2009

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM \_\_\_ Wesley, Julie and Joshua, Luann  
Moechnig \_\_\_\_\_

NAME TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE \_\_\_ Wesley and Joshua  
Moechnig \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_ 65409 287<sup>th</sup> Ave \_\_\_\_\_ Lake City MN  
55041 \_\_\_\_\_  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code ( 651 ) \_\_\_ 345-  
4629 \_\_\_\_\_

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

SECTION \_\_\_ 15 \_\_\_\_\_ TOWNSHIP \_\_\_ West  
Albany \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ Wabasha \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT \_\_\_ 585 \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY \_\_\_ 1858 \_\_\_\_\_

HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_  
IF SO, WHEN \_\_\_ 1963 Approx \_\_\_\_\_

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc) \_\_\_ Sect 15 Twp 110 Range 012  
305.19 Acres Ex E 10 acres of S1/2NW1/4 & Ex 4.81 Acres for road, All \_\_\_\_\_

PROOF OF 150 YEARS OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP FROM - TO	RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
First owner Karl Moechnig	1858-1876	Father
Next owner Gottlieb Moechnig	1876-1922	Father
Next owner Frederick Moechnig	1922-1952	Father
Next owner Wesley Moechnig	1952-1992	Father
Next owner Wesley F Moechnig	1992-Present	

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

Check those that apply: **Please do not send originals or copies of records.**

(x ) Abstract of Title (x ) Land Patent ( ) Court File in Registration  
Proceedings

( x ) Original Deed

( ) County Land Record

( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

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

Wesley D Moechnig  
(signature of present owner)

02/08/2009  
(date)

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 Sesquicentennial Farm certification.

From whom was the farm purchased \_\_\_ The original farm was homesteaded in 1858 and has gone from father to son thru 5 generations. Joshua Moechnig is now a 6<sup>th</sup> generation owner effective March 2008. \_\_\_\_\_

How many acres were in the original parcel \_\_\_ 160 \_\_\_\_\_

What was the cost of the land per acre \_\_\_ Land was homesteaded. \_\_\_\_\_

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, any portion of it, or any other original buildings still standing \_\_\_ No but evidence of the site remains as well as documentation of cost of materials of home. \_\_\_\_\_

When was the present home built \_\_\_ 1876 \_\_\_\_\_

What were the farm's major crops or products \_\_\_ Barley and wheat as well as livestock \_\_\_\_\_

Additional comments: \_\_\_ The history of settling this farm is documented in the History of Wabasha County 1922. I have all information documenting the farm as well as ag census information from the early 1900's. \_\_\_\_\_  
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Deadline: April 1, 2009

MINNESOTA FARM BUREAU  
SESQUICENTENNIAL FARM APPLICATION - 2009

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM LOWELL DAHL

NAME TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE LOWELL DAHL

ADDRESS 39808 STATE HIGHWAY 13 WASECA MN. 56093  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (507) - 835-3417

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

SECTION 29 TOWNSHIP BLOOMING GROVE COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 200

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1859

HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? YES  
IF SO, WHEN 1983

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc) SECT-29-TWP 108-RANGE-022  
SECT-20 TWP-108-RANGE 022 - 60.AC OF 1/2 OF SW 1/4

PROOF OF 150 YEARS OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP FROM - TO	RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
First owner <u>TORGUS CHESTERSON</u>	<u>1859 TO 1899</u>	<u>FATHER</u>
Next owner <u>OLE HAGEN</u>	<u>1899 TO 1947</u>	<u>1947 TO MARTHA DAHL</u> <u>MOTHER</u>
Next owner <u>LOWELL DAHL</u>	<u>1991 - TO LOWELL DAHL</u>	<u>MOTHER TO PRENT OWNER</u>
Next owner		
Next owner		

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Check those that apply: **Please do not send originals or copies of records.**

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

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

LOWELL DAHL  
(signature of present owner)

MARCH 2009  
(date)

### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased MARTHA DAHL (MOTHER)

How many acres were in the original parcel 200 ACRES

What was the cost of the land per acre \$110.00

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 YES

Is the original home, any portion of it, or any other original buildings still standing YES

When was the present home built 1859

What were the farm's major crops or products WHEAT - OATS - CORN

Additional comments: PERMANENT PASTURE FOR CATTLE AND SHEEP

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Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation  
Sesquicentennial Farms  
PO Box 64370  
St Paul, MN 55164

Deadline: April 1, 2009

MINNESOTA FARM BUREAU  
SESQUICENTENNIAL FARM APPLICATION - 2009

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY

PRESENT OWNER OF FARM David W. Rowe

NAME TO APPEAR ON CERTIFICATE David W. Rowe

ADDRESS 9449 St. Croix Trail S, Hastings, MN 55033  
(street) (city) (state) (zip)

PHONE NUMBER area code (651) 436-5688

ADDRESS OF FARM IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE 9521 St. Croix Trail S., Hastings, MN

SECTION 22 TOWNSHIP Denmark COUNTY Washington

NUMBER OF ACRES IN THE FARM AT PRESENT 120

DATE OF ORIGINAL PURCHASE BY A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY 1848

HAS FARM BEEN PREVIOUSLY REGISTERED AS A CENTURY FARM? Yes  
IF SO, WHEN 1976

LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF LAND (from deed, abstract, tax statement, etc) 22-27-20

PROOF OF 150 YEARS OWNERSHIP

NAME	YEARS OF OWNERSHIP FROM - TO	RELATIONSHIP TO NEXT OWNER
First owner <u>Mrs. Thomas Hetherington</u>	<u>1848-1913</u>	<u>mother</u>
Next owner <u>Eli Hetherington</u>	<u>1913-1947</u>	<u>Uncle to Mary</u>
Next owner <u>Robert &amp; Mary Rowe</u>	<u>1947-2003</u>	<u>Parents</u>
Next owner <u>David W. Rowe</u>	<u>2003-present</u>	
Next owner		

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

David W. Rowe  
(signature of present owner)

03-18-09  
(date)



### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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From whom was the farm purchased Government

How many acres were in the original parcel\_\_\_\_\_

What was the cost of the land per acre \_\_\_\_\_

Where was the first family owner born England

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, any portion of it, or any other original buildings still standing Yes

When was the present home built 1880

What were the farm's major crops or products Corn- Soybeans, wheat, cattle

Additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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